

Western Montana Mental Health Center
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Position: Emergency Mental Health Professional

Close Date: Open Until Filled

Hours: 24-hour shifts, on rotation of 4 days on and 8 days off

We are looking for a dynamic personality to join our team of dedicated professionals. If you are a caring and genuine individual who enjoys working in a therapeutic setting, and is focused on being a part of a treatment team in assisting clients live their best life- this may be the job for you.

Job Summary: This position is part of the Crisis Response Team and provides 24-hour mobile mental health emergency/crisis intervention services to the citizens of Lewis and Clark County as needed and occasionally provides relief for other crisis staff on short notice.

Essential Job Responsibilities:

- Assess mental status, risk, and clinical needs of persons in psychiatric distress;
- Provide emergency psychotherapy;
- Evaluate clinical need for psychiatric hospitalization;
- Evaluate appropriateness for involuntary treatment according to legal criteria;
- Evaluate need for admission to Montana State Hospital;
- Provide written reports to county attorney and court;
- Testify in court in civil commitment cases;
- Provide consultation to hospital emergency room staff, county jail and law enforcement personnel;
- Provide consultation to families, friends, and other providers of care to persons in acute distress;
- Complete clinical records and reports according to established policy and procedures.

Qualifications: Ability to provide psychiatric assessment and crisis stabilization services to a variety of individuals in a variety of settings; Ability to evaluate according to clinical and legal criteria; Ability to write professional evaluations and testify in court; Ability to assess availability of and make appropriate referral to community resources; Ability to interact in a professional manner with a number of professional and consumer groups, often in stressful circumstances; Ability to prioritize and to respond appropriately to simultaneous demands.

Education & Experience: A master's or doctoral degree from an accredited program in social work, clinical psychology, or mental health counseling with demonstrated coursework and practicum in assessment and treatment of seriously mentally ill adults. At least three years of post-master's experience working in a clinical setting where evaluation and referral skills are utilized, at least one year of which was spent assessing and treating severe and persistent mentally ill adults. Must be licensed or license eligible in Montana as a social worker, psychologist, or professional counselor. Must be a Certified Mental Health Professional Person (CMHP) for Montana or eligible within 3 months of hire date.