

# Defense Health Agency – Vacancy Announcement

**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: DHA-MH-N-JCK-001**

## **\*\*\*FOCUS AREA\*\*\***

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

## **\*\*\*POSITION TITLE\*\*\***

**Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (O-5 Billet - Non-supervisory)**

## **\*\*\*LOCATION DESCRIPTION\*\*\***

This position is located at Naval Hospital Jacksonville -- the Navy's third largest hospital and our branch health clinics in Albany, Georgia; Jacksonville, Florida; Key West, Florida; Kings Bay, Georgia; and Mayport, Florida. Our priority is to heal our nation's heroes and their families. We're nationally recognized for delivering high-quality care as well as transforming primary care practices. Our goal is to make your experience the very best it can be. A key way we do this is through our Medical Home Port teams, which place each of our enrolled patients in the center of a multi-disciplinary health care team. We take pride in meeting all of your comprehensive health care needs -- urgent, preventive and routine.

## **\*\*\*CLOSING DATE\*\*\***

November 4, 2020

## **\*\*\*JOB DESCRIPTION\*\*\***

Use knowledge, skills, and judgment in complex clinical and administrative functions with a variety of psychiatric patients and with a variety of disciplines, e.g., medicine, psychiatry, psychology, social work, occupational therapy, nursing and others. Care provided frequently includes the identification and definition of previously unknown conditions and resolving critical problems.

Evaluates health care needs of patients and develops plans to meet these needs. Devise, implement and evaluate plans of mental health care utilizing evidenced based clinical judgments of the physical, psychological, emotional, social and environmental needs of the clients. Conduct complete assessment of the problem with the authority to request treatment, such as request for laboratory work, special screenings, etc.

Ensure adherence to medical and nursing regimens to stabilize chronically ill persons; adjusts regimens within established protocols recognizing when to refer the patient to the physician or other health team members. Provide treatment consistent with clinical impressions and working diagnoses.

Screen new patients, perform initial biopsychosocial assessments, take histories, order diagnostic tests and laboratory studies and interpret data obtained from the results. Reviews result of evaluation to

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distinguish between normal and abnormal findings to recognize early stages of serious physical, emotional or mental problems that must be addressed. Make decisions concerning the implementation of data, planning and refining methods in regards to patient's conditions and making alterations in treatment and diagnostic regimens.

Is comfortable being on call and responding to emergency room and hospital requests for consultation. Freely consults with psychiatrists on cases and participates in Department case conference. Advises Commands of unique military requirements regarding mental health and is able to put patients on Limited Duty and to complete Narrative Summary for Integrated Disability Evaluation System.

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.

### \*\*\*CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT\*\*\*

Degree or diploma from a professional nursing program approved by the legally designated State accrediting agency at the time the program was completed by the applicant. Current Basic Cardiac Life Support Certification. Active, current registration as a Nurse Practitioner in a State, District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or a territory of the United States.

Occasional on-call duty is required

Secret security clearance is required

### \*\*\*CONTACT INFORMATION\*\*\*

Interested USPHS Commissioned Corps officers should forward a cover letter highlighting relevant experience and education, including three references, curriculum vitae, and last three COERS (as one PDF document) via email to the Commissioned Corps Program Office at [dha.ncr.dha-hr.mbx.phs-ccteam@mail.mil](mailto:dha.ncr.dha-hr.mbx.phs-ccteam@mail.mil). Please include the **Vacancy Announcement Number DHA-MH-N-JCK-001** in the subject line and in the body of your email. Failure to provide this information may impact your consideration for this position. Please direct any questions regarding this position or the application process to the email listed above.