



## **PSYCHIATRIST**

**DEFINITION:** Under the administrative direction of the HHS Deputy Director of Behavioral Health, provides psychiatric services to outpatient clients with mental or emotional disorders, as well as those persons with mental or emotional disorders housed in the jail or juvenile facilities or living in our Adult Residential facility; acts as the Physician oversight of the Substance Use Disorder programs.

**ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES:** This is a single-position professional level classification. Duties may include but not be limited to: diagnosis, treatment and prescribing of psychotropic medications to eligible clients; provides consultation to Behavioral Health clinical staff regarding behavioral health treatment needs; determines need for other medical evaluation and coordinates treatment with other care providers; fully documents diagnosis and treatment and monitors client records for accuracy and completeness; participates in clinical staffing; consults with County Health Officer and nursing staff regarding psychotropic medication issues at both the jail and juvenile facilities, including providing on-site or telemedicine consultation; conduct assessments for LPS conservatorships and Social Security Disability for admitted clients as appropriate; provides training and support to Behavioral Health staff and medical providers regarding use of psychotropic medications as appropriate; provides telephone consultation on crisis situations as necessary; and other duties as assigned. Provide clinic based services 2-3 days a week as negotiated.

### **EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS**

**Education/Experience:** Must be a physician currently licensed by the State of California with a successfully completed residency training in psychiatry in a program approved by the American Medical Association or American Osteopathic Association. Specialty Board Certification in psychiatry is preferred. Public agency experience is desired.

**Knowledge of:** Current medical and psychiatric interventions for persons with severe mental illness and/or co-occurring disorders.

**Ability to:** Relate to diverse segments of the community; address psychiatric needs of persons of all ages, from children to seniors; work as part of a care delivery team; establish solid professional partnerships within the Health and Human Services

Department, other County Departments and community; and meet administrative requirements. Must have ability to sit for prolonged periods of time; produce written documentation by hand or computer; stand, walk, climb and descend stairs, twist, and lift and carry up to 25 pounds; use a telephone; and drive a motor vehicle. Consistent attendance is an essential function of the position.

**Special requirements:** Current license in Psychiatry is required upon application.