

# PSYCHIATRIST Tompkins County

**Department:** Mental Health Department

**Classification:** Competitive

**Labor Grade:** 90

**Approved:** 10/18/88 Board Resol #315

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**By:** HH, Commissioner of Personnel

## **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Possession of a license to practice medicine at the time of application. Possession of a license to practice medicine in the State of New York at the time of appointment **AND** Board eligibility or certification to practice psychiatry.

Tompkins County is committed to Equity and Inclusion. We encourage those with similar values to apply.

## **DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:**

Carries out medical/professional duties outlined below and assists in monitoring the quality and effectiveness of the community mental health (including mental retardation and alcoholism) services and facilities. Applies psychiatric expertise to the planning, coordination and operation of the mental health and mental retardation services provided within Tompkins County. Makes recommendations to the Director of Mental Health Services towards attaining an effective and comprehensive community mental health and mental retardation program. The incumbent will perform all related duties as required.

## **TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:**

- Provides in-patient and emergency service assessments and treatment as required by the Director of Mental Health Services;
- Psychiatric consultation with individual patients;
- Emergency medical and psychiatric services;
- Psychiatric consultation, examination, and emergency backup for law enforcement agencies and courts within the county, court evaluations as requested, hospital commitments as indicated, execute backup arrangements for the preceding services as planned with the director;
- Works with the director in policy deliberations, with specific responsibility for evaluating the impact of policy alternatives on client population;
- Participates in annual evaluation of direct and contract agencies;
- Works with the director in the preparation of a common system of evaluation (to include accountability) of mental health, mental retardation and alcoholism services;
- Consults with the director in preparation of the Annual State Plan, giving specific attention to the clinical effectiveness of mental health service provided in the county;
- Reviews, alters, or approves all clinical treatment plans for patients served in programs of the Department of Mental Health;
- Provides community-based evaluations and treatment as required by the Director of Mental Health Services; Acts as a Designee of the Director of Community Services as defined in Mental Hygiene Law;
- Participates in Utilization review, Special review, and other duties as required by the Director of Mental Health Services.

## **FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

- Comprehensive knowledge of the modern theory and practice of psychiatry;
- Thorough knowledge of basic psychiatric sciences, community psychiatry, medical and social psychology, psychopathology, psychotherapy, and the function and pertinent pathology of the nervous system;
- Thorough knowledge of local ordinances and state and federal laws bearing on the care and treatment of persons with mental disability or disorder;
- Ability to evaluate the effectiveness of services designed to prevent psychiatric disabilities and to promote care, treatment and training appropriate for this purpose.

