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PLEASE POST

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT Contract

Consulting Psychiatrist \$225/hour

Hours: 8:30 am – 5:00 pm. Monday through Friday

Work Location:

This assignment is with the Trauma Recovery Center (TRC) at the Alameda County Family Justice Center which is a Division of the Alameda County District Attorney's Office. However, the duties performed by the Psychiatrist can be done remotely.

Job Description:

Under the general direction of the Clinical Director, the Consulting Psychiatrist supports the collaborative care team—Trauma Recovery Psychotherapist, Victim Witness Advocate, Prescribing Provider, and Client—through regular consultation on an assigned caseload of clients. The Consulting Psychiatrist advises the prescribing provider on appropriate medications and other treatment strategies, assesses patients to determine best course of medication and adjunctive therapies, and provides the care team with educational support on diagnosing and managing behavioral health conditions. The Consulting Psychiatrist is the liaison between the Trauma Recovery Center (TRC) and the client's prescribing provider, and they offer educational support to the medical community at large on best practices with trauma recovery treatments.

The Consulting Psychiatrist must have training and expertise in the assessment and treatment of acute trauma and poly-victimization, along with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders, including anxiety disorders, mood disorders and personality disorders. Must have the flexibility to work with a wide variety of clients. For example: recent victims of violent crimes, survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, elder abuse, violent acts of crime, surviving families of homicide victims.

Family Justice Center

Founded in 2005, the ACFJC collaborates with over 45 law enforcement, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations to ensure safety and healing for victims of

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interpersonal violence through comprehensive, coordinated, culturally sensitive and accessible services, including: victim and witness assistance; legal advocacy; domestic violence and sexual assault counseling; restraining order assistance; safety planning; children's counseling; parenting support; shelter/housing assistance; benefits assistance and enrollment; Safe at Home application assistance; self-sufficiency services, professional development, resume writing and interviewing skills; criminal justice information and assistance; and clinical mental health services through the Trauma Recovery Center.

The California Victim Compensation Board administers the Trauma Recovery Center program under the authority of Government Code section 13963.1. To be designated a "Trauma Recovery Center" applicants must be able to provide all of the following resources, treatments, and recovery services to crime victims:

- Mental health treatment services
- Assertive community-based outreach and clinical case management
- Coordination of care among medical and mental health care providers, law enforcement agencies, victim service providers and other social service agencies
- Services to family members and loved ones of homicide victims
- A multidisciplinary staff of clinicians that includes licensed psychiatrists, psychologists and social workers. These clinicians can be either salaried or contract positions.

In 2016, The Alameda County Family Justice Center became the first non-hospital in California to receive the Trauma Recovery Center ("TRC") designation. That designation was renewed in 2018.

To meet the TRC's on-site mental health treatment services requirement, the District Attorney has partnered with community-based non-profits Jewish Family and Community Services ("JFCS") to implement a mental health treatment program at the Family Justice Center.

Responsibilities:

- 1. Evaluate 8-10 clients monthly with significant diagnostic or therapeutic challenges who are identified in discussion with the client's collaborative care team. Such evaluations may be provided via telemedicine (video or telephone).
- 2. Advise and recommend treatment plans or adjustments thereof to the prescribing provider in the client's medical team outside of TRC by telephone and/or written format.
- 3. Advise on treatment for clients who may need more intensive or more specialized mental health care, assuming treatment at TRC until clients can be engaged in specialized care as appropriate.

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- 4. Be available to provide occasional ad hoc telephone consultation to prescribing providers and the collaborative care team at TRC for complex or challenging client's situations. Respond to requests at least within 48 hours and as available.
- 5. Attend and participate actively in the virtual Clinical Meetings at least twice monthly.
- 6. Attend and participate actively in the virtual partner's meetings at least once monthly.
- 7. Prepare a document to be used when treatment recommendations are sent to outside prescribing providers.
- 8. Call the prescribing provider with medication recommendation for clients.
- 9. Complete grant paperwork as appropriate for services rendered.

Qualifications:

- 1. American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology licensed psychiatrist. Prescribing privileges requires DEA certification.
- 2. At least 5 years of clinical experience in the provision of psychiatry services to a wide range of patients, with at least 2 years of experience in integrated behavioral health services settings, primary care integration preferred.
- 3. Extensive experience treating patients of different ages, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds.
- 4. Excellent communication skills.
- 5. Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively in a multicultural environment within a multidisciplinary team and outside agencies.
- 6. Ability to quickly synthesize psychiatric data and formulate effective and evidence-based clinical recommendations.
- 7. Positive, flexible, and solution-focused attitude.
- 8. Strong motivation to continuously learn and improve trauma related services to vulnerable communities.

Desired:

- 1. Experience in consultation-liaison roles.
- 2. Experience providing psychiatric care to adults and children.
- 3. Ability to speak fluently in other languages.

How to apply:

Please send us a cover letter and resume, also complete our DA <u>job application</u>. Email to the District Attorney Personnel Unit at <u>dajobs@acgov.org</u>.

Application Deadline: Friday, September 24, 2021 at 5:00pm

The District Attorney's Office is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All qualified candidates, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender or physical ability are encouraged to apply.