



Presque Isle
Rehabilitation
Service, LLC
Your Medical Legal Expert Resource

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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

March 2002 – Present:

PRESQUE ISLE REHABILITATION SERVICE, LLC

P.O. Box 706
Edinboro, PA 16412

Position: Rehabilitation Specialist/Life Care
Planner/Supervisor/President

Responsibilities: Provide case management services to persons suffering disabling injuries or diseases and coordinate activities to return to productive employment utilizing appropriate case law when applicable. Coordination and facilitation of both catastrophic and non-catastrophic injured workers claims, including physician appointment attendance, monthly progress reports, and ongoing communication between all parties, and other activities to facilitate the medical treatment of the injured person and expedition of return to work when applicable. Medical-legal consulting services including life care planning, medical cost projections, detailed medical chronologies, & disability reviews. Provide vocational assessment and counseling to physically disabled clients. Conduct job analyses, and vocational testing on client's behalf. Provide job placement activities of individuals with disabilities, job seeking skills training, interview role-play, and resume preparation. Analyze labor market information and conditions, industrial, and occupational trends. Perform Rehabilitation Reports, Earning Power Assessments, Labor Market Surveys, Vocational Assessments and Loss of Earning Capacity Assessments for worker's compensation, civil liability, and divorce cases. Act as a Consultant on Jury Trial cases. Serve as a liaison between insurance carriers, physicians, employers, clients, and attorneys. Testify as an expert witness in the event of litigation for plaintiff or defense. Assist with staff development and oversight of special office projects. Supervise consultants and staff.

Present:

REHABILITATION CONSULTANT

P.O. Box 706
Edinboro, PA 16412

Responsibilities: Work as a case manager or rehabilitation consultant for different rehabilitation case management companies performing similar job duties as listed above. Testify as an expert witness in the event of litigation.

Nov. 2001-Mar. 2002:

QUANTUM REHABILITATION SERVICE

1946 West 26th Street
Erie, PA 16508

Position: Rehabilitation Specialist

Responsibilities: Provided case management services to persons suffering disabling injuries or diseases and coordinate activities to return to productive employment. Provide vocational assessment and counseling to physically disabled clients. Conduct job development activities, job analysis, and vocational testing on client's behalf. Provide job placement activities of individuals with disabilities, job seeking skills training, interview role-play, and resume preparation. Analyze labor market information and conditions, industrial and occupational trends. Perform Earning Power Assessments for worker's compensation, liability, and automobile accident cases. Use knowledge of workers' compensation, short term and long-term disability provisions/laws, to provide case management services to clients. Serve as a liaison between insurance carriers, physicians, employers, clients, and attorneys. Assist with staff development and oversight of special office projects. Testify as an expert witness in the event of litigation.

1997 – 2001:

CONCENTRA MANAGED CARE, INC.

10 Duff Road, Suite 501
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Position: Rehabilitation Specialist

Responsibilities: Provided case management services to persons suffering disabling injuries or diseases and coordinate activities to return to productive employment. Provide vocational assessment and counseling to physically disabled clients. Conduct job development activities, job analysis and vocational testing on client's behalf. Placement of individuals with disabilities and provide job seeking skills training, interview role-play, and assist clients in resume preparation. Analyze labor market information and conditions, industrial and occupational trends. Serve as a liaison between insurance carriers, physicians, employers, attorneys, and clients. Assist with staff development and oversight of special office projects. Perform Earning Power Assessments under the provisions of Act 57 of Workers' Compensation Law. Use knowledge of workers' compensation, short term and long-term disability provisions/laws, to provide case management services to clients. Testify as an expert witness in the event of litigation.

1995 – 1997:

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES

Duncansville, PA

Position: Rehabilitation Specialist

Responsibilities: Provided case management services to persons suffering disabling injuries or diseases and coordinate activities to return to productive employment. Counseled, tested, and prepared clients in job seeking skills and guidelines. Prepared Labor Market Survey reports. Used knowledge of workers' compensation, short term and long-term disability provisions/laws, to provide case management services to clients. Provided

direct contact with clients, physicians, attorneys, insurance companies, and employers. Testify as an expert witness in the event of litigation.

1995:

ST. VINCENT OUTPATIENT REHABILITATION

Erie, PA

Position: Case Manager Intern

Responsibilities: Performed intake interviews of new patients. Assist in assessing patients using vocational testing procedures. Acted as a liaison between the patient, insurance company, and physician.

2001-2002:

YOUTH ADVOCATE PROGRAM, INC

Position: Mobile Therapist

Responsibilities: Provided therapy and therapeutic activities to children with mental health diagnoses in a home and office-based setting. Provided family and individual counseling and referrals to other appropriate agencies as needed.

SARAH REED EARLY INTERVENTION CENTER

Erie, PA

Position: Mental Health Counselor Assistant

Responsibilities: Assisted counselors in performing therapeutic and recreational activities. Produced daily reports of client progress. Worked with children ages 5 to 13 years of age with emotional and behavioral disorders.

EDUCATION

1999

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Master of Arts in Rehabilitation Counseling

1995

PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Services
Minor in Psychology

ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL COURSES/EXPERIENCE

FIG EDUCATION

Life Care Planning/Nurse Life Care Planning Program

HEALTHSOUTH REHABILITATION HOSPITAL OF ERIE

Practicum Student

Over 20 years of continuing education classes and seminars to maintain professional certifications in areas of expertise and study.

CERTIFICATIONS

International Commission on Health Care Certification

Certified Life Care Planner
Certification Number 1493

Progressive Goal Attainment Program (PGAP)

Certified PGAP provider

The Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification

Certified Rehabilitation Counselor
Certification Number C-00040631

National Board of Certified Counselors

National Certified Counselor
Certification Number 60465

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Department of State Bureau of Professional & Occupational Affairs

Licensed Professional Counselor
License Number: PC 001689

- Qualified as an expert witness for Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Act
- Qualified as an expert witness for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas various liability cases in multiple counties
- Qualified as an expert witness in Federal Cases
- Qualified as an expert witness in Domestic/Family court.
- Registered with the North Carolina Industrial Commission
- Registered as a Rehabilitation Provider with Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission

AFFILIATIONS

Lake Erie Claims Association – 1997 - Present

Lifetime Membership
Past President- 2000-2001

Member International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals,
International Academy of Life Care Planners
Pennsylvania Association of Rehabilitation Professionals
Board of Directors and Executive officer- 2015-present

Member International Association of Nurse Life Care Planners

Member National Association of Professional Women

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

“Essentials: Workers' Compensation Update 2004,” “Best Practices in Claims Management” - Council on Education in Management, February 2004

United Refining/ Kwik Fill Trade Show April 2008- Basic PA Workers' compensation information from a case management perspective.

“How to manage your injured worker”- NW HRMA chapter. October 2012

Master Level Class Guest Lecturer, Edinboro University- “Rehabilitation in the Private Sector”. Spring 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2019

“PA Labor Market Surveys in WC and Liability Claims” presented to various law firms in PA. CLE Approved by PA Bar Association Fall 2014 and Winter 2015

Workers’ Compensation 101- Spring 2014

Functional Capacity Evaluations – Fall 2014

Cumulative Trauma disorder of the Upper Extremity – Spring 2015

Emotional Stress and the impact on Workers’ Compensation Claims- Fall 2016

Opioid Use in Workers’ Compensation Cases, Spring 2017

“Building your best case” October 2018 -Pittsburgh Symposium-, Pittsburgh, PA”

Nursing the Wound: The Law and Ethics of Disability Management in Workers’ Compensation- December 2018 Allegheny County Bar Association-Pittsburgh, PA

Effective Medical Case Management – Being Ethical- 18th Annual Pennsylvania Workers’ Compensation Conference- June 2019, Hershey, PA