

Job Title:

NCR Medical Directorate: Social Worker (O-4, Non-Supervisory) – Fort Belvoir, VA

Due to the immediate need to fill, this vacancy announcement is open to all eligible Active Duty PHS officers; however, priority will be given to PHS officers currently detailed on the MH MOA.

Job Description:**MAJOR DUTIES.**

Incumbent provides professional social work services to patients and their families, spanning all ages, in the inpatient, partial hospitalization, and outpatient settings at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC) or Fort Belvoir Community Hospital (FBCH). Provides comprehensive social work services to various beneficiary groups, scattered over a large geographical area, arriving from and discharged to, worldwide locations. Eligible beneficiaries include members of foreign embassies, patients covered under status of forces agreements, non-beneficiaries of the Military Healthcare System, Designees of Secretaries of all Armed Service branches, members of Congress, the Supreme Court and the President of the United States.

1. Manages and coordinates continued care in dispersed locations, including remote regions of the United States and in foreign countries, where health care resources may be scarce or unavailable; locates and arranges for care with civilian providers, creatively and independently designing methods of payment and service delivery. Marshals resources, engineers supportive systems; develops and coordinates worldwide services that often do not exist or have no funding mechanism in place. Duties include formulating agreements with non-TriCare vendors, foreign nation organizations, foreign governmental entities, other non-local military healthcare system resources, the Veterans Administration health care system resources, and charitable or other private funds. Incumbent provides direct social work practice in cases with complex problems; organizes community services on behalf of beneficiaries; develops and coordinates procedures for the use of community services by related staffs and satellite facilities; develops and maintains working relationships and agreements with other organizations, sharing program responsibilities for the same groups of people.

2. Conducts comprehensive psychosocial evaluations of both inpatients and outpatients, coordinating the development of multidisciplinary treatment plans,

with specific emphasis on complex cases that focus on high risk individuals, to include patients who have severe psychiatric illness, substance abuse issues, neurologic diseases, brain injury; patients who are physically abused or neglected, financially exploited, live alone and cannot care for self, and/or who are mentally incompetent. Incumbent provides brief strategic and crisis counseling for patients and families who are in acute psychiatric distress, providing therapeutic intervention to lessen the impact of acute, chronic, and/or terminal illness or injury on the lives of patients and families. Provides individual, group psychotherapy, comprehensive clinical family therapy, and aftercare planning, as indicated by the Service population, to include children, adolescents, adults, and geriatric patients. Provides evidenced-based treatment modalities that are specific and appropriate to each patient's age and circumstance. Engages in professional casework with individuals, couples, and families; functions as a therapist in patient support groups. Coordinates and implements discharge plans by arranging for transition to the next level of care, in compliance with the multidisciplinary treatment plan.

Functions as a member of the multi-disciplinary treatment team, presenting internal reports and participating in patient evaluation and treatment planning. Provides patient care in the context of the larger systems, to include collateral contacts with MTFs, mental health and social service agencies, courts, other MTF departments, and/or other military and civilian hospitals. Interfaces with substance abuse services, as well as other MTF functions, for the purpose of coordinating follow-up and treatment to assure continuity of patient care, facilitate necessary transfers within facility, and post discharge follow-up and treatment. Plans, coordinates, and provides comprehensive referral services to patients and families, to include remote locations or foreign countries, where resources or funding may be scarce or unavailable. Exercises mature professional judgment within the treatment process, dealing constructively and definitively with the patient's assessed issues.

3. Responsible for providing orientation to stakeholders and recipients of social work services. Formulates and conducts in-service training for complex social work services to multi-disciplinary treatment teams. Educates medical staff on the psychosocial impact of injury, discharge procedures, and community treatment resources. As directed, provides clinical oversight to psychiatry residents and fellows, psychology interns and residents, or social work interns and fellows, to include clinical performance of initial evaluations; safety assessments; individual, couples, family, or group therapy.

Performs other duties as assigned.

Maintains all basic readiness standards as required by the U.S. Public Health Service. 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. 3-year (minimum) assignment tour.

Requires a SECRET clearance.

CREDENTIALS, QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE REQUIRED:

License: Requires a valid, unrestricted registration or certification that allows for independent clinical social work practice in a U.S. State or other jurisdiction.

Training: The candidate must possess a qualifying master's degree in social work from a program that is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

Location Description:

Ft Belvoir Community Hospital
Fairfax Behavioral Health Clinic
10580 Arrowhead Dr.
Fairfax, VA 22030

DoD requests that each candidate submit:

- Cover Letter/Letter of Interest
- Current CV, and
- Last 3 COERs.

Contact Information:

To apply, please e-mail your CV, cover letter, recommendation letter from current rater/supervisor, professional license copy and last 3 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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