

**PROFESSIONAL PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES
OPENING FOR A
PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT**

Dickinson Mental Health Center, Inc. is an established full service behavioral health provider located in Ridgway, Pennsylvania 15853 (Elk County). The Center is situated in proximity to the Allegheny National Forest and offers a majestic and scenic landscape with many enjoyable outdoor activities including canoeing/kayaking, biking, mountain climbing, fishing & hunting, snowmobiling, and downhill and cross country skiing.

The Center itself was established in 1958 and was the very first rural behavioral health center in the Commonwealth. This past year, it celebrated its 50th anniversary as the premier provider in the region. The Center offers a full continuum of services including out-patient, day treatment programming, a number of children's services, emergency, intensive case services, recovery, resource coordination, forensic services, community based programming for consumers with special needs, intellectual deficiencies, and children's prevention programming. Its staff include very well trained and qualified behavioral health care specialists in the areas of clinical psychology, physician assistant services, addictions medicine, social work, professionally certified counselors, and psychiatric nurses. It has both adult and child and adolescent board certified psychiatrists on its roster who provide coverage in Elk, Cameron, and Potter Counties.

The Center has an operating budget of \$8.8 million and an employee roster of 220+ full and part time staff. Hospital systems in the region provide collaboration and services for in-patient care for all age groups. New service lines are being developed and/or expanded and include Peer Specialist Services, Psychiatric Rehabilitation, and an Autism Diagnostic Center.

The Center is seeking a qualified, licensed physician assistant to work in collaboration with its board certified psychiatrists in providing psycho-pharmacologic services for a broad based spectrum of behavioral health patients—both in terms of age and psychiatric condition. The identified candidate will evaluate, prescribe, and monitor Schedule II, III, and other psychotropic medications under the supervision, direction, and recommendations of one of the Center's board certified psychiatrists. Other duties and responsibilities will include interviewing, coordinating aspects of physical and behavioral health care service needs, and consultations.

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and curriculum vitae to the attention of Barb Valone, Director of Human Resources, Dickinson Mental Health, Inc., 110 Lincoln Street, Ridgway, PA 15853 or Fax to 814-772-8625 or e-mail barb.valone@dmhc.org. The Center offers a competitive salary and outstanding fringe benefit package. The Center is a Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.