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Eligible providers and supervisors.

(A) Individuals are eligible to provide and supervise within their professional scope of practice those services certified by the Ohio department of mental health and addiction services and listed and described in Chapter 5122-29 of the Administrative Code.

(B) Licensed, certified or registered individuals shall comply with current, applicable scope of practice, supervisory, and ethical requirements identified by appropriate licensing, certifying or registering bodies.

(C) Qualified behavioral health specialist.

(1) Qualified behavioral health specialist (QBHS) means an individual who has received training for or education in either mental health or alcohol and other drug addiction competencies; and who has demonstrated, prior to or within ninety days of hire the minimum competencies in basic mental health or drug addiction abuse and recovery skills listed in this rule. The individual shall not otherwise be required to perform duties covered under the scope of practice according to Ohio professional licensure.

(2) Basic competencies for each QBHS shall include, at a minimum, an understanding of:

(a) Either mental illness or alcohol and other drug treatment and recovery;

(b) The community mental health system, social service systems, the criminal justice system, and other healthcare systems;

(c) Psychiatric symptoms and their impact on functioning and behavior,

(d) How to therapeutically engage either with a person with mental illness or a person in alcohol and other drug treatment and recovery;

(e) Crisis response procedures; and,

(f) De-escalation techniques and an understanding of how the individual's own behavior can impact the behavior of others.

(3) The employing provider shall establish additional competency requirements, as appropriate, for each QBHS based upon the services to be performed, characteristics and needs of the persons to be served, and skills appropriate to the position. A QBHS must be supervised by an individual qualified to supervise the provisions of services within in their scope of practice.