



Position Description

Senior Clinician Mental Health

Award or EBA:	Medical Scientists, Pharmacists and Psychologists Enterprise Agreement Health Professionals Community Health Centre (Stand Alone Services) Social and Community Service Employees Multi Enterprise Agreement Social and Community Services Award and Community Health Enterprise Agreement
Classification/Grade:	Psychologists Grade 3 Occupational Therapists Grade 3 Social Workers Grade 6
Directorate:	Mental Health, Family Violence and Community
Reports to:	Team Leader Mental Health
Direct Reports:	Nil

Our vision is ensuring the health and wellbeing of our community. Our [values](#) are:



Inclusion
We create an equal and more respectful world by making space and standing with people of all backgrounds.



Integrity
Our ethics, fairness and transparency drive actions and outcomes that we can all feel proud of.



Excellence
We believe in extraordinary service and we achieve it by going the extra mile to help others.



Innovation
We look to a better and brighter tomorrow to shape the potential today.



Collaboration
We work together to nurture the ideal conditions for our community to thrive.

About Us

Over the past three years, DPV Health has embarked on an exciting cultural transformation called the DPV Health Way. This included a values refresh, with renewed focus on Our People, their contribution to our organisation and community and enforcing our commitment to excellent care, supporting every employee in leading a happy, balanced, fulfilling life; no matter who they are, where they are from — or where they are going. Our workplace culture is committed to DPV Health values and celebrates workforce diversity reinforcing the positive approach we have to the way people contribute, communicate, engage and interact.

Our People deserve to feel empowered and supported as they pursue their professional goals, learn new skills, and achieve meaningful milestones in their work. At DPV Health, we foster an environment that promotes greater growth, innovation, and collaboration, so you can feel elevated every day.

We invest in Our People, proudly offering a diverse range of opportunities including knowledge sharing, ongoing learning and development, leadership development, connectedness, and celebration; these are key pillars in our culture.

About the Role

DPV Health offers a whole of life mental health service that is co-led by consumers and carers, embraces all levels of evidence to support each individual's recovery.

The Senior Mental Health Clinician will work as part of a team which provides triage, comprehensive mental health assessment, risk assessment and management, psychological intervention, and evidence-based therapy to people within a community-based care setting.

The clinician coordinates the clinical delivery of treatment and care, making sure people and their families receive timely, responsive, and suitable services to meet their needs. This role ensures that the service performs as a best practice example, and that the care delivered to people is of the highest possible standard.

Senior clinicians work autonomously providing a range of services including but not limited to secondary consultations, professional development, clinical supervision, assessment and systemic treatment, the consultant psychiatrist is available for second opinions and support.

Purpose and Scope of the position:

- Substantial clinical experience in a range of clinical mental health settings with highly developed mental health assessment skills.
- Demonstrated experience in the provision of mental health and risk assessments, capacity to formulate, make differential or provisional diagnoses, and provide brief solution focussed therapies.
- Demonstrated experience in suicide prevention or capacity to gain the experience swiftly.
- Knowledge and application of the biopsychosocial framework.
- Knowledge of and ability to deliver therapeutic modalities including but not limited to single session work, motivational interviewing, cognitive behaviour therapy, Acceptance Commitment Therapy, Interpersonal Therapy, Dialectical Behaviour Therapy, Schema, Mindfulness Cognitive Therapy, etc.
- Ability to deliver DBT (Dialectical Behaviour Therapy) skills group – highly desirable.
- Strong capability in delivering Cognitive Analytical Therapy – highly desirable.

Roles Key Accountabilities

Service Delivery

- Undertakes psychiatric assessments of makes diagnoses and works with the consumer and their family to develop a recovery plan.
- Uses evidence-based instruments that are tailored for the situation the consumer is facing.
- Provides ongoing treatment or makes recommendations for such in consultation with consultant.
- Deliver therapeutic interventions that are evidenced based, delivered individually, as a couple or group.
- Provides psychoeducation – individually, group or community.
- Embrace evidence, caring, 'can do' and partnership as a basic tenet underpinning the philosophy.
- Negotiate multiple complex systems of care to the benefit of service users and their families.
- Ensure that treatment and care is delivered in a manner, which is sensitive to language, family needs, cultural gender, and individual differences and within the regulatory framework applicable to clinical mental health services.
- Provide user-friendly, accurate, relevant information to service users, carers, and families.
- Participate in the review of therapeutic goals, treatment, and care within the clinical review setting.
- Contribute to the ongoing development and maintenance of a therapeutic environment and a collaborative team atmosphere.

Management/Supervision:

- Identify professional development goals & pursue opportunities for learning.
- Participate in assisting with clinical fieldwork placements to students and participate in the education and training of students of other disciplines.
- Participate in and contribute to ongoing professional development activities and in-service training.
- Provide orientation to students & new staff of all disciplines.
- Provide supervision to junior clinicians.
- Provides and participates in professional development – specifically training to DPV staff on evidenced base practice modalities.

Culture, Engagement, Diversity – People Experience

- Demonstrates behaviours aligned with DPV Health Values and Code of Conduct.
- Participate in regular supervision, annual work plans and annual performance reviews.
- Actively participate in all required training, inductions, and development.
- Actively participate in and attend organisationally required meetings in a positive constructive manner. Offering balanced views and seeking solutions.
- Actively supports and demonstrates inclusive behaviour with a zero tolerance for any bullying, harassment, and inappropriate conduct.

Health and Safety

- Take reasonable care to ensure no risk of harm to self and others in the workplace. This includes immediately reporting any incidents, near miss, hazards and injuries.
- Comply with relevant Occupational Health and Safety laws, standards, safe work practices, policies and procedures and attend all safety initiatives, improvements & training.
- Demonstrate safe work behaviours and conducting work in accordance with our safety management system.

Risk Management and Compliance – Quality and Accreditation

- Ensure documentation supports both quality and department standards.
- Actively identify, monitor and manage areas of key risk and lead appropriate escalation and response.
- Actively monitor and improve the quality and safety of their care and services.
- Identify risks as they emerge and proactively address new and known risks.
- Commitment to partnering with clients to facilitate effective engagement and participation.

Clinical Expectations/Competencies

- Clinicians and Clinical Supervisors are expected to retain (or where appropriate be eligible for) appropriate registration or the equivalent relevant to their profession.
- Clinicians and Clinical Supervisors are expected to build and maintain effective relationships with your clients to empower and support directive client care.
- Clinicians and Clinical Supervisors are expected to provide and/or support, the delivery of high-quality clinical care.
- Clinicians and Clinical Supervisors are expected to commit to continuous improvements and seeking and acting on client feedback.
- Clinicians and Clinical Supervisors are expected to keep abreast of recent evidence-based therapies and/or treatments/practices/guidelines/frameworks related to practice/support/supervision, and
- Clinicians and Clinical Supervisors are expected to keep abreast of current research and identify relevant opportunities for innovation & research.
- Clinicians and Clinical Supervisors are expected to support and maintain all accreditation standards relevant to the discipline and services provided.

This position description contains the key roles and responsibilities and associated performance indicators for this position. The above list is not intended to be complete. Other tasks may be assigned from time to time to meet the needs of the organisation. Specific actions and objectives of this role will be outlined through the goal setting and review process.

DPV Health Requirements

- Current Victorian Drivers Licence
- NDIS Clearance Check
- Travel between sites is required.
- International Residency Stat Dec and International Police Check (if required)
- Valid Working with Children Check
- Satisfactory Police Check
- Vaccination Status as per category

Authority

The occupant of this position has authority as per the delegation manual.

Key Selection Criteria

Qualifications, knowledge, skills and experience

- Clinical Psychologists: Registration under the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act (2009) with the Psychology Board of Australia. General registration with a clinical psychology practice endorsement.
- Occupational Therapists: Registration under the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act (2009) with the Occupational Therapy Board of Australia. An approved Degree from a recognised school of Occupational Therapy or other qualifications approved for eligibility for membership of the Australian Association of Occupational Therapy (Vic.).
- Registered Psychiatric Nurses: Registration as a registered nurse under the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act (2009) with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia. Bachelor Degree in Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing or equivalent, or, Bachelor Degree in Nursing plus a Postgraduate qualification in Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing.
- Social Workers: An approved degree in Social Work and eligibility for membership of the Australian Association of Social Workers.

Specific qualifications, knowledge and experience that are required for the role

- Comply with all legal requirements pertaining to the position including responsibility for maintaining current registration as required by your professional organisation or other applicable Acts.
- Knowledge of mental health and mental illness.
- Demonstrated experience in the mental health assessment, management and provision of therapeutic interventions including couple and group work.
- Knowledge and understanding of the Relevant Acts and their relationship to professional practice.
- Commitment to working with consumers from various ethnic backgrounds.
- Capacity to support the development of other team members while working as a member of a multi-disciplinary team.
- Skills in liaison, collaboration and negotiation with other service providers, consumers and carer groups and other community agencies.
- Demonstrated commitment to ongoing professional development.
- Computer literacy is essential.
- Current Driver's License.

Desirable qualifications, knowledge and experience that are required for the role

- Understanding of Family Violence and trauma informed practice.
- Experience using interpreters.
- Understanding of family violence and MARAM.

Communication and interpersonal approach

- Knowledge, experience, understanding and passion for the health and wellbeing of people.
- High level of energy, initiative, sound judgement, responsive and reflective.
- Ability to work effectively and cooperatively as part of a team.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Ability to present complex information in an easily understood and accessible format.

- Sensitivity to issues related to the provision of services in a community of high cultural diversity (age, disability, religion, ethnicity, social status, sexual preference, indigeneity, and diverse genders).
- Excellent interpersonal skills with ability to develop positive working relationships with consumers from a variety of cultures, religions and socio-economic circumstances.

Client Focussed

- Ability to deliver results and meet and exceed your client expectations.
- Excellent at developing, establishing and sustaining interpersonal relationships.
- Builds client relationships and builds a culture where best for the client guides decision making.
- A clinical health professional background with substantial recent experience
- Ability to understand the client needs and delivery the required service.
- Demonstrated responsiveness to client needs and wants. (Internal and external)

Planning and Organisation

- High level time management and case load management skills.
- Ability to write clear, concise and informative reports.
- Analyse and present complex information in an easily understood and accessible format.
- Demonstrated ability to participate in a performance driven environment.
- Ability to understand the consumer needs and delivery the required service considering costs and funding/revenue.

Industry

- Knowledge of community support services
- Knowledge of Client Directed Care principles and frameworks.
- Ability to work independently and respond to a changing work environment.

Quality, process improvement and innovation

- Uses initiative in identifying continuous quality improvement opportunities.
- Knowing the most effective and efficient processes to get things done. Speaking up and making suggestions when things can be done better for the client.
- Capacity to make decisions, find solutions and escalate when required.
- Seek opportunities to improve processes adapting to a flexible and changing environment.
- Commitment to maintaining a high standard and quality of work and ethics.

Extras depending on the role

- Competent computer skills.
- Ability to speak a relevant community language.
- Experience facilitating and supporting students.

Employee Acknowledgement

I, _____, acknowledge I have read and understood this position descriptions and the requirements of my role.

Signature _____ Date _____