

# PRIMARY CARE MENTAL HEALTH NURSE Bria Prokopchuk, RPN

### **Our Goal:**

To provide proactive support, education, and community referrals for those experiencing mild mental health conditions.

### **Our Role:**

PCN Mental Health Nurses offer 1-6 visits to support improvement in mental health literacy and wellbeing of individuals and families through:

- Provision of mental health assessments (PHQ-9, GAD7, MoCA, MMSE) for individuals with new mental health diagnoses or experiencing low to moderate symptoms
- Provision of cognitive assessments (MoCA and MMSE) and education around same
- Education around mental health diagnoses (depression, anxiety, ADHD, disordered sleeping and coping with chronic pain), treatments, and self-management techniques

## **Patient Eligibility:**

- Resident of BC with MSP coverage
- Attached to a family provider (physician or nurse practitioner) within the Primary Care Network

### **Suitable Referrals:**

- Referral to community resources
- Psychosocial support, assessment and education about health issues
- Mild depression and anxiety (GAD-7 or PHQ-9 scores below 12) requiring psychoeducation
- Medication/Treatment assessment and education
- Self-management education and support
- Mild cognitive concerns, requiring follow up assessment and education with or without family support

### **Non-Suitable Referrals:**

- Patients who qualify or are on the wait list for Mental Health and Substance Use (MHSU) services
- Moderate to severe depression or anxiety (GAD-7 or PHQ-9 scores above 12)
- Severe and persistent mental health concerns or requiring specialized treatment (i.e. psychotic disorders, bipolar disorder, PTSD, eating disorders)
- Active risk of harm to self or others

### **How to Refer:**

Please fax a referral using your clinic's EMR. We will contact the patient to book an appointment.

Hours
Monday - Friday
8.00AM - 4.00PM



**Contact** (for Providers Only)



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