PSYCHIATRIST SUPERVISOR

CLASS SUMMARY:

The Psychiatrist Supervisor supervises Psychiatrists and Mental Health Nurses in the performance of their clinical duties in an Integrated Care Clinic which is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). The incumbent develops, leads and directs psychiatric services provided by those supervised. The incumbent provides direct clinical psychiatric care as a Psychiatrist. The incumbent helps direct the Quality Improvement Program; assists management in the establishment, maintenance and review of medical policies and procedures for clinical services; and assists management in insuring that the clinic meets medically-related regulatory and legal requirements.

The Physician Supervisor is a single-position supervisory level class located within the Department of Health and Social Services, Public Health Division. It receives supervision from the Chief Medical Officer/Deputy Health Officer.

Successful performance requires the accurate application of current psychiatric practices; effective coordination with non-County medical systems such as the Kaiser Medical System and the California State Prison; medical consultation with a variety of personnel in other County organizations such as mental health clinics, jails, and child welfare services; and the integration of complex psychiatric-legal issues with clinic practices and procedures.

This class differs from the:

- Psychiatrist, which is primarily responsible for providing direct psychiatric services to patients by
 conducting evaluating clients' mental/emotional health status; developing appropriate
 treatment/therapy plans; prescribing appropriate psychotropic medications; and monitoring clients'
 reactions, relief of symptoms and degree of side effects.
- Chief Medical Officer/Deputy Health Officer, which has management level responsibility for medical and psychiatric services in Family Health Services and Integrated Care Clinics of the Public Health Division, as well as for the Communicable Disease Programs, Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Preparedness and Response, the Public Health Laboratory, and Occupational Health.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES:

This class specification represents the core areas of responsibilities; specific position assignments will vary depending on the needs of the department.

- Supervises Psychiatrists and Mental Health Nurses in an Integrated Care Clinic.
- Oversees the professional conduct and practices of psychiatric staff; develops psychiatric education programs and training for psychiatric staff.
- Provides direct psychiatric services to patients by evaluating clients' mental/emotional health status; developing appropriate treatment/therapy plans; prescribing appropriate psychotropic medications; and monitoring clients' reactions, relief of symptoms and degree of side effects

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ESSENTIAL DUTIES: (Continued)

- Provides psychiatric consultation and coordinates patient management with a variety of County departments such as Mental Health Clinics, County Jails and Child Welfare Services.
- Coordinates complex psychiatric care and discharge of patients with participating health plans and the California State prison.
- Assists management in the development of quality improvement programs: maintains and helps direct the Quality Improvement Program for Family Health Services; helps plan and implement quality incentive programs with participating health plans; and helps plan and develop new strategies for quality improvement, electronic health records and multidisciplinary work teams.
- Assists management in the establishment, maintenance, and review of psychiatric policies and procedures for all clinical services.
- Assists management in insuring clinics meet all regulatory and legal requirements: maintains and reviews provider credentialing; reviews Federal, state and health plan standards for psychiatric services; participates in and responds to site visits and audits by regulatory agencies and health plans.
- Represents the Integrate Care Clinics in meetings with public officials, other public agencies, and civic groups in order to gather input, assess needs, develop priorities, and implement and maintain effective primary care programs.
- · Performs other duties of similar nature or level as assigned.

Training And Experience:

Medical Degree (Medical Doctor (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathy (DO)) from an accredited college or university.

and

Successful completion of a psychiatry residency program that is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)

and

Two years of professional level experience in a clinical/psychiatric practice performing responsible patient evaluations and treatment of clients from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

Note: Additional education or training in public health services, public administration and/or clinic management is desirable

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Licensing/Certification Requirements:

- · California Drivers License, Class C.
- Current and active license to practice medicine in the State of California issued by the Board of Medical Examiners.
- Valid and current Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) license.

Knowledge of:

- Standard and accepted principles and practices of supervision, leadership, motivation, team building, organization, and conflict resolution.
- Healthcare service delivery systems and solutions for complex patient care situations, particularly as they apply to the coordination with participating health care plans.
- Standard and accepted principles and practices of health care systems and programs, with an indepth understanding of clinical issues and services to include standards of psychiatric care within the local medical community.
- Current psychiatric practice guidelines and general psychiatric practices in diagnosis, treatment and prevention.
- Applicable Federal, state and local laws, regulations, and procedures affecting health delivery
 particularly as they apply to the operation of Federally Qualified Health Centers and the application
 of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).
- · Oral and written communications, business correspondence, and report writing.
- · Standard office procedures, practices, equipment, personal computers, and software.

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Skills in:

- Supervising, evaluating, training, and developing staff and organizing and managing their work in the appropriate care and treatment of patients.
- Performing psychiatric evaluation, developing diagnoses and recommending therapy, prescriptions, etc.
- Analyzing problems and data, identifying alternative solutions, projecting consequences of proposed actions and implementing recommendations in support of goals.
- · Gaining cooperation through discussion and persuasion.
- Interpreting and applying Federal, state, county and department laws, regulations, policies and procedures.
- Using modern office equipment, and computers and related software applications.
- · Communicating information and ideas clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.
- · Working with various cultural and ethnic individuals and groups in a tactful and effective manner.
- Establishing and maintaining effective working relationships with those contacted in the performance of required duties.
- · Managing multiple priorities simultaneously.
- Representing the office in meetings with patients and representatives from various County and non-County organizations, and before public bodies.
- Operating medical equipment such as blood pressure measurement, electrocardiogram, pulse oximetry, etc.

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ADA Requirements:

Positions in this class typically require crouching, reaching, standing, walking, fingering, feeling, talking, hearing, seeing, and repetitive motions.

Light Work: Exerting up to 20 pounds of force occasionally and/or up to 10 pounds of force frequently, and/or a negligible amount of force constantly to move objects. If the use of arm and/or leg controls requires exertion of forces greater than that for Sedentary Work and the worker sits most of the time, the job is rated for Light Work.

Other Requirements:

Incumbents will be subject to chemicals, blood, and other body fluids.

Incumbents may also be subject to hazardous physical conditions such as mechanical parts and vibration; atmospheric conditions such as fumes and odors; and environmental conditions such as disruptive people.

Independent travel is required.

Candidates for employment must, as a condition of employment, sign a statement agreeing to comply with Section 11166 of the California Penal Code relating to child abuse reporting.

Approval by:

Georgia L. Cochran

Interim Director, Human Resources

Date

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