POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Position Title: DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL SERVICES, WESTERN STATE HOSPITAL

Location: Pierce County – Lakewood, Washington

Department: Department of Social and Health Services

Salary Minimum: $195,840

Salary Maximum: $220,000

The Director of Medical Services serves as a leader and subject matter expert in providing exceptional psychiatric care and has the ability to manage our staff of psychiatrists. The Director of Medical Services is responsible for the day to day operational success of the Department of Psychiatry, which includes core operations such as inpatient Psychiatric care, treatment plans, strategic direction, policy development, certification, accreditation and fiscal management of resources.

Located near the Puget Sound, the hospital provides evaluation and inpatient treatment for individuals with serious or long-term mental illness that have been referred to the hospital through the Regional Support Networks (RSN) or the legal system. Many patients admitted to WSH meet diagnostic criteria for dual diagnoses and most carry a diagnosis of substance abuse or developmental disability as well as mental illness. The hospital operates 24 hours per day, seven days per week. With a staff of 1800, an annual budget of $165M and 827 patients, the hospital has four units, the Center for Forensic Services (CFS), the Psychiatric Treatment and Recovery Center (PTRC), the PTRC Older Adults and Specialized Services, and Habilitation Mental Health (HMH). CFS has a bed capacity of 270 and is made up of 9 wards. PTRC has a bed capacity of 527 and is made up of 18 wards that include Central, South Halls and East Campus. HMH has a bed capacity of 30 and made up of 2 wards. The hospital has a total of 29 wards.

As a Director of Medical Services, you will be the Department Head for Psychiatry and the Supervising Psychiatrist for the Psychiatric Treatment Recovery Center (PTRC) and will assure that standards of patient care and psychiatric/medical services are consistent with current professional expectations for accreditation and regulatory bodies, while providing support to the Medical Staff.

Minimum Qualifications:
We are looking for someone who has a valid license or are license eligible to practice medicine in the State of Washington and has completed the ACGME approved residency training program in Psychiatry and are certified or certification eligible by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. Additionally, we need someone with at least two years of post-eligibility practice in an inpatient hospital setting providing care for psychiatric patients.

Preferred Qualifications:
- Knowledge of evidence based psychiatric practice and psychopharmacology;
- Knowledge of evidence base psychosocial therapies, trauma informed care and emerging concepts in recovery from mental illness.
- Experience in supervising, mentoring, and training.

Salary commensurate with education and experience: $195,840 - $220,000

For consideration of this role, please forward a cover letter and vita or resume detailing your experience, and three professional references, with current contact information to:

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