



## MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIAN (Grant Funded Position)

### **DEFINITION**

Under general direction, performs professional casework in the collaborative justice courts setting; and does related or other work.

### **CLASS CHARACTERISTICS**

This journey-level position provides mental health screening and clinical assessment, analysis and referral for treatment. An employee in this class functions as an advanced practitioner in handling the most responsible and difficult casework in improving or restoring of individual physical, mental or emotional functioning.

### **EXAMPLES OF TYPICAL JOB FUNCTIONS (Illustrative Only)**

*Management reserves the rights to add, modify, change, or rescind the work assignments of different positions and to make reasonable accommodations so that qualified employees can perform the essential functions of the job.*

- Conducts mental health assessments and provides diagnosis.
- Interviews clients to collect and compile extensive case histories in diagnosis and determination for use by the courts.
- Participates in diagnostic and technical staff conferences with other disciplines for treatment planning, interprets recommendations to the Judge and Court Compliance Officers.
- Implements intensive counseling along with Court Compliance Officers; may participate in collaborative treatment with professional members of other agencies.
- Makes pre-release evaluations; makes appropriate recommendations.
- May provide consultation to other disciplines regarding case histories, client's progress, plans for client rehabilitation and related casework professional skills.

### **Knowledge of:**

- Principles practice and techniques of social casework
- Social and psychological aspects of mental illnesses and disabilities and current modern methods of treatment
- Social work placement methods and practices
- Values and standards of other health care professionals

### **Ability to:**

- Establish and maintain effective therapeutic relationships with clients, Court Compliance Officers, Judges, social agencies, and others
- Prepare clear, concise, and comprehensive social casework records
- Analyze data and make appropriate conclusions
- Recognize and differentiate psychological and social problems within the individual
- Select interventions appropriate to the client's problem, summarize and describe client's problems to

other health professionals

**Education and Experience:**

Education: Graduation from an accredited university with a master's or doctorate degree in social work, counseling, psychology or other course of study acceptable to the State of California Board of Behavioral Sciences towards licensure as a Licenses Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT), Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC), or Psychologist.

And

Experience: One (1) year of full-time paid work experience, post-masters or post-license experience in the field of mental health, alcohol, drug abuse counseling or drug abuse prevention in a clinical setting.

**Licenses and Certifications:**

- Possession of and ability to maintain a valid California Driver's License.
- Possession of and ability to maintain a valid license as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT), or licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) issued by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences.

**PHYSICAL DEMANDS**

Ability to sit or stand for extended periods of time; manual dexterity sufficient to operate computer keyboard; vision sufficient to read and write material; sufficient strength to lift and carry materials weighing up to 25 pounds on a frequent basis; ability to speak clearly on the telephone and before groups; may require attendance at evening meetings or weekend sessions and travel.