

MEDICAL DIRECTOR (COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH)

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: Has charge of and supervises medical and related professional services delivered in a Mental Health Agency; does related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is a professional and administrative position involving responsibility to serve as chief of professional services and medical advisor to a Mental Health Unit. This position provides medical direction and coordination of care to assure that quality levels are maintained. The work is performed under administrative direction of the facility governing authority with wide leeway allowed for exercise of independent medical judgment. Medical advisory direction rather than supervision is provided to department heads and other employees engaged in care and treatment of patients.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative only)

Provides direction and coordination of medical care in the facility;

Consults with nursing, pharmacy physiotherapy, occupational therapy and activities specialists and coordinates patient care;

Periodically evaluates the adequacy and appropriateness of health, professional, supportive staff and services;

Insures that complete admission, physical and medical history are completed for each patient;

Advises Director on matters contributing to a safe and sanitary environment for patients and facility personnel;

May act as liaison or resource person between the facility medical program and other community services.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND ABILITIES: Thorough knowledge of modern principles and practices of medicine; ability to plan and supervise a medical program; ability to get along well with others; conscientiousness and thoroughness; interest in maintaining a high standard of professional ethics; good professional medical judgment.

ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Graduation from a school of medicine approved by the New York State Education Department with a medical doctor degree and two (2) years of experience as a practicing physician.

Special Requirements for Acceptance of Applications: Eligibility for a license to practice medicine in New York State at time of application. Possession of the license at time of appointment.

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