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To: Karl Brimner, Mental Health & Addictions, DCHS  
From: Olga Ward/Joi Doi, Classification and Compensation Unit (503/3)  
Date: May 2, 2011  
Subject: Reclassification Request #1705 (new Mental Health Consultant)

We have completed our review of your request and the decision is outlined below.

**Request Information:**

Date Request Received: April 25, 2011	Position Number: TBD
Current Classification: n/a	Requested Classification: Mental Health Consultant
Job Class Number: n/a	Job Class Number: 6365
Pay Grade: n/a	Pay Grade: 28
Request is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved as Requested	Effective Date: May 2, 2011

Allocated Classification: Mental Health Consultant	Job Class Number: 6365
Pay Range: \$53,870.40 - \$66,252.24 Annually	Pay Grade: 28

This classification decision is subject to all applicable requirements stated in MC Personnel Rule 5-50 including the provision that Central HR may re-evaluate the classification decision up to one year from the date of issue to ensure duties and work are being carried out as originally described. Further, this allocation may require Board of County Commissioners' approval, and so this decision is considered preliminary until such approval is received.

**Position Information:**

Vacant - see New/Vacant Section

**New/Vacant Position Information:**

If the position is vacant or incumbent not reclassified with position, position must be filled in accordance with the normal appointment procedures. If position is reclassified due to reorganization, a limited recruitment process may be conducted. Please consult with the Department Human Resources Unit for assistance.

**Reason for Classification Decision:**

This new position is in the Mental Health & Addiction Services Division and is part of the Adult Mental Health Initiative project. The purpose of this position is to ensure that clients' mental health treatment needs are met by conducting utilization management functions for Verity & Adult Mental Health Initiative (AMHI) providers. Through review and analysis this position determines treatment plans for clients and authorizes Verity dollars, Multnomah County Treatment Fund, and/or Adult Mental Health Initiative funds for the State Hospital and residential programs stays. This position provides client advocacy services; reviews clinical information to determine medical necessity as well as continued stay criteria; and makes care referrals and authorizations. In addition this position provides quality assurance in reviewing diagnoses, intervention and treatment.

The work of this classification differs from Clinical Services Specialist in that the latter specializes in diagnostic/assessment work assignments that involve complex psycho-social factors, provides direct treatment, and coordinates specific case plans. This position also differs from the Case Manager series in that the latter are focused on broader more general client support/eligibility functions and follow-up. This position further differs from the Program Development Specialist (PDS) series. PDS positions perform program analysis, quality assurance, and monitor/release funds, but they don't require a Qualified Mental Health Professional certification as this position does.

This position requires a Master's degree in a Behavioral Health discipline and two years of professional experience as a Qualified Mental Health Professional; preferably with at least one year utilization review experience. The duties, responsibilities and qualifications as described best fit the Mental Health Consultant (6365) classification.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Olga at 503-988-5015 ext. 22747.

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