

CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE
TRIBAL HEALTH
Wakpá Wašté Counseling Services
CULTURAL WELLNESS COUNSELOR

DESCRIPTION OF WORK

General Statement of Duties: serves as the Cultural Wellness Counselor for Wakpá Wašté Counseling Services (WWCS). Provides cultural support through Lakota Culture, knowledge and philosophy for patients and community. Performing various duties within the Cheyenne River Health Center and community outreach in the substance abuse area, mental wellness. This position is an individual who is a cultural match and a positive role model for Native Americans.

Supervision Received: Works under the immediate supervision of the Behavioral Health Director.

Supervision Exercised: None

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES (Duties may include but are not limited to the following):

Perform duties to advocate for and promote the general health and well-being of Native Americans regarding issues revolving around the prevention, intervention and/or treatment of alcohol, drugs and other related disorders.

Provide therapeutic modalities in areas of substance abuse, mental wellness, traditional Lakota practices and artistic expression.

Possess and carries traditional Lakota knowledge and wisdom to support clients in recovery attempts.

Knowledgeable in areas of substance use to effectively give alternate avenues of treatment and prevention.

Works with WWCS staff on an integrated approach for culture, wellness & recovery.

Works to connect services between Wakpá Wašté Counseling Services, Social Detox Program and the Walter Miner Law Enforcement Center.

Assist clientele and community members to improve or acquire competencies in communication skills, social skills, relationship building, group process, and daily living skills.

Provide culturally relevant support, activities, projects, information and education on alcohol, drug and other related issues to the target population within the area.

Obtain certification and training on alcohol, drug and other related issues to include Native and Non-Native resources. Exhibit this knowledge and training in daily job functioning.

Other job-related duties as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Required Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities: Must be able to operate a computer and complete electronic record entries. Must be familiar with the use of computers, software and related training devices. Must possess excellent oral and written communication skills.

Education: Bachelor's Degree in Human Services, Social Work or other related field from an accredited college or university. Higher education credits in Native American studies is preferred.

Experience: At least two (2) years' experience of counseling in the substance abuse field.

Special Requirements: Must have five years or more of sobriety with written statement. Must either possess or be able to obtain CPR within one year and keep certification current. Incumbent is subject to the CRST Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy, Tribal/local, Federal, and State background checks in accordance with P.L. 101-630, P.L. 101-647, and Resolution No. 86-2013-CR.

Confidentiality: Incumbent must adhere to all State and Federal Confidentiality/Privacy Act rules and regulations. Confidentiality is very important when working in the Health Department. It is expected that all matter pertaining to individual problems will be kept confidential. This also pertains to personnel issues. Failure to comply will be cause for dismissal.

This position of strictly prohibited from participating in political activity.

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