

Job Title:

NAVY: Staff Psychiatrist-Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune, NC (O-5 billet, Supervisory)

Job Description:

The position is that of a psychiatrist with advanced educational preparation, expanded knowledge, and clinical expertise in mental health screening, assessment, referral, consultation, and treatment. The Psychiatrist is assigned to the Deployment Wellness Clinic (DWC), Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune, NC. The purpose of the DWC is to provide a means to identify and address health concerns of service members, with a specific emphasis on mental health, that have emerged in the three- to six- month time period after return from deployment. The psychiatrist will provide clinical consultations with other DWC staff, and area mental health providers, in the course of providing quality patient care. In addition, the psychiatrist is expected to provide follow-up psychiatric care, primarily psychiatric medication management, for identified service members. There is an emphasis on identifying and treating combat/operational stress concerns, especially Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). The psychiatrist is expected to provide limited case management services (e.g., tracking referrals, facilitating access to care, monitoring treatment received). Finally, the psychiatrist is expected to provide and support educational and outreach efforts, at various levels, from individual service members, to caregivers (e.g., primary care physicians, chaplains), to command level officers. This will hopefully assist in de-stigmatizing mental health service-seeking, promoting the benefits of early identification and treatment of mental health problems, and overcoming military cultural norms against full symptom reporting out of concern for appearing “weak.” The psychiatrist is expected to closely collaborate with members of the DWC on all aspects of program design, service delivery, monitoring and evaluation.

Major Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Conduct follow-on Mental Health services (ie. screenings, assessments, and treatment), upon referral by healthcare providers. Screening activities include:
 - *Ability to administer and interpret PCL-M screening tool.
 - *Assess for emergent mental health problems (i.e., mental status exams, imminent danger to self or others) and evaluate need for psychiatric hospitalization, urgent mental health care, and/or diagnostic psychological or medical testing as needed.
 - *Establish rapport and promote positive “working alliance”
 - *De-stigmatize mental health service-seeking and decrease resistance to treatment
 - *Evaluate severity/acuity of mental health problems and use as a basis for determining the appropriate level of care needed according to quality assurance guidelines of adult psychiatry
 - *Educate service members on mental health symptoms and relevant diagnoses
 - *Educate service members on treatment resources available
 - *Make appropriate referral and plans for follow-up
 - *Document encounters in computerized medical record system AHLTA/CHCS-II.
2. Conduct initial interviews/diagnostic assessments:
 - *Apply DSM-IV for differential psychiatric diagnoses, with emphasis on PTSD and related conditions.
 - *Assign multi-axial (Axis I-V) diagnoses
 - *Assess danger to self or others (DTSO)
 - *Determine level of care required and type(s) of interventions most appropriate

*Determine need for referrals for concurrent problems/conditions, including need for psychological testing, referral for psychiatric medication evaluation, referral for chemical dependency evaluation/treatment, referral to social services, etc.

*Demonstrate compliance with appropriate professional standards (e.g., JCAHO, HIPAA)

3. Provide intervention

*Collaborate with service member to develop an appropriate treatment plan

*Demonstrate proficiency in prescribing psychiatric medications, including antidepressants, anxiolytics, sleeping aids, mood stabilizers, especially those used for PTSD and related combat-stress conditions.

*Evaluate response to medications, and adjust and monitor medications as needed (especially side effects), to ensure best response.

*Demonstrate compliance with appropriate professional standards (e.g., JCAHO, HIPAA)

*provide psychotherapy to include group, individual, behavior modification and drug therapy.

4. Provide outreach, education and consultation

*Liaison with commands to provide info on combat stress, PTSD, and other deployment-related symptoms and treatment

*Provide broad educational briefings to service members to increase awareness of combat stress and PTSD symptoms and treatment resources

*Provide formal and informal consultations to primary care providers and other medical personnel on any matters pertaining to mental health assessment, screening, referral, diagnosis, or treatment.

*Participate as guest speaker/presenter at professional seminars and continuing education offerings locally and at the national level.

5. Conduct limited case management, monitoring and evaluation

*Identify and address any barriers to accessing mental health treatment or other services

*Collaborate with other service providers to facilitate access to services

*Determine appropriate measures and procedures to track, monitor, and evaluate services provided, patient satisfaction, patient education, and quality assurance.

Will at least spend 51% of time on direct mental health patient care and/or mental health clinical management.

On call rotation at least once monthly.

Maintains all basic readiness standards as required by the U.S. Public Health Service. Requires a Secret clearance.

PHS officers assigned under this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) must remain available for PHS deployments. Under this MOA, PHS officers are not authorized to deploy with the military.

Requirements:

License: A current, unrestricted, and valid license to practice medicine from a U.S. State (as defined in 42 USC 201 (f)) is required. Documentation of current Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) number registration.

Training: The candidate must be a graduate of a medical school approved by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education of the American Medical Association or the American Osteopathic Association or certification by the Educational Council for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG).

Have at least 1 year of full-time psychiatrist experience within the past three years that includes patients diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Must possess board certification in Psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology or the American Osteopathic Association, **OR**,

Possess residency training and not less than 3 years of experience within the last 5 years as a full-time psychiatrist, **OR**,

Have graduated from a psychiatry residency program within the preceding 12 months.

Additional Requirements:

Initial assignment term is a 3-year obligation. Current membership in professional organizations (e.g., APA)

Location Description:

100 Brewster Blvd.
Camp Lejeune, NC 28547

Contact Information:

To apply, please e-mail your CV, cover letter and last three COERs to dodphsph@hhs.gov
The cover letter should reference this specific job announcement, state your date of availability, introduce yourself, and provide your contact information to include name, phone, and e-mail address.

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