

Defense Health Agency – Vacancy Announcement

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: DHA-MH-A-CTX-002

*****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) Equivalent to MEDCOM standardized GS-12 PD

*****LOCATION DESCRIPTION*****

This position is located at Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center

Darnall Army Community Hospital opened in 1965, replacing the World War II era Fort Hood Hospital, a long group of one-story buildings connected with covered walkways. Darnall was the first of three permanent Army hospitals of the 200-300 bed size to open. Constructed in the latest military design of that time, the original building cost \$6 million and was furnished with \$6 million of equipment. Ground was broken for the hospital on 5 April 1963, with dedication ceremonies conducted on 16 April 1965.

Today, Darnall medical staff stay busy delivering Americas next generation. An average seven births a day are expected at the hospital. Also on an average day, the staff at Darnall handle 3,867 outpatient visits, 26 surgeries, 31 admissions, 170 Emergency Room visits and fill 5,000 prescriptions. On 1 May 2006, the hospital was officially redesignated as Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center.

*****CLOSING DATE*****

The vacancy will remain posted and applications will continue to be accepted until a candidate is selected.

*****JOB DESCRIPTION*****

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

Serves as Social Worker within the Department of Behavioral Health under the leadership of Chief, Department of Behavioral Health. Supervises staff, generally at the team or clinic level.

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.

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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/MEDOM policy on productivity standards for patient care.

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.

Secret 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 in DOD; prefer Army.

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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. Please include the **Vacancy Announcement Number DHA-MH-A-CTX-002** 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.