

# Southern Regional Health Authority

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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:

## **REGIONAL COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH OFFICER (HPC/RN 5 - Level 14)**

(Salary range \$6,289,384 - \$7,476,101 per annum and any applicable allowances)

Under the supervision of the Regional Psychiatrist, the incumbent has responsibility for administering a comprehensive mental health programme for the mentally ill and emotionally disturbed clients in the Southern Region, as well as administering the community mental health service and providing clinical supervision for mental health officers in the Southern Region.

### **Qualifications and Experience:**

- Graduation from an accredited school of nursing as a professional nurse
- Training in Post Basic Psychiatric Nursing or equivalent
- Certificate in Advanced Nursing Administration or equivalent
- Registration with the Nursing Council of Jamaica as a Registered Nurse
- At least seven (7) years experience in Community Psychiatric Nursing

### **Required Knowledge, Skills & Competencies:**

- Knowledge of modern psychiatric nursing theory and practice
- Knowledge of recent developments in the field of professional nursing and in the care and treatment of the mentally ill
- Ability to supervise professional staff
- Ability to establish and maintain effective relationships with subordinates, various community groups and medical officers
- Ability to plan and organize training seminars and to utilize effective instructional methods
- Skills in public speaking
- Good physical health and emotional stability

### **Key responsibilities will include:**

- Participating in the planning and implementation of programmes for the early detection and treatment of the mentally ill.
- Monitoring the activities of Mental Health Officers by assessing the psychiatric treatment and nursing care giving advice and guidance on patients' response to treatment, family and community participation in treatment process, and other relevant aspects of the care delivered
- Analysing reports of Mental Health Officers and evaluating the standard of care, rehabilitative methods and the availability of service to the community.
- Assessing the level of family and community participation and recommending changes for improvement.
- Organizing and implementing training and educational programmes for staff and community members and lectures at seminars and workshops.
- Evaluating the performance of Mental Health Officers and other members of the team.
- Providing counselling at the individual, group and family levels for clients, their relatives and other community members.
- Consulting with the medical team and other health officials in the management of the mentally ill.
- Liaising with social agencies, security personnel and other community members regarding the implementation of strategies to bring patients to early treatment.

- Establishing and maintaining co-operative working relationships with community groups, voluntary organizations and medical personnel working in the community.

Applications along with resume should be sent no later than **Tuesday, September 19, 2023** to:

**Director, Human Resource Management & Development  
Southern Regional Health Authority  
3 Brumalia Road  
Mandeville.**

**E-Mail - [jobs@srha.gov.jm](mailto:jobs@srha.gov.jm)**

**\*\*PLEASE INDICATE IN THE SUBJECT LINE THE NAME OF THE POSITION  
FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING\*\***

**NB. ONLY SHORTLISTED APPLICANTS WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED**