

MENTAL HEALTH CLINICAL DIRECTOR

Organizational Location:
Community Mental Health Center
Purpose of Job:

Supervise the provision of clinical services to the Bristol Bay region by community mental health center staff. Clinical supervision includes attention to client record keeping, quality assurance and supervision of direct treatment delivery.

Qualifications: Minimum of a doctoral degree in psychology. Must be currently licensed in another state, and be eligible for licensure in Alaska. Requires two years post-doctoral supervisory experience, preferably in a community or rural mental health center. Must have physical and emotional capability of extended travel in small aircraft and be willing to travel within the Bristol Bay region and within Alaska. Must be sensitive to the needs of persons with varying cultural, educational, and traditional lifestyles. Must be able to provide quality services with limited resources for referrals and consultations. Demonstrated ability to deal successfully with program and/or accreditation standards. The individual must demonstrate knowledge of the principles of growth and development over the life span (e.g. pediatric/adult/geriatric) and possess the ability to assess data reflective of the patients status and interpret the appropriate information needed to identify each patients requirements relative to his/her age specific needs, and to provide the care needed as described in the assigned unit's policies and procedures.

Major Functions:
Directly participate in and supervise the provision of a complete scope of psychotherapeutic techniques to the people of the Bristol Bay region.

Coordinate the provision of emergency mental health services. Instruct clinical staff in the delivery of comprehensive emergency services.

Responsible for prioritizing services to individuals with a severe mental illness. This includes oversight of a state approved Community Support Program offering case management, outreach, medication management, daily structure and support, vocational skill development and residential services.

Provide clinical oversight of children's program to ensure priority services for children with severe emotional disturbances. This includes family support services, activity therapy, home-based therapy, residential services and intensive rehabilitation services. Ensure program compliance with Alaska Youth Initiative clinical guidelines.

Assist, supervise, and train professional and para-professional clinical staff in therapeutic techniques, case management, treatment plan development and implementation, and community development activities.

Supervise the delivery of contractual evaluation services to schools, courts, and other agencies.

Supervise and promote community education to improve mental health and prevent mental illness through community presentations, workshops, and educational seminars.

With the Mental Health Program Director, the incumbent will:

Work closely with local social and health service providers to coordinate overall delivery of services, including Kakanak Hospital, Alaska Court system, and law enforcement.

Plan appropriate service delivery for the people of Bristol Bay.

Initiate and monitor performance improvement activities to meet regulatory requirements of JCAHO, Indian Health Service, and the State of Alaska Department of Health & Social Services.

Promote good public relations with community, village and health corporation personnel.

Working Conditions:

Must be able to work well with a variety of people of different ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

Must

evidence a high level of self-motivation, organization, and effective communication. Travel in uppressurized aircraft is required in serving the remote areas and villages of Alaska.

Relationship With Others:

Maintains continual contacts and working relationships with related social and health service agencies

and develops a network of supportive services needed by clients, families and communities.

Under

guidelines developed by the MH Program Director, the incumbent interacts with the Division of Mental

Health & Developmental Disabilities (DMHDD) and HIS staff to ensure compliance with agency standards and expectations.

Positions Supervised:

Clinical staff in the performance of their clinical duties.

Supervised By:

Mental Health Program Director

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