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Classification Description

MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SOCIAL WORKER SUPERVISOR

<u>Class Title</u>	<u>Class Code</u>	<u>Pay Band</u>	<u>Alt Pay Band*</u>
Mental Health & Sub Abuse Soc Wk Supv.	G1023S	70	

**In accordance with SPB Rule 1.7.4.10 NMAC, the assignment to alternative pay bands shall be reviewed annually to determine their appropriateness.*

Purpose

Devotes a substantial portion of time assigning and directly supervising work of at least two (2) full time equivalent employees**, acting upon leave requests, conducting annual performance evaluations and recommending disciplinary actions. Interviewing and recommending selection of applicants and conducting training of personnel. Assesses and treats individuals with mental, emotional or substance abuse problems, including abuse of alcohol, tobacco and/or other drugs. Activities may include individual and group therapy, crisis intervention, case management, client advocacy, prevention and education.

Nature of Work

The Mental Health & Substance Abuse Social Worker Supervisor devotes a substantial portion of time assigning and directly supervising work of at least two (2) full time equivalent employees and assesses and treats individuals with mental illness or substance abuse problems. Such services include individual and group therapy, outreach, crisis intervention, social rehabilitation, and teaching skills needed for everyday living. They also may help plan for supportive services to ease clients' return to the community when leaving in-patient facilities. They may provide services to assist family members of those who suffer from addiction or other mental health issues. These supervisors may work in outpatient facilities, where clients come in for treatment and then leave, or in inpatient programs, where patients reside at the facility. Some mental health and substance social worker supervisors may work in employee-assistance programs. In this setting, they may help people cope with job-related pressures or with personal problems that affect the quality of their work. Other social worker supervisors work in private practice, where they are employed directly by the client.

Distinguishing Characteristics

The omission of specific statements does not preclude management from assigning other duties which are reasonably within the scope of the duties.

- Devotes a substantial portion of time assigning and directly supervising work of at least two (2) permanent/full time employees. Acts upon leave requests, conducts annual performance evaluations and recommends disciplinary actions.
- Conducts training of personnel; may interview and recommend selection of applicants.
- Provides career coaching through mentoring and arranges for outside training opportunities when possible.

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- Makes well-informed, effective, and timely decisions and perceives the impact and implications of those decisions.
- Makes point of view in a clear and convincing manner.
- Listens effectively and clarifies information as needed.
- Identifies and analyzes problems; weighs relevance and accuracy of information; generates and evaluates alternative solutions; makes recommendations.
- Writes in a clear and concise manner.
- Employees in this Role provide consultations in case management, service delivery, assessment, and policies and procedures.
- Employees recommend program development to provide substance abuse services; consult on case analysis findings and make comprehensive recommendations; perform DSM-IV diagnosing; complete advanced and specialized psychosocial assessments, treatment plans, client progress reports and discharge plans; and confer with psychiatrists and other professionals regarding cases.

Recommended Education and Experience for Full Performance

Bachelor's Degree in Human Services, Social Sciences, Social Work or Counseling and four (4) years of experience in mental health or substance abuse counseling.

Minimum Qualifications

Bachelor's Degree in Human Services, Social Sciences, Social Work or Counseling and three (3) years of experience in mental health and/or substance abuse counseling. Any combination of education from an accredited college or university in a related field and/or direct experience in this occupation totaling seven (7) years may substitute for the required education and experience.

Knowledge and Skills

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Knowledge

Leadership - Knowledge of leading through influence and persuasion by establishing mutual trust, respect, and loyalty, through shared beliefs, values, and goals; Being cognizant of subordinates' needs, goals, and aspirations, and to carefully consider these personal variables when making decisions.

Therapy and Counseling — Knowledge of principles, methods, and procedures for diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of physical and mental dysfunctions, and for career counseling and guidance.

Psychology — Knowledge of human behavior and performance; individual differences in ability, personality, and interests; learning and motivation; psychological research methods; and the assessment and treatment of behavioral and affective disorders.

Customer and Personal Service — Knowledge of principles and processes for providing customer and personal services. This includes customer needs assessment, meeting quality standards for services, and evaluation of customer satisfaction.

Sociology and Anthropology — Knowledge of group behavior and dynamics, societal trends and influences, human migrations, ethnicity, cultures and their history and origins.

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English Language — Knowledge of the structure and content of the English language including the meaning and spelling of words, rules of composition, and grammar.

Education and Training — Knowledge of principles and methods for curriculum and training design, teaching and instruction for individuals and groups, and the measurement of training effects.

Philosophy and Theology — Knowledge of different philosophical systems and religions. This includes their basic principles, values, ethics, ways of thinking, customs, practices, and their impact on human culture.

Law and Government — Knowledge of laws, legal codes, court procedures, precedents, government regulations, executive orders, agency rules, and the democratic political process.

Skills

Leadership - Displaying attributes that makes employees willing to follow; applying effort to increase productiveness in areas needing the most improvement; establishing a spirit of cooperation and cohesion for achieving goals; making the right things happen on time; providing performance feedback, coaching, and career development to individuals to maximize their probability of success; giving subordinates the authority to get things accomplished in the most efficient and timely manner.

Social Perceptiveness — Being aware of others' reactions and understanding why they react as they do.

Active Listening — Giving full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate, and not interrupting at inappropriate times.

Speaking — Talking to others to convey information effectively.

Service Orientation — Actively looking for ways to help people.

Critical Thinking — Using logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems.

Reading Comprehension — Understanding written sentences and paragraphs in work related documents.

Coordination — Adjusting actions in relation to others' actions.

Monitoring — Monitoring/Assessing performance of yourself, other individuals, or organizations to make improvements or take corrective action.

Complex Problem Solving — Identifying complex problems and reviewing related information to develop and evaluate options and implement solutions.

Writing — Communicating effectively in writing as appropriate for the needs of the audience.

Statutory Requirements: Current license as a Social Worker at the Bachelor's level issued by the New Mexico Social Work Examiners Board. Copy of current license/registration/certification must be presented at time of hire.

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Conditions of Employment: Working Conditions for individual positions in this classification will vary based on each *agency's utilization, essential functions, and the recruitment needs* at the time a vacancy is posted. All requirements are subject to possible modification to reasonably accommodate individuals with disabilities.

Default FLSA Status: Exempt.

Bargaining Unit: N/A

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***Means two (2) or any combination of full-time equivalent (FTE) status that equals at least two (2) regular or term status employees in non-temporary positions.*

****Adapted from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics and are intended to illustrate the typical education and experience required for this occupation. Not to be construed as minimum qualifications.*

Note: Classification description subject to change. Please refer to the SPO website www.spo.state.nm.us to ensure this represents the most current copy of the description.