



# NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE ASSOCIATION

5660 Copley Drive • San Diego, CA 92111

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## JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

### CHARGE NURSE- PSYCHIATRIC

**DATE POSTED:** June 22, 2016

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** July 22, 2016

**Position no./ Range:** 0024/ 54.00

**Starting Pay/ Range:** \$24.33- \$26.86 p. hr.

**Hours of Work:** 8:00a- 5:00p

**Location:** 286 Euclid Ave. Ste. 102, SD, CA 92114

**Union Status:** Non- Union

**Status/ Hours:** FT/ Exempt

**No. of Weeks:** 52

**Dept./ Program:** Project Enable

#### Basic Job Assignment:

Under general supervision of the Program Director – Mental Health, supervises professional and assigned support staff; provides professional nursing care to mentally ill and emotionally disturbed clients on an outpatient basis; and performs related duties as assigned.

#### Employment Requirements:

The ideal candidate is a self-motivated, independent worker who possesses a solid knowledge of Supervisory principles and practices; Professional nursing principles, procedures, application, and techniques used in the care and treatment of psychiatric patients; Social, psychological and physical factors of mental and emotional disorders; Medical and psychological terminology; Control, preparation and administration of medications; California laws and regulations for the nursing profession and pertaining to psychiatric nursing and the treatment of mentally and emotionally disturbed patients; Theories, principles and techniques of group and individual psychotherapy; Organization and procedures of mental health treatment facilities and the use of multi-disciplinary treatment teams; Symptoms and behavior patterns of emotionally disturbed and mentally ill patients; Medical and psychiatric emergency procedures; and Community resources. The ideal candidate will have the ability to assign, schedule, review and evaluate the work of assigned staff; Anticipate and plan necessary in-service training and education; Develop interpersonal therapeutic relationships with psychiatric patients; Keep accurate written charts and records of patient activities and progress; Comply with laws, rules, regulations, protocols and procedures, including security requirements, applicable to psychiatric facilities; Use professional judgment to ascertain and apply appropriate intervention techniques with patients in crisis; Work cooperatively with medical and mental health professionals in a multi-disciplinary treatment setting; Assist in formal and informal individual and group counseling; and Communicate effectively, orally and in writing, with patients, their families and fellow staff members. The ideal candidate will also have demonstrated experience working with culturally and ethnically diverse, low income or no income clients and unique populations.

#### Qualifications:

- At least three years of full-time registered nursing experience in a psychiatric facility; **OR**
- An equivalent combination of training and experience. *A BSN will substitute for one year of the stated experience. An MSN will substitute for two years of the stated experience.*
- A current, valid Registered Nurse license issued by the state of California;
- Current CPR certification;
- TB test required upon hire and must be maintained every four years.



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### **Example of Major Functions:**

- Provides direction and supervision to professional nursing and assigned support staff, plans, organizes, schedules and supervises the work of assigned staff;
- Evaluates nursing/ support staff in the implementation of treatment plans and daily work performance;
- Facilitates staff meetings, coordinates necessary in-service training for professional nursing staff;
- Instructs nursing staff in procedures and techniques to be used in the program;
- Assists Program Director – Mental Health in implementing and improving program processes /procedures;
- Provides professional nursing care to mentally ill outpatients;
- Performs intake psychiatric interview and assessment; consults with psychiatrists and other mental health staff in designing appropriate treatment plans for clients and in ongoing treatment of patients;
- Initiates and continues treatment plans, ensures that necessary lab tests are completed, administers, monitors the use of and notes reactions to psychotropic drugs and other medications;
- Assesses clients in crisis situations and facilitates prompt resolution;
- With physician authorization, orders medications and refills as appropriate;
- Assists patients in obtaining, and makes appropriate referrals for, necessary or requested services (e.g., housing, food, etc.);
- Informs and/or instructs the patient and/or family members about the nature of the illness, any preventive measures, the medications prescribed and the possible side effects, etc.;
- Collaborates with nursing staff and program team members, family members, and, in some cases, hospitals, board and care facilities, pharmacists, conservators, etc.;
- Attends, participates in and provides information about assigned patients in daily meetings of nurses, weekly staff conferences and other case consultations;
- Works with family members, conservators, etc. to ensure medication compliance;
- Performs various administrative functions involved in patient care and program management, updates appropriate components of client charts, completes admittance and other necessary paperwork, enters necessary data and information, obtains and reviews medical records, and prepares necessary program reports.



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### **APPLICATION SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

Applications may be obtained at 5660 Copley Drive, San Diego, 92111; 841 S. 41<sup>st</sup> Street, San Diego 92113; or on the Agency website at [www.neighborhoodhouse.org](http://www.neighborhoodhouse.org). Completed applications may be mailed or delivered to the Human Resources Department at 5660 Copley Drive, San Diego, CA 92111 or scanned/emailed to: [recruiting@neighborhoodhouse.org](mailto:recruiting@neighborhoodhouse.org).

Applications must be fully completed (per instructions), signed, and dated when submitted. Any applicable supplemental application questions and/ or certifications must be attached to the application at the time the application is submitted. All statements on the application will be subject to verification and investigation prior to employment. In order for your education or certification(s) to be considered, you must attach a copy of your official degree transcripts or diploma or foreign equivalency report and/ or certification to your application. Please only submit the documents required.

- ***Please submit a DMV H-6 printout with your application.***

**NOTE:** Only those candidates being considered will be contacted for an interview and reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with qualified disabilities to perform the essential functions of job on a case by case basis.

### **BENEFITS:**

Eligible employees receive the following benefits: Vacation; sick leave; 13 holidays; 2 personal days and 4 days bereavement leave; medical; dental; life and disability insurance; Social Security and Retirement Plan.

### **INTRODUCTORY PERIOD:**

All regular appointees serve 6 months introductory period.

### **CITIZENSHIP/IMMIGRATION STATUS:**

In accordance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, Neighborhood House Association hires only U.S. citizens and others lawfully authorized to work in the U.S.

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