

**MENDOCINO COUNTY GOVERNMENT
CLASS SPECIFICATION**

CLASS TITLE: FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIAN
DEPARTMENT: MENTAL HEALTH
REPORTS TO: VARIOUS

CLASS CODE: 4051
FLSA STATUS: NE
DATE: 7/05

JOB SUMMARY:

Performs treatment and monitoring of judicially committed patients of the outpatient conditional release program as well as patients in state hospitals from the County. Incumbents in this class conduct individual and group counseling, assessment, and treatment of mental health patients.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES:

This is a licensed classification; it is distinguished from non-licensed classifications within the Mental Health department by the performance of professional-level counseling and therapy services. This classification is distinguished from the Mental Health Clinician I/II and Senior classifications by the performance of treatment and monitoring services of judicially committed patients by the Forensic Clinician. The Forensic Clinician is further distinguished from the Senior Mental Health Clinician by the supervision exercised by the Senior Mental Health Clinician

SUPERVISION EXERCISED:

No supervision exercised. May serve in a lead capacity. May train other staff.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS: *(Not all incumbents perform all the examples listed, nor do the examples cover all the duties that may be performed.)*

Provides case management services to obtain housing, employment, education and medical services to CONREP clients.

Arranges discharge of CONREP clients, coordinating transportation and housing arrangements.

Writes policies and procedures relevant to CONREP program.

Conducts individual counseling, treatment plans, and assessment.

Documents appropriate items in clinical patient records.

Write chart notes in accordance with professional standards, state regulations and department protocol, and ensure proper filing either by filing or submitting to the proper area for filing.

Writes court reports.

Communicates with the District Attorney and Public Defender office regarding legal processes.

Testifies in court for CONREP commitments.

Arranges acute hospitalization admissions as needed.

Conducts state hospital liaison visits to patients from counties as scheduled.

Completes state hospital liaison visit reports.

Consults with inter-disciplinary team members.

Conducts group counseling.

Conducts home visits.

Performs urine drug screens.

Performs other related duties as assigned.

MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT USED:

General Office Equipment Computer Urine Collection Supplies Vehicle

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

Education and Experience:

Master's degree from an accredited college or university in Psychology, Clinical Social Work, Family and Child Counseling, Psychiatric Nursing, and;

Four to Six years of progressively responsible related experience; or,

Bachelor's degree, when also possessing a Psychiatric Registered Nurse certification, and;

Four to Six years of progressively responsible related experience; or,

Any combination of education, training and experience, in conjunction with the required licensure, which provides the required knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform the essential functions of the job.

Licenses and Certifications:

Valid California driver's license

Marriage, Family Therapist (or)

Licensed Clinical Social Worker (or)

Psychiatric Registered Nurse (or)

Licensed Psychologist

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

Knowledge of:

Judicial commitments including statutory and case law foundation for the commitment court process and the legal role, authority and responsibility of CONREP.

Principles, practices and methods of counseling and psychotherapy.

Methods of client monitoring and supervision, use of authority, and negotiating treatment contracts.

Techniques and methods to ensure continuity of care from in-patient hospitalization to community outpatient status.

Urine collection methods.

Uses and effects of psychotropic medications.

Skill in:

Using tact, discretion, initiative and independent judgment within established guidelines.

Preparing clear and concise reports, correspondence and other written materials.

Documenting issues for court reports and making accurate notes in clinical records.

Applying logical thinking to solve problems or accomplish tasks; to understand, interpret and communicate compliance policies, procedures and protocols.

Mental and Physical Abilities:

Ability to apply effective treatment approaches to specialized populations.

Ability to write clear and concise chart notes in accordance with professional standards, state regulations and department protocol.

Ability to identify and focus on forensic behavioral goals that can be measures and documented.

Ability to read, analyze and interpret professional periodicals and journals, technical procedures and government regulations.

Ability to define problems, collect data, establish facts and draw valid conclusions.

While performing the essential functions of this job the employee is regularly required to sit, use hands to finger, handle, or feel, and speak and hear; and use sound perception and discrimination.

While performing the essential functions of this job the employee is frequently required to lift and/or move up to 10 pounds and is occasionally required to apply a physical exertion in restraining overactive or hostile clients and/or move up to 30 pounds.

Working Conditions:

Work is performed in a normal office environment with little exposure to outdoor temperatures or dirt and dust in the

The incumbent's working conditions are typically moderately loud.

This class specification should not be interpreted as all-inclusive. It is intended to identify the essential functions and requirements of this job. Incumbents may be requested to perform job-related responsibilities and tasks other than those stated in this specification. Any essential function or requirement of this class will be evaluated as necessary should an incumbent/applicant be unable to perform the function or requirement due to a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Reasonable accommodation for the specific disability will be made for the incumbent/applicant when possible.