



King County

Invites Applications for the Position of:

Designated Crisis Responder/Involuntary Commitment Specialist

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King County is committed to equity and diversity in the workplace. In addition, the county is committed to recruiting and maintaining a quality workforce that shares our guiding principles: collaborative, service-oriented, results-focused, accountable, innovative, professional and fair and just.

OPENING DATE/TIME: 09/12/18 12:00 AM (GMT -8:00)

CLOSING DATE/TIME: 09/26/18 11:59 PM (GMT -8:00)

SALARY: \$36.00 - \$45.63 Hourly

LOCATION: Chinook Building - 401 5th Ave, Seattle

JOB TYPE: Career Service, Full Time, 37.5 hrs/week

DIVISION: Department of Community & Human Services

JOB NUMBER: 2018SC8595

SUMMARY:

The Department of Community and Human Services values diverse perspectives and life experiences. The Department encourages people of all backgrounds to apply, including people of color, immigrants, refugees, women, LGBTQ, people with disabilities, veterans, and those with lived experiences.

The Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) provides equitable opportunities for people to be healthy, happy, self-reliant and connected to community.

JOIN OUR HIGHLY SKILLED CRISIS & COMMITMENT SERVICES (CCS) TEAM MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS!

The responsibilities of the Involuntary Commitment Specialist (ICS)/Designated Crisis Responder includes investigating cases of adults and juveniles believed to have behavioral health disorders and to be a danger to themselves, others, property and/or who are gravely disabled. Incumbents determine whether these persons should be involuntarily committed for treatment under RCW 71.05 and RCW 71.34 and coordinate cases through the legal system. The ICS team provides

investigation services for involuntary detention on a 24-hour-a-day basis and must be able to meet with and interview patients in a variety of physical locations with difficult access, such as apartments on upper floors with no elevator service, alleys, parks, homeless camps and under bridges. Incumbents must also be able to anticipate and respond to threats by potentially hostile or violent patients.

Crisis and Commitment Services unit's mission is to provide quality care, and to protect public safety while maintaining individual rights by attempting to resolve the crisis in the least restrictive manner.

WHO MAY APPLY: The Department of Community and Human Services values diverse perspectives and life experiences. The Department encourages people of all backgrounds to apply, including people of color, immigrants, refugees, women, LGBTQ, people with disabilities, veterans, and those with lived experiences.

REQUIRED MATERIALS: Candidates who wish to be considered for these positions must submit an online King County application and respond to the supplemental questions.

WORK SCHEDULE/CONDITIONS: The part time positions typically work three 9.5 hour shifts per week (0.7125 FTE). The full time positions typically work four 9.5 hour shifts per week (0.95 FTE). Successful candidates must be available to testify at ITA court and attend staff meetings and/or mandatory trainings on scheduled days off. These positions are eligible for overtime (nonexempt) with supervisory pre-approval. Candidates must be willing to work in environments which may cause exposure to communicable diseases.

UNION MEMBERSHIP: Positions in this classification are represented by SEIU Local 925.

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JOB DUTIES:

- Work collaboratively with community partners (i.e. hospital, evaluation and treatment facility, law enforcement, court, families, witnesses, etc.) to assist in evaluation and disposition plan for patients.
- Complete required legal forms and written documentation of investigation activities.
- Make a legal decision as to whether an individual meets the statutory requirements to be taken into custody and involuntarily hospitalized under RCW 71.05 and 71.34.
- Determine nature and level of crisis; provide crisis intervention; assess credibility of witnesses; coordinate with law enforcement and treatment agencies; determine if statutory requirements are met.
- Ensure proper preparation and filing of legal papers; prepare declarations; serve subpoenas and notice of hearings; consult with King County Prosecuting Attorney and public defender; testify in court. If the ICS testimony is necessary to proceed in court hearing, may be required to be available to the court on scheduled time off
- Maintain all aspects of case file in a timely manner and communicate with colleagues to ensure efficiency and completeness of record.
- Advocate for patients to obtain appropriate treatment and continuity of care. Provide assistance in finding less-restrictive alternatives to involuntary detention.
- Educate patients' families, service agencies and the community regarding clinical issues, legal issues and treatment alternatives.
- Participate in training new colleagues in the field, when so assigned, as mutually agreed to by supervisor and training employee.

- Provide shadowing opportunities for community partners approved by management to shadow the ICS, as long as it does not impede with safety.
- Perform other related duties as assigned.

EXPERIENCE, QUALIFICATIONS, KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS:

- Must meet and maintain the definition of a Mental Health Professional as defined in WAC 388-877-0500. Must maintain a Washington State Department of Health license or registration in good standing.
- Must be able to pass initial and all subsequent King County Jail clearance.
- Be physically able to safely enter and rapidly exit residences throughout King County.
- Proficiency using MS Word, Outlook, and the Internet with the ability to learn electronic record systems.
- Participate in annual safety training and all required trainings.
- Maintain a valid, unencumbered Washington State Driver's License.
- Knowledge of RCW 71.05 and RCW 71.34 and related WACs and the legal process of detention and commitment.
- Knowledge of social services network and programs/resources offering alternatives to involuntary detention.
- Knowledge and experience in direct treatment of people living with mental illness
- Demonstrated crisis intervention skills.
- Ability to pass a pre employment/post offer Washington State Background Check
- Ability to pass a pre employment/post offer physical examination including lifting up to 35 lbs. and/or ability to climb stairs.
- Desired: Background in chemical dependency or addiction assessments and knowledge of available services.