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Biography

Peggy Stewart has expertise directly practicing in medical and mental health settings. At UCLA Medical Center for over 12 years, she was a member of the liver, intestinal and cardiothoracic transplant teams and handled trauma and crisis intervention as a member of the Emergency Department rotation team. For the past 11 years she has been practicing at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, covering the Emergency Department and all hospital units. She has also practiced at California Hospital Medical Center, Glendale Memorial Hospital, San Gabriel Valley Medical Center and Providence St. Joseph Hospital in Burbank, Calif. Additionally, she worked in the Methadone Maintenance Unit of the Veterans' Department in Sepulveda, Calif.

She was a psychiatric social worker for individuals diagnosed with serious mental health issues at the Penal Code Unit of Metropolitan State Hospital in Norwalk for five years, and a social worker in adult protective services for the Los Angeles County Homeless Health Care Task Force in Skid Row for five years.

Stewart was appointed patient affairs representative for Region 5 of the United Network for Organ Sharing's Patient Affairs Committee, initiating policy and collaborating with other committees to ensure equity regarding organ allocation within minority communities. She is the treasurer and chief fund-raiser for the nonprofit Living Donor Outreach, whose mission is to increase living donor awareness and advocate for policy to mitigate barriers that may disenfranchise minority populations in need of kidney transplantation.

As part of the USC faculty, she has taught Advanced Theories in Health Care Practice; Wellness, Recovery and Integrated Care; Policy in Integrated Care; and Social Work Practice in Integrated Care.

She comments, "There are so many creative and varied opportunities to practice in the field of social work. If you connect with something meaningful, burnout can be prevented, unlike in other professions without the many different options that this profession affords. My goal is to practice through the lens of social justice and to empower people to better their lives and circumstances."

Industry Expertise

Research, Education/Learning, Social Services

Areas of Expertise

Social Work Education, Psychiatric Social Work, Mental Health, Crisis Intervention, Social Work

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