

Southern Regional Health Authority

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The Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA), a Statutory Body under the Ministry of Health 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 the **MANCHESTER HEALTH DEPARTMENT**:

MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKER - MENTAL HEALTH (HPC/MSW1)
(Salary range \$1,290,712 - \$1,534,252) per annum and any applicable allowances

Under the general supervision of the Psychiatrist, the incumbent has responsibility to conduct comprehensive social investigations in order to help patients understand their illness or condition and provide them with information about the resources available to them to cope with the emotional, financial and social needs that arise with a diagnosis.

Qualifications and Experience:

- Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from an accredited tertiary institution.
- Successful completion of internship
- Minimum of two (2) year's experience in the public health system

Specific Knowledge, Skills and Competencies:

- Knowledge of laws and regulations relating to Public Health.
- Comprehensive knowledge of the scope and methods of social work.
- Sound knowledge of the environment and community resources.
- Working knowledge of the public health systems relating to the delivery of health care
- Well developed interviewing skills
- Ability to communicate effectively in both oral and written format
- Exceptional interpersonal skills
- Strong Crisis Intervention skills
- Indept understanding of the psychosocial aspects of illness and health
- Excellent counselling techniques
- Ability to relate to individuals and groups of varying educational backgrounds
- Display a high level of confidentiality
- Basic knowledge of medical terminologies

Key responsibilities will include:

- Assessing the social, emotional and economic factors relevant to medical diagnosis and treatment, as well as communicating those to other members of the health team.
- Consulting regularly with other members of the health team to find ways of helping patients and families to cope with any personal and environmental stress that might be impeding recovery.
- Visiting the homes of patients and other relevant persons/places in order to make social assessments.
- Making follow-up visits to discharged patients to continue therapeutic casework, family counseling and ensuring that necessary family visits are made.
- Informing the relevant authorities of cases of abandonment, child abuse and neglect and ensuring the appropriate follow-up of such cases.
- Helping patients and their families in utilizing community resources.
- Identifying and communicating with the public, voluntary and private agencies and applying available resources to the needs of patients.
- Conducting research and recommending systems to enhance public and environmental health in institutions

Applications along with resume should be sent no later than **Friday, September 30, 2022** to

the:

**Senior Human Resource Officer
Manchester Health Department
South Race Course Road
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NB. ONLY SHORTLISTED APPLICANTS WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED