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FOCUS AREA

Agency leadership has determined that this position meets Criteria 4: Assignment requires regular engagement with other uniformed services.

POSITION TITLE

Clinical Social Worker (0-4, Non-Supervisory)

LOCATION DESCRIPTION

This position is located at Soldier Centered Medical Home (SCMH), Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson. Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER), the premier joint base in the Department of Defense and home to America's Arctic Warriors!

In October 2010, the Air Force's Elmendorf Air Force Base and the Army's Fort Richardson combined to become one installation in accordance with the Defense Department's 2005 Base Closure and Realignment Commission guidance. Merging two great installations and two powerful combat missions simply formalized an already close working relationship the Air Force and Army have shared here for years.

Today, JBER continues to grow in importance to US National Security due to our strategic location and complementary mix of military capabilities to include F-22 Raptors and E-3 Sentry AW ACS, Pacific Command's only airborne brigade combat team and the C-17 Globemaster III's getting them to the fight, and HC-130 and HH-60 aircraft conducting search and rescue missions throughout the state and elsewhere during contingencies.

JBER's host unit is the 673d Air Base Wing; but we are also home to headquarters, Alaskan Command and 11th Air Force, headquarters, US Army Alaska, headquarters, Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, the Alaska National Guard, the 3rd Wing, the 176th Wing (ANG), the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division, the 477th Fighter Group, and more than 60 other mission partners.

JBER hosts more than 13,000 Arctic Warriors, nearly 20,000 family members and more than 3,000 civilian employees. The installation covers over 79,000 acres, stretching from the northern Anchorage area to Palmer. We are committed to providing world-class support to you and your family, enabling you to focus on your mission and we hope your tour here is personally and professionally rewarding.

CLOSING DATE

Open until filled

*** JOB DESCRIPTION***

Specific duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

Serves as a Clinical Social Worker for the Department of Behavioral Health.

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Must have experience in the treatment of a variation of complex psychological dysfunction / full spectrum of psychiatric diagnoses. Evaluates, observes and treats patients exhibiting significant social and emotional problems affecting their behavioral health and wellbeing.

Provides direct care to include individual and group psychotherapy, training, consultation and other services typically provided by a clinical social worker.

Instructs/counsels patients and families in treating and coping with social and emotional responses connected with behavioral health diagnoses.

Assists other health team members in understanding the significant social and emotional factors impacting the patient's behavioral health. Provides clinical consultation to leaders. Participates in development and periodic re-evaluation of treatment plans.

Utilizes special skills and judgment to resolve social and emotional responses connected with behavioral health diagnosis.

Observes, records and reports changes in patients' condition and response to treatment in accordance with DoD, Department of the Army, US Army Medical Command and JCAHO regulations and policies.

Participates in the discharge planning process and provides ongoing assessment of patient and family needs and responses to teaching coping skills.

Participates in care coordination activities and acts as a resource to other health team members in the identification and resolution of patient needs.

Utilizes appropriate community resources to achieve identified objectives.

Attends, participates in and/or conducts internal staff development programs, obtains continuing education as required by state licensing and Department of Army and US Army MEDCOM regulations and policies.

Maintains the highest standards of Professional conduct in relation to information that is confidential in nature. Shares information only when recipient's right to access is clearly established and the sharing of such information is in the best interest of the patient.

Participates in Performance Improvement activities as assigned. Communicates information that enables data collection and root cause analysis to identify opportunities for improvement.

Adheres to and participates in mandatory HIPAA privacy program/practices and Business Ethics and Compliance programs/practices.

Participates in special projects/performs other duties as assigned. Requires ongoing compliance with current OTSG/MEDCOM policy on productivity standards for patient care.

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NO Clearance Required

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

PHS social worker in good professional standing with a Master's Degree from a school of social work accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

An active independent clinical social work license to practice in the United States or District of Columbia.

Experience working for the DoD/Army is preferred.

*****CONTACT INFORMATION*****

Interested USPHS Commissioned Corps officers should forward a CV with cover letter, last 3 COERs, a letter of recommendation from current rater/supervisor or senior rater, and a copy of professional license to CDR Jena Vedder, Jennifer.a.vedder.mil@mail.mil