

**Position Title: Psychiatrist, Pathways to Housing Program
Assertive Community Treatment Team**

Agency: Boyle McCauley Community Health Centre, Edmonton Alberta

Position Profile:

The Pathways to Housing Program, initiated in November 2009, is a program of The Boyle McCauley Health Centre which for 30+ years has provided primary health services in Edmonton's inner city. The program is funded by the Homeward Trust Foundation which, in turn, is funded by various levels of government to achieve the goal of ending homelessness in Edmonton and Alberta within 10 years.

The Pathways to Housing Program ends homelessness for people who suffer from complex and serious psychiatric disabilities usually co-occurring with problematic or addiction substance use issues and with significant medical and social problems by:

- providing immediate access to permanent independent scattered site market housing without requiring treatment or sobriety as a precondition;
- providing street level outreach community support and treatment with a philosophy that is founded in the principles of consumer choice and harm reduction;
- providing services which are 'Best Practices' evidence informed and contributing to such evidence to find new and effective approaches to recovery and community integration for this marginalized population.

The Psychiatrist is a participating member of the inter-disciplinary Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) team providing comprehensive wrap-around treatment, support and rehabilitation/recovery services for the clients of the program. In addition to the psychiatrist, the team members include, a team leader, 2 nurses (1 each BSN and RPN), OT-Life Skills specialist, BSW-Benefits specialist, BSW-Supported Employment specialist, RT-Community integration/Leisure skills specialist, General Practice Physician, Mental Health Therapist, Program Support Assistants and Housing Support Workers. It is a team case management model where all the clients are clients of the Program team as a whole. This requires that all team members are current with the all the clients, their situation and recovery program goals. All treatment/recovery plans are client-centered and developed conjointly as a team.

The Psychiatrist, as specialist, is responsible for providing psychiatric clinical leadership in the team as well as providing the psychiatric medicine components of the program. In the lead role, the psychiatrist educates, supports and supervises other team members in providing psychiatric recovery treatments. Once established, a psychiatric residency program with the University of Alberta will be explored.

Additionally, in a conjoint role with other team members, the Psychiatrist will participate in developing and delivering specialized and targeted program components with clients such mental illness information, depression management, trauma recovery therapy, addictions recovery etc.

Qualifications include registration or eligibility for registration with the Alberta College of Physicians and Surgeons and a FRCPC designation. Experience and education in addiction/concurrent disorders would be an asset.

This is a hourly-salaried contract position to a maximum of 0.8 FTE (60 hours biweekly) based on MSP hourly specialist rates plus an additional hourly community practice incentive. This enables full participation in team meetings, case planning, consultations, travel, education, training to be compensated at the same hourly rate. No MSP billing is required and WCB premiums are employer paid. All clerical and office support are provided as well as program expenses such as mileage and meeting expenses. Regular office hours are 0830-1630 M-F, however the scheduled hours are flexible and will be worked out with the incumbent.

A lesser FTE contract can be considered as would be a shared split of the FTE by two physicians.

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