

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
EMERGENCY OUTREACH BUREAU
*Law Enforcement Mental Health
LAPD Mental Evaluation Unit
SMART & CAMP***

**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
*Mental Health Counselor, RN
(2 vacancies available)***

This position will work Wednesday thru Saturday; 10:00am to 8:30pm within the City of Los Angeles and will work in partnership with the Los Angeles Police Department performing field crisis evaluations and other calls for service. Position will work under the oversight of supervisory staff. Within agency guidelines and professional standards, clinicians of these positions team up with a police officer 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 City of Los Angeles 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 to LAPD Police officers.
- 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 **FAX** their resume, by Friday, April 19, 2013 to:

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