

AMERICAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC. (ABHS)

DEPARTMENT – ADMINISTRATION

JOB DESCRIPTION

Position Title: Court Evaluator

Job Type: Full-time/Hourly

Reporting to: Supervisor

Sign-On Bonus: \$20,000 Sign-On Bonus inclusive of relocation assistance (if applicable) paid out in thirds after 90 days, 6 months and 1 year.

Job Summary:

The Court Evaluator performs clinical assessments and evaluations of clients admitted on a civil commitment system-wide for involuntary detention to a psychiatric facility. The Court Evaluator will work in collaboration with Mental Health Professionals, Substance Use Disorder Counselors, Physicians, and Nurses to provide testimony and write petitions recommending 14-Day Petitions, Restrictive Treatment, and revocations of restrictive orders in compliance with the Chelan County Court Rules and the involuntary/civil commitment proceedings as outlined in the Revised Code of Washington 71.05.

Responsibilities:

- Conduct clinical assessments and evaluations of clients to establish the presence of mental disorders, substance use disorder, and risk of danger to self, others, property, or grave disability to care for health and safety needs.
- Review past and current records, interview clients and review medications prescribed, and assess the client's level of cooperation in taking medications.
- Collaborate with healthcare staff, physicians, and social workers in treatment recommendations and decisions to dismiss or convert cases to less restrictive orders.
- Communicate effectively with attorneys, health care team, family members, and community providers regarding client status and progress.
- Complete required legal forms and written documentation of investigation activities.
- Maintain professional development training and expertise with the Washington Involuntary Treatment Act (RCW 71.05).

Qualifications:

- Master's degree in psychology, sociology and/or, social work.
- One year of recent experience working with acutely ill psychiatric clients, specifically involving the evaluation of psychiatric safety, level of function, and psychiatric diagnoses.

- Licensed as a psychologist, independent clinical social worker, or mental health care counselor in the State of Washington preferred.
- National Provider Identifier (NPI) or ability to obtain before the first day of employment.
- Knowledge of and experience with chemical dependency or addiction assessments and available services.
- Ability to work varied shifts, in a high-stress environment.
- Ability to quickly interview, assess and mediate conflict while maintaining calm during highly volatile situations.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills including the ability to make presentations to diverse audiences and compose clear, concise clinical file notes and documentation.

Physical Requirements:

- Must be able to perform job duties in a high-stress environment.
- Must be able to sit or stand for extended periods of time.

Work Environment:

- The work environment includes working in a psychiatric facility, and interacting with clients who may display violent behavior.
- Work schedule may require evening, weekend, and/or holiday work to meet the needs of clients and the facility.
- The work environment is a healthcare facility that may include exposure to infectious materials, hazardous substances, and odors.

This job description is not intended to be all-inclusive. The employee may perform other related duties as required to meet the ongoing needs of the organization.