



Seminole County Sheriff's Office

MENTAL HEALTH TECHNICIAN

Class Spec Code: 1070

Established Date: 10/14/2020

Last Revised Date: 01/12/2022

Effective: 01/12/2022

Salary Range

\$19.76 - \$31.67 Hourly

Bargaining Unit

N/A

EEO

EEO4-Professionals

Occupational Group

N/A

FLSA

Non-Exempt

Benefit Code

FT BENEFITS

Physical Class

DTME

Classified Service

No

General Description

Professional work providing initial mental health and follow-up assessments of persons incarcerated in the John E. Polk Correctional Facility and facilitating individual and group counseling.

Typical Duties

Note: Listed functions, duties, responsibilities and skills is not intended to be all-inclusive and the employer reserves the right to assign additional responsibilities as deemed necessary for the operational efficiency of the Sheriff's Office.

Provides initial and follow-up assessments to inmates through established procedures; appropriate referrals for case management and discharge planning. Makes appropriate referrals to necessary services such as to the psychiatrist and security for housing needs.

Facilitates individual and group counseling when appropriate and provides necessary documentation regarding attendance and level of participation.

Provides timely intervention regarding the evaluation and placement of inmates with suicide ideation. Monitors and documents progress of inmates on Level 1 and Level 2 suicide watch.

Assists and coordinates Baker Act of appropriate inmates to the Crisis Stabilization Unit.

Develops and maintains positive professional relationships with judicial, law enforcement, social service agencies, and physicians. Provides assistance and support to physicians for medication management for inmates needing chemical therapy.

Prepares necessary documentation and maintenance of electronic medical records through timely preparation of progress notes and medical file entries, including treatment and discharge planning notes; prepares and maintains administrative documentation as required; various specialized and statistical reports as required. Records daily statistics on mental health activities, events, and client contacts.

Advises security and medical staff of status of mentally ill inmates. Provides consultation and training to medical personnel and security staff.

Minimum Qualifications

- Master's Degree in Social Work, Psychology, or a closely related field
- Two (2) years' experience in a forensic or correctional environment
- Must possess and maintain a valid Florida Driver's License.

Knowledge, Skills, Abilities & Other

Regular and prompt attendance is mandatory in the performance of an employee's duties for this position, to include scheduled work hours, and required training activities, calls for mandatory overtime needs and calls for service during times of an emergency.

Extensive knowledge of interviewing and counseling techniques.

Ability to conduct interviews and psychiatric assessments in a timely manner while documenting the current status and functioning level of the mentally ill offender.

Ability to make recommendations concerning the documentation, processing, and disposition of mentally ill inmates. Ability to determine levels of lethality and disposition of inmates suffering from mental illness who are determined to have the potential to be harmful to themselves or others. Ability to work independently without constant supervision. Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with Sheriff's Office personnel and personnel from allied services and agencies.

WORKING CONDITIONS

The work environment for this position is an office setting within the correctional facility. The incumbent works extensively with persons incarcerated in the correctional facility. Work is generally performed during normal business hours although the incumbent may be required to work any schedule that fulfills the needs of the position.

PHYSICAL ATTRIBUTES REQUIREMENTS

Mobility-Mostly sedentary work but some standing and walking; constant use of a computer

Lifting-Able to lift at least 10 pounds

Visual-Constant overall vision; constant eye-hand coordination; frequent reading/close-up work

Dexterity-Frequent repetitive motion and reaching

Emotional/Psychological Potential contact with hostile individuals; direct inmate contact, exposure to emergency situations; may be exposed to trauma, grief and death; frequent public contact; decision-making and concentration

Special Requirements- Ability to behave respectably and with utmost integrity even when off duty. May be required to respond for any critical incident, manmade or natural. Some assignments may require working weekends, nights, and/or occasional overtime.