

Job Title:

NAVY: **Clinical Social Worker** or Clinical Psychologist - Naval Health Clinic New England, Naval Branch Health Clinic Groton, CT (O-5 billet, Supervisory)

Job Description FOR CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER:

CLINICAL MANAGEMENT – Assesses the impact of deployments/re-deployments on the service member's ability to reintegrate on a social, emotional, and occupational level upon return to a non-combat environment. Presents diagnostic/treatment recommendations to the professional team. Participates in developing treatment programs and advises staff on professional aspects of the field. Provides diagnosis and psychotherapy within the scope of practice of clinical social work. Exercises full professional responsibility for findings, interpretations, decisions, recommendations, and reports. Consults/collaborates with other military and civilian community agencies involved in the provision of psychological services and interventions needed for the service member. Assists active duty personnel in the daily function of the Department to ensure good service member flow and overall continuity of care. Consults with team members to jointly share in the development of program guidelines. Attends staff meetings as required.

DIRECT PATIENT CARE – Develops and implements treatment plans and goals. Performs psychological evaluations and interventions to service members referred by the medical provider. Provides individual, group, family, and marital psychotherapy within the scope of clinical social work practice. Educates and counsels the service member to assure greater understanding and compliance with the treatment plan and long-term mental health maintenance. Provides crisis intervention services to the service member and their families if needed. Builds rapport to facilitate expression of problems and/or concerns as a basis for effective counseling and preventive mental health instruction. Provides a full range of mental health services in accordance with established psychiatric theories, treatment modalities, and practice standards. Collaborates with the BHD providers-participates in team conferences involving the service member, focusing on optimal mental health and wellness.

ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES – Participates in treatment planning conferences, administrative staff meetings, and develops/maintains liaison with appropriate military and community agencies/resources. Maintains the appropriate documentation in the medical record of the service member's progress toward goals and treatment outcomes. Makes appropriate entries via AHLTA or a handwritten note to ensure continuity of care. Exercises full professional responsibility for diagnoses, findings, assessments, decisions, treatment plans, and recommendations. Assesses and records the mental health status of the service member eligible to receive treatment at MTFs. Maintains current state licensure as a Clinical Social Worker and participates in continuing professional education and the quality assurance programs. The individual must be eligible for credentialing under the guidelines of current Naval Health Clinic directives.

PATIENT/FAMILY EDUCATION – Collaborates with treatment team-members to assess health education needs of the service member and family. Develops programs to enhance services to individuals and families. Demonstrates the ability to evaluate their effectiveness. Provides education to the service member and family regarding deployment

related issues via individual and group sessions. Functions as a resource for the service member, families, and the BHD team members.

STAFF EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT – Remains up to date on new concepts and techniques in the field, applies them as appropriate, and provides education to staff as required in regards to updates. Develops and maintains effective communication skills with other MTF specialty providers, unit level medical officers, and treatment team members. Collaborates with the BHD team to develop strategies to improve patient care services. Identifies and recommends actions to improve delivery of care. Demonstrates clinical expertise necessary to function as a role model for the treatment team. Performs other duties as assigned.

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 Master's degree in clinical social work from a program accredited by the Council of Social Work Education (CSWE) is required. A current, unrestricted, and valid clinical social work license at the independent level from a U.S. State (as defined in 42 USC 201 (f)) is required.

Additional Requirements:

Must be an active PHS Social Worker in Good Professional Standing. Meet the criteria established by TRICARE for Independent Provider Status. A Licensed Clinical Social Work (LCSW) certificate if required at this level. Must be able to diagnose and assess the full spectrum of psychiatric disorders, develop treatment plans, and deliver psychotherapy, all without supervision. Initial assignment term is a 3-year obligation.

Location Description:

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Contact Information:

To apply, please e-mail your CV, cover letter, copy and last 3 COERs 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.

*****This position is open to current Commissioned Corps Officers currently serving in the Mental Health MOA*****