



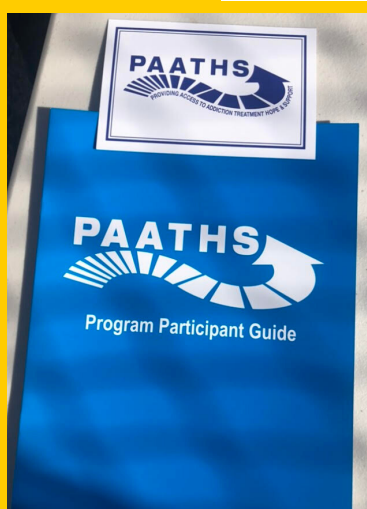
PROVIDING ACCESS TO ADDICTION TREATMENT, HOPE, AND SUPPORT

PAATHS

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WHAT IS PAATHS?

PAATHS is an amazing program in the Recovery Services Bureau for the Boston Public Health Commission. It is one of the only referring programs for the homeless population and those who suffer from addiction in the Boston area.

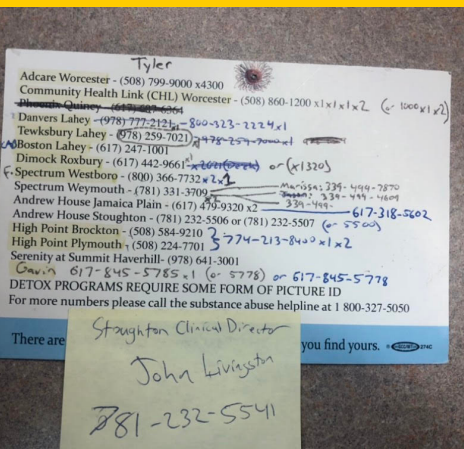


FRONT DESK



I interacted with clients in a few different ways. First way was working front desk. Up there, I signed clients in for services, passed out supplies, food, clothing, etc., and I talked to clients and listened to their stories. This gave me a better understanding of the population and I became more aware of the struggles and hardships that some people go through.

DETOX REFERRALS



Another way I interacted with clients was by meeting with them one-on-one to help them get into a detox program. Once a client decides they want to go to detox, they come to PAATHS, sign in, and then are assigned to a case manager. I then ask the client where they would like to go and proceed to make calls to any detox program to see if they have any beds available.

OTHER ACTIVITIES OF INVOLVEMENT



There were a few other things I was involved in during my preceptorship, such as a tabling event (pictured to the left). Here, all the programs within the Recovery Services Bureau set up tables and passed out items and pamphlets on their programs to clients. I also helped with triage, which is where clients will go prior to seeing a case manager to update their information.

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Area VI: Serve as a Health Education/Resource Person - By answering questions about services provided within the Boston Public Health Commission and other services such as soup kitchens, shelters, and places to get clothing. Also, during this pandemic I educated clients on facts about COVID-19 and how to protect themselves from it.

Area VII: Communicate, Promote, and Advocate for Health, Health Education/Promotion and the Profession - My entire job is about promoting, communicating, and advocating for public health. When making calls for clients to try and get them a detox bed, there is often a lot of advocating for the clients