

LANE COUNTY
N4500 / N4503

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PSYCHIATRIST

DEFINITION

To provide patient treatment as a State of Oregon licensed physician trained in the field of psychiatry; to perform psychiatric diagnosis of patients and administration of patient treatment and care; and to perform related duties as assigned.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives administrative direction from the Mental Health Medical Officer.
May provide technical and functional supervision to other employees.

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

- Medically evaluates patients and assesses their medical status.
- Diagnoses the mental status of patients and clients of the Mental Health Division by mental assessment and physical examination.
- Determines, establishes and administers an overall treatment program for patients with a persistent or serious mental illness.
- Determines the clinical need for medications, and prescribes medications as part of a treatment program.
- Acts as the departmental expert on psychiatry and provides information, consultation and assistance to other mental health care professionals.
- Coordinates care with private physicians.
- Provides expert testimony in court on the mental status of individuals.
- Discusses case management practices and techniques with therapists.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of

- Medical science and its related principles, practices and theories.
- Principles, practices and theories of Psychiatry and the physiological effects of medications on the human body and psyche.
- Treatment therapies and plans for mentally disturbed patients.

Ability to

- Diagnose patients' problems, psychopathology, support systems and the extent of their ability to care for themselves.
- Diagnose and treat patients with mental problems or other diseases using standard psychiatric treatment approaches.
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.
- Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.
- Supervise, train and evaluate assigned staff.

EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

Training

- Graduation from an approved school of medicine with an MD or DO degree, completion of an approved residency program in psychiatry by time of appointment, and board certification as a Psychiatrist, or the ability to become board certified within 24 months.

Experience

- Three years of increasingly responsible clinical psychiatric experience by time of appointment.
- An equivalent combination of experience and training that will demonstrate the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying.

Special Requirements

- Possession of a State of Oregon medical license at the time of appointment.
- Possession of a Drug Enforcement Agency number at time of appointment.