

# **Williamson County Job Description**

**Department/Office: Sheriff's Office**



## **Mental Health Physician Assistant or Nurse Practitioner**

### **JOB SUMMARY**

Reporting directly to the Jail Clinical Coordinator, and under the direction of the Jail Medical Director, responsible for providing mental health assessments, diagnosis, and treatment to inmates in the jail setting.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Currently certified and licensed to work in Texas as a Mid-Level practitioner (NP or PA). Able to respond to emergency and routine assessments and treatment as outlined in the medical protocols provided and in line with state law and the standard of care.
- No medically related discipline resulting in a suspension of any kind to date of posting.
- Passes Williamson County background check and drug screen.

### **ESSENTIAL DUTIES:**

- Provides assessments, diagnosis, treatment, and information to inmates in the jail.
- Responds to emergency and non-emergency circumstances.
- Testifies as a witness in civil and criminal court proceedings, when necessary.
- Maintains knowledge of technical and operating principals, practices, and problems of Mental Health laws.
- Maintains general knowledge of the Health and Safety Code, and the Standards of Care as outlined in Texas Commission on Jail Standards concerning Health Services.
- Maintains licensing requirements such as continued education, ACLS, CPR, etc.
- Works closely within a team consisting of MHMR professionals and jail medical staff to provide timely care to inmates with mental illness, substance abuse disorders and detoxification.
- Able to be utilized as back-up on occasions with family practice/ emergency level of care for inmates.
- Performs special duties as assigned.
- Attends certification schools and maintains qualifications each year as needed.

### **ORGANIZATION RELATIONSHIPS**

- Reports directly to – Jail Clinical Coordinator.
- Accountable to the Medical Director for Standards of Care.

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#### **LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS**

##### **Required**

- Current Physician Assistant or Nurse Practitioner graduation and certification.
- Fluency in English.

#### **PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS (may be obtained during first year of assignment)**

- Background in ER/Family Practice with specialty in Mental Health.
- At least 4 years' experience as a licensed PA/NP or equivalent.
- Spanish is preferred but not mandatory.

#### **PHYSICAL DEMANDS**

- Position involves hearing audible sounds and speaking in a clear, understandable voice
- Position involves 5 day/ week schedule but may involve Tuesday-Saturday or Sunday - Thursday.
- Position involves being available for rotating telephonic on- call.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS**

- Job may involve danger due to contact with criminals and suspects.

#### **IRREGULAR HOURS**

- Work schedules must be flexible to accommodate the needs of the Department. The possibility of working evenings and weekends is a possibility.

#### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

- Submit letter of interest including experience and relevant training to Rachel Choron, Rachel.choron@wilco.org no later than Monday, October 25, 2021 at 5:00pm.

#### **SELECTION PROCESS**

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