CAREER OPPORTUNITY

MENTAL HEALTH CLINICAL CHIEF (UC)
FORENSIC PSYCHIATRY

Filing Period Begins:
June 20, 2019

Annual Salary:
$191,568 - $335,928

This recruitment will remain open until the needs of the Department are met.
THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

With a population of more than 10 million people and 88 cities, Los Angeles County has more residents than any county in the nation. The County is governed by a five-member Board of Supervisors who are elected on a non-partisan basis and serve four-year terms. As the governing body, the Board of Supervisors serves as both the executive and legislative authority of the largest and most complex county government in the United States. The County has an annual budget in excess of $30 billion with over 35 major administrative units or Departments serving the needs of the County’s residents. The County employs over 111,000 full time personnel to serve its diverse population.

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) is the largest county mental health department in the country with a budget approaching $3 billion, 6,000 staff, and over 1,000 community contracts. The mission of the Department is to optimize the hope, recovery, and wellbeing of Los Angeles County’s most vulnerable through access to care and resources that promote not only independence and personal recovery but also connectedness and community reintegration.

FORENSIC PSYCHIATRY

The Mental Health Clinical Chief for Forensic Psychiatry will provide leadership, oversight and direction for all LACDMH programs designed to address the needs of justice involved populations across the lifespan. This position was created in response to jail diversion initiatives for both adult and juvenile offenders. As we transition non-violent offenders out of incarcerated settings and back into the community it will be essential to have a Mental Health Clinical Chief to coordinate efforts with multiple partners including the LA County Departments of Correctional Health, Health Services, Public Health (Substance Abuse Prevention and Control), Office of Diversion and Reentry, Sheriff, Probation and Juvenile Justice. The Mental Health Clinical Chief will have direct responsibility for LACDMH programs including but not limited to Adult Probation (AB 109), Juvenile Justice, Forensic Fellowship Training and Mental Health Court Linkage.
THE POSITION OVERVIEW

The Mental Health Clinical Chief will be charged with developing and implementing timely and innovative care pathways for individuals who are diverted from jails, juvenile halls and camps into alternative treatment settings. This will require deep knowledge of the courts and legal system as well as LACDMH treatment resources, both directly operated and contracted programs. The Mental Health Clinical Chief will manage a diverse team responsible for delivering results using complex tracking systems and multiple data sources. This will allow LACDMH to engage in close collaborations with other agencies, organizations academic institutions, groups, and individuals dedicated to eradication of the unnecessary incarceration of those with serious mental illnesses and preventing them from ever entering into the criminal justice system.

REQUIREMENTS

Completion of a residency approved by an American Specialty Board in Psychiatry, two years post-residency experience in psychiatry, one year of which must have been in medical-administrative capacity or in a community mental health program –AND– a California State Physician and Surgeon’s certificate authorized by the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of California. Candidates with post-graduate subspecialty training including Forensic, Child/Adolescent and Addictions Psychiatry are highly preferred.

IDEAL CANDIDATE

The ideal candidate will have expertise in the Forensic and Justice involved treatment settings, a dynamic leadership style and strong interpersonal skills that will foster interagency collaborations. The candidate will oversee an interdisciplinary team of highly specialized mental health professionals composed of physicians, nurses, psychologists, psychiatric social workers, peers, and other personnel.

COMPENSATION & BENEFITS

The appointee will receive an annual salary, commensurate with qualification, as well as an excellent program of benefits that allows employees to choose the benefits that meet their specific needs.

- **Retirement Plan** – New appointees will participate in a contributory defined plan.

- **Cafeteria Benefit Plan** – The County funds its cafeteria plan using a tax-free contribution of an additional 14.5% to 17% of the employee’s monthly salary.

- **Flexible Spending Accounts** – In addition to tax-free medical and dependent care spending accounts, the County contributes $75 per month to an employee’s dependent care spending account.

- **Savings Plan (401k)** – Optional tax-deferred income plan that may include a County matching contribution up to 4% of employee’s salary.

- **Deferred Compensation Plan (457)** – Optional tax-deferred income plan that may include a County matching contribution up to 4% of employee’s salary.

- **Holidays** – 12 paid days per year.
HOW TO APPLY

Qualified candidates are invited to submit a statement of interest, a resume detailing positions held in a managerial capacity, and a copy of a valid professional licensure.

Please submit required documents to: exams@dmh.lacounty.gov

In the subject line of the email, please indicate:
Mental Health Clinical Chief (UC)
Forensic Psychiatry

If you have any questions, please contact:
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