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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 633rd MDG on Joint Base Langley-Eustis

The 633rd 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:

The Clinical Psychologist performs mental health evaluations and therapy. Applies and supervises application of psychological procedures and techniques in evaluating, diagnosing, and treating psychological and neuropsychological disorders. Provides individual and group therapy, behavior modification paradigms, and biofeedback procedures in treating psychological disorders, and in assisting individuals to achieve more effective personal and interpersonal adjustment. This individual provides comprehensive routine and acute mental health care to the adult military population in the outpatient Mental Health Clinic of the 633^d MDG. When performing after-hours on-call duties (approximately 1 week every quarter) 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, education, and research. Institutional and departmental visions, goals, philosophies, and objectives are supported by the Clinical Psychologist.

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 timelines for standard of care treatment, as therapists often cannot meet with their patients more than once per three weeks. Making matters worse, the clinic lost an Active Duty clinical psychologist to attrition and is set to only fill 2 of the 3 active duty positions--one of which is just out of internship requiring direct supervision. The requests for AD MH personnel are unable to be filled due to manning shortfalls across the AFMS with no increases projected.

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Furthermore our current MTF landscape has reduced treatment options such as primary care based MH providers (e.g., BHOP), leaving the MHC as the main treatment resource. In total, this has resulted in newly implemented off base referrals for MH care for AD members, driving up both case management and financial obligations. The assignment of a USPHS Psychologist will immediately help ameliorate the aforementioned situation by providing direct patient care, emergent services, and if necessary clinical oversight/supervision of the new trainee.

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:

Knowledge of psychological theories, principles, and techniques is mandatory. A doctorate in clinical psychology, or equivalent and a clinical internship acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF.

A valid and current unrestricted state issued license to practice clinical or counseling psychology in a state, U.S. territory, or the District of Columbia within 3 years from the date the clinical internship is completed..

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