

SUPERVISING PSYCHOLOGIST (Community Mental Health)

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: Administers and supervises the psychological elements of a community mental health/mental retardation program; does related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is professional and administrative work conducted under the direction of the Director of Community Mental Health Services. The work involves responsibility for supervising and administering psychological testing, scoring, evaluation, and interpretation in the community mental health/mental retardation (facility) and for the integration of the psychological service with other activities of the center. The work may involve the supervision of psychologists, trainees, and other assigned personnel.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative only)

- Supervises and performs psychological evaluation for diagnostic purposes, using appropriate testing devices;
- Participates in patient behavior modification and shaping, rehabilitation and counseling;
- Participates in the intake, screening, and diagnostic activities of the clinic (exclusive of medical examinations);
- Makes detailed analyses of test results, carries on necessary interviews to obtain complete information in each case, and prepares diagnostic reports of case records and for presentation to staff;
- Participates in staff conferences devoted to diagnoses, treatment, planning, and administration;
- Supervises the in-service training of other professionals and non-professionals in the contributions that can be made by psychology to treatment teams;
- Supervises formal training programs approved by the New York State Education Department and the American Psychology Association;
- Performs research in community mental health needs;
- Performs individual, group, and family therapy;
- May participate in various "outreach" activities through various community campaigns;
- Assists in preventive care through informational and educational community activities;
- May act as an expert witness in legal matters.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES: Comprehensive knowledge of psychological tests and measurements, including the special ones used with children as well as adults; a comprehensive knowledge of personality development and of the factors which contribute to mental, emotional, and social maladjustments and deficiencies; good knowledge of educational disabilities and methods of remedial instruction; good knowledge of social casework, psychiatric terms and techniques, pertinent knowledge of local community resources; a comprehensive knowledge of methods, techniques, and statistical procedures used in research; the ability to supervise and train others in psychology and to work effectively with associates; the ability to exercise sound judgement in appraising situations and making decisions; the ability to analyze, evaluate, and administer the psychology aspects of a mental health/mental retardation program and to make practical recommendations concerning solution of problems; and the ability to present ideas effectively to individuals and groups.

ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: A license or limited permit to practice psychology issued by the New York State Department of Education and one year full time, post-licensure experience in the practice of psychology.

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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Agreed to by the Municipal Service Division and Department of Mental Hygiene, Division for Local Services and are based on the license requirements of the Education Law. March 1973.