

Washoe County Sheriff's Office

Medication Assisted Treatment Program

Job Announcement

Date: 4/17/2024

Position: Behavioral Health Specialist / MAT Counselor

Job Type: Contracted – 1099-C – Grant Funded

License:

- License to practice addiction counseling (CADC/LADC/LCADC) in the State of Nevada
- *City of Reno Business License
- Professional liability insurance

Required Experience:

- Minimum of one year experience with addiction counseling services to include individual counseling and group counseling, treatment planning and referral services.
- Utilization of the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria in the assessment and treatment of individuals struggling with substance use disorders.
- Knowledge of Medication Assisted Treatment guidelines outlined by SAMSHA and the FDA approved medications to treat Opioid Use Disorder and Alcohol Use Disorder.
- Knowledge of community resources for addiction treatment and/or transitional living programs.
- Experience working with Law Enforcement / Criminal Justice preferred, not required.

Job Description:

Bureau of Justice – Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Grant Funded contract position for the Washoe County Sheriff's Office – Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program. The MAT counselor is under the auspices of the Detention Services Unit (DSU) at the Washoe County Detention Facility and will be working directly with persons incarcerated in the county jail.

The MAT Counselor position will join and augment the current multidisciplinary team by providing individual addiction counseling services, substance use evaluations as needed, treatment planning, discharge planning and referrals for inmates who are in the MAT Program.

*The position is a 1099 independent contractor position and requires a City of Reno Business License. You will be responsible for IRS "self-employment tax" on all contractual payments.

The position does not include medical/dental benefits, sick/vacation/PTO, or retirement benefits.

Examples of Duties:

(The following is used as a partial description and is not restrictive as to duties required.)

- Provide individual addiction counseling to MAT Program participants.
- Document session notes, treatment plans and updates.
- Administer substance use evaluations utilizing ASAM six dimensions and writing evaluation narrative with ASAL Level of Care recommendation.
- Participate in weekly staffing meetings.
- Collaborate with DSU Team for services such as referrals and discharge planning for participants.
- Work to ensure high levels of service delivery are maintained, sharing information and resources, and coordinating activities in order to ensure service deliveries meet goals, standards and expectations.

Ability To:

- Communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.
- Evaluate work priorities, procedures and processes to determine their effectiveness and efficiency.
- Maintain effective working relationships with other agencies, community representatives, vendors, clients, media, division staff and representatives of other departments.
- Use office equipment including computers, copiers, telephone, and FAX machines.
- Sit for extended periods of time.
- Traverse secured facility to Programs Department and/or Housing Units/Area Controls.
- Lift and move objects weighing up to 25lbs.
- Provide copies of licensure, business license and proof of professional liability insurance.
- Provide a list of three professional and three personal references.
- Candidates must be able to pass a drug test and a background check.

Interested candidates are encouraged to apply by sending a copy of your CV and/or Resume and References list to Sergeant Mark Kester and Maggie Dickson, MAT Program Manager/Clinician with the Washoe County's Sheriff's Office, Detention Services Unit at mkester@washoecount.gov AND mdickson@washoecounty.gov