

STAFF PSYCHIATRIST

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This position involves providing professional medical and psychiatric services for patients in a mental health program. The incumbent is permitted wide latitude to exercise independent professional judgment in planning and executing assignments. Administrative direction is received from the Mental Health Program Coordinator. Direction and training may be provided to resident Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Social Workers and other staff. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Renders psychiatric diagnostic services for patients, utilizing the contributions of the social worker and the clinical psychologist;

Participates in the intake and screening process of patients;

May be required to provide after hours emergency psychiatric services;

Participates in individual, group and family therapy;

Provides chemical therapy to patients;

May conduct daily conferences with staff regarding recommendations for the clinical treatment of patients;

May function as the leader of an interdisciplinary treatment team;

Provides aftercare to insure continuity of service;

Provides referral information to alternate placement facilities;

Participates in in-service training of various trainees and non-professionals;

Participates in informational and educational community activities to further community knowledge in the detection and prevention of psychiatric disorders;

Prepares evaluation and progress notes on patients and related clinical reports;

May provide forensic evaluations for the judicial system and County jails and appear as an expert witness in court proceedings.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Thorough professional knowledge of the practice of psychiatry;

Thorough knowledge of mental disease diagnostic techniques and accepted modes of treatment;

Good knowledge of current psychiatric treatment and trends;

Ability to instruct staff members;

Ability to develop good community relations;

Ability to write clear and concise reports;

Ability to establish effective working relations with others;

Ability to exercise sound judgment in evaluating patient condition and making decisions on an appropriate course of treatment;

Ability to gain the trust and cooperation of patients;

Ability to perform close, detail work involving considerable visual effort and strain;

Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- A) Possession of a current license to practice medicine issued by the New York State Department of Education.