

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
EMERGENCY OUTREACH BUREAU
Mental Evaluation Team – North County
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**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
Psychiatric Social Worker II
Mental Health Clinician II
*Mental Health Counselor, RN***

This position will work a 5/40 schedule (**Tuesday through Saturday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm or 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm**) within the North County (Palmdale, Lancaster and Santa Clarita) and will work in partnership with the Los Angeles Sheriffs performing field crisis evaluations and other calls for service. The positions will work under the oversight of supervisory staff. Within agency guidelines and professional standards, clinicians of these positions team up with a deputy in law enforcement vehicles to provide mobile emergency services to persons with a mental health disorder. Primary assignments require that the clinicians be able to consistently and effectively intervene, in acute and life threatening situations, in order to prevent harm to others, harm to self and assist with the basic needs such as food, clothing and shelter for those individuals who are incapable of securing these necessities due to a severe and persistent mental illness. Positions allocable to this program also provide mental health consultation services to other health disciplines, law enforcement agencies, other community agencies, and families of the consumers.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:

- Provide outreach, engagement, and linkage services within the North County to persons who have or are risk for mental illness.
- Provide mobile psychiatric assessment and evaluation for voluntary and involuntary hospitalization. Depending upon the apparent seriousness of the situation, signs application for immediate 72 hour detention at a LPS hospital facility, schedules an appointment for evaluation and treatment at a Mental Health Clinic, or makes referrals and linkages.
- Provide mobile crisis intervention to communities, families and consumers.
- Respond to consumers decompensating and in need immediate work with law enforcement to assist persons facing eviction and suspected of having mental disorders.
- Respond to requests from Adult Protective Services, Department of Children Services, and schools when police assistance is required at the scene.
- Avert violent confrontations between consumers and law enforcement through the use of verbal de-escalation techniques.
- Participate in providing roll-call training at Sheriff's stations.
- Provide consultation services to community agencies, county directly operated clinics; county contracted clinics, family members and schools to advise the consultee on the utilization of the Law Enforcement/Mental Health Teams pertinent to the recognition of mental health crisis dealt with by these facilities.

Interested individuals holding title to the above positions are encouraged to email their resume, by

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