

## DoD/DHHS MH MOA PHS VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

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

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

Psychiatrist, (O-5, non-supervisory)

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

This position is located at 633<sup>rd</sup> MDG on Joint Base Langley-Eustis

The 633<sup>rd</sup> Air Base Wing is comprised of three groups that provide installation support to more than 9,000 military and civilian personnel including Headquarters Air Combat Command and three operational wings. The Wing provides mission-ready expeditionary Airmen to combatant commanders in support of joint and combined operations worldwide. The activation of the 633 ABW as the new host unit for Langley Air Force Base, Va., Jan. 7, 2010, was the first step toward Joint Base Langley-Eustis.

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

**Open until closed**

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

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

Staff psychiatrists provide direct patient care to the active duty Joint Base Langley-Eustis and eMSM population. Care delivered is in accordance with readiness requirements for active duty members and includes specialty evaluations, short reports for the Medical Evaluation Board process as well as other evaluations that are specific to psychiatrists (Conscientious Objector Evaluations). Provides initial and follow up medication management appointments with the goal of returning service members to deployable service. Care is provided in the outpatient Mental Health Clinic of the 633<sup>d</sup> Medical Group. Duties also include at times, providing consultation to the primary care providers in the family health and other medical clinics in the medical group. On call duties happen about once a quarter depending on the number of staff available to provide the week long rotating coverage. When performing after-hours on-call duties they may provide acute mental health assessment and disposition for active duty members as well as retirees, and their significant others of all ages in the Langley ED. They interface and collaborate with other professionals to insure appropriate and coordinated multidisciplinary patient evaluation and treatment. They are able to function independently and in collaboration with credentialed health providers. They serve as a role model and consultant to staff in the provision of mental health care, substance abuse, education, and research. Institutional and departmental visions, goals, philosophies, and objectives are supported by the Psychiatrist.

Current MHC capacity is insufficient to meet patient population needs resulting in an access to care shortfall. USAF standards require the evaluation of a new, self-referred patient within 7 days. This standard has been consistently unmet since the start of FY17. Follow up care similarly falls out of expected time lines for standard of care treatment. Making matters worse, the clinic lost 3 seasoned contract psychiatrists and have been unable to hire viable applicants into the 2 remaining open positions. These positions have been open since September 2018. In total, this

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has resulted in newly implemented off base referrals for outpatient psychiatric services for AD members, driving up both case management and financial obligations. There are challenges with off base referrals too, since there are significant delays in accessing network psychiatry, with wait times averaging between 45 and 90 days for new patients. The assignment of a USPHS Psychiatrist will immediately help ameliorate the aforementioned situation by providing direct patient care, emergent services, and consultation to medical staff.

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.

### CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

MD or DO degree, board certified in psychiatry, with a valid and current unrestricted state issued license to practice in a state, US territory, or the District of Columbia.

SECRET Clearance

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

Interested USPHS Commissioned Corps officers should forward a cover letter with references, curriculum vitae, and last three COERS via email to CDR Jay Carr, [james.b.carr6.mil@mail.mil](mailto:james.b.carr6.mil@mail.mil)