



Southern Regional Health Authority

Clarendon Health Department



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The Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA), a Statutory Body under the Ministry of Health & Wellness responsible for the management and operation of Public Health Services within the Parishes of Clarendon, Manchester and St. Elizabeth, invites applications from suitably qualified persons for the following position at **CLARENDON**:

MENTAL HEALTH OFFICER (HPC/RN 3)-VACANT

Salary range \$1,689,672 - \$1,865,082 per annum and any allowance(s) attached to the post.

Reporting to the Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, the successful incumbent will be responsible to organize, maintain and supervise Psychiatric Clinics throughout the parish at primary and secondary care facilities.

Qualifications & Experience:

- Certificate/Diploma/Bachelor Science Degree in General Nursing from an accredited school
- Training in Community Psychiatric Nursing Course or equivalent completion of four (4) months Nursing Administration Course
- Registration with the Nursing Council of Jamaica
- Three (3) years clinical experience in Nursing

Required Knowledge, Skills and Competencies:

- Knowledge of modern psychiatric nursing theory and practice.
- Ability to provide individual, group and family counselling for substance abuse, HIV and AIDS clients and their families.
- Ability to lecture to group in preventive aspects of mental illness and to give instructions in care and treatment of the mentally and physically ill.
- Ability to maintain adequate records and prepare reports.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationship with professional and non-professional employees, patients and community groups.
- Good written and oral communication skills.
- Ability to employ effective counselling technique.
- Sound analytical skills
- Sound diagnostic techniques.
- Sound clinical techniques.
- Well-developed human relations skills.
- Good physical health and emotional stability.

Key Responsibilities will include:

Provides Clinical care at Clinics for the mentally ill and emotionally disordered:

- Assessing of clients.
- Formulating nursing diagnosis.
- Initiating treatment.
- Counselling of clients and relatives.

- Reviewing and re-assessing client's mental and physical functioning after drug and other therapies.
- Assessing patients' compliance to treatment.
- Maintaining of accurate clinical records.
- Administering injections and other medications where necessary.
- Acting as nursing consultant to other professional groups in caring for the mentally ill.

Carries out Home Visits for:

- Assessing and counselling of client, the family and/or community and monitoring of treatment compliance.
- Managing crisis calls and other emergency interventions.
- Checking on delinquent clinic attendees.
- Informing families of availability of mental health service within the community.
- Attending ward rounds with the hospital medical officer.
- Assessing the clients, suggest treatment and re-assesses clients and check for treatment compliance.
- Participating in meetings, workshops and conferences to maintain continuity with other areas of nursing and other disciplines and to meet continuing education needs.
- Providing on a continuing basis, educational inputs on the promotion of Mental Health and prevention of mental illness to schools, church groups and other community groups.

Applications along with resume should be sent no later than **Monday, November 14, 2022** to:

**Senior Human Resource Officer
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NB. ONLY SHORTLISTED APPLICANTS WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED