

# Mental Health Interviewer Position

## OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT

The purpose of this study is to evaluate the natural course of opioid use in patients who were prescribed extended-release/long-acting opioids to manage chronic pain as part of their routine clinical management. This is an observational, epidemiological study that was mandated by the FDA as a post-marketing requirement. The VA Palo Alto HCS system is one of nine sites contributing to the data collection.

## DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- ♦ Conduct semi-structured in-person and telephone interview assessments with Veterans.
- ♦ Assist Project Manager and Research team with Administrative tasks.

## REQUIREMENTS & QUALIFICATIONS

- ♦ Master's degree in Clinical/Counseling Psychology or Social Work or related field
- ♦ Ability to start as soon as possible and to commit to 16-20 hours per week for a minimum of 1 year.
- ♦ Experience working with patients with complex mental health disorders
- ♦ Effective interpersonal skills, excellent verbal communication and written skills.
- ♦ Organized, detail-oriented, self-directed, and dependable.
- ♦ Ability to independently work in different locations to conduct on-site, in-person interviews.
- ♦ Ability to travel for onsite training.
- ♦ Existing VA Without Compensation Appointment (WOC) is preferred.

## BENEFITS

- ♦ This is a paid position and salary is based on experience.
- ♦ Strengthen structured clinical interviewing and rapport building skills.
- ♦ Opportunities for independent research projects & publication

## HOW TO APPLY

Please submit your CV and a cover letter to Deonte Williams, MA. at [Deonte.Williams@va.gov](mailto:Deonte.Williams@va.gov).