

PSYCHIATRIST

DEFINITION

To provide professional psychiatric services in the diagnosis and treatment of patients with mental and emotional disorders.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

This is a single-position professional level classification. The predominant focus of the position is to provide psychiatric services to Mental Health clients, and to provide coordination and supervision of mental health services. The employee exercises discretion in applying general goal and policy statements and in resolving organizational and service delivery problems.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives limited supervision from the Deputy Director; provides medical and technical guidance to department personnel as required.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES -- Duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

Provides professional diagnosis and treatment of patients with mental and emotional disorders.

Checks and records vital signs of patients, and performs related tests as required.

Determines need for other medical evaluation; coordinates treatment with outside care providers as appropriate.

Consults with staff members on individual cases to ensure optimum levels of care and case management is provided.

Fully documents diagnosis and treatment; monitors patient records for accuracy and completeness.

Responds to emergency medical situations as necessary.

Attends staff meetings as scheduled.

Performs related duties as required.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Knowledge of:

Advanced principles, practices and current issues in psychiatry.

Social, environmental and physical aspects of mental and emotional disturbances and disorders.

Medications and their effect, indications and contraindications.

Causes, effects and methods of treatment for mental health diseases and disorders.

Causes, effects and methods of treatment for alcohol and drug abuse.

Methods of medical case recording and report preparation.

Pertinent federal, state and local laws, codes and regulations.

Ability to:

Effectively examine, interview, diagnose and prescribe treatment for patients with mental and emotional disorders.

Make sound, educated decisions that affect lives.

Keep accurate case records and prepare reports.

Interpret and apply federal, state and local policies, procedures, laws and regulations.

Maintain confidentiality as appropriate.

Gain cooperation through discussion and persuasion.

Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.

Establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Performs duties with little or no direct supervision.

EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING GUIDELINES

Any combination of experience and training that would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

Experience:

Demonstrated responsible experience providing professional psychiatric diagnosis and treatment of patients with mental and emotional disorders.

Training:

Graduation from an accredited medical school with major course work in psychiatry.

LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE

Must possess a M.D. diploma and be certified to practice as physician and surgeon in the state of California.

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