



**South Peninsula  
Behavioral Health Services, Inc.**

3948 Ben Walters Lane, Homer, Alaska 99603

**Vacancy Announcement:** 2019-009

**Classification:** Exempt, fulltime w/benefits

**Department:** Clinic Services

**Starting Pay:** Dependent upon experience, education and licensure.

**Position:** Clinician Therapist (Temporary)

**Opening Date:** 10 May 2019

**Closing Date:** When filled

**General Description of Duties and Responsibilities:**

The Clinical Therapist provides assessments, treatment planning, and psychotherapy to individuals, groups and families experiencing emotional and behavioral disorders. Functions as Directing Clinician for assigned client caseload per Alaska Statutes. Provides emergency services and coordinates access to appropriate treatment resources including involuntary hospitalizations for individuals in crisis. Services are provided in the clinic and at partner sites in communities within the service area.

This is a temporary position to provide coverage during an incumbent employee's extended absence.

**Essential Duties of the Emergency Services role:**

- Develop and maintain rapport with clients to establish trust and collaborative relationship.
- Provide clinical on-call services during scheduled shift.
- Throughout shift, be available to provide crisis intervention as appropriate either immediately by phone or in person within 30 minutes from receipt of request.
- Conduct a mental health assessment at SPBHS, Homer Police Department (HPD) or South Peninsula Hospital (SPH) to determine level of care needed in response to crisis.
- Perform integrated substance abuse and behavioral health assessments using clinically relevant tools, including ASAM criteria.
- Inform on-call clinician coming on duty, involved professionals (i.e. referring physician, SPBHS clinician, attending psychiatrist, case manager) of results of crisis intervention, current client status, and appropriate follow-up.
- Prepare and submit written reports on Division of Behavioral Health Emergency Service Contact (ESC) form and associated legal documentation.
- Keep supervisor informed of on-call activities.
- Initiate involuntary commitment hearing, as necessary, and coordinate transportation to Alaska Psychiatric Institute or other facility with the state's transportation contractor in compliance with state regulations.
- Refer to other agencies as appropriate to client need and resources.
- Attend bi-weekly On-call Clinician team consultation meeting.
- Maintain confidentiality according to SPBHS policies.
- Refrain from activities which may impair judgment or ability to perform assigned duties while on shift.
- Provide back up to other on-call staff and shifts as possible with a flexible attitude of cooperation among all team members to meet client need.
- Any changes in shift should be anticipated, except in cases of illness or personal emergency, and must be pre-approved by the Adult and Emergency Services Program Director and will require availability of clinical staff to cover absences.
- Access education and training opportunities and participates in ongoing supervision to enhance skills and acquire/maintain licensure.
- Other duties as assigned.

**Minimum Qualifications**

- Master's degree in a Behavioral Science field of study (e.g. counseling, psychology, social work, marital & family therapy, etc.).
- Professional licensure or on tract to receive State of Alaska licensure within two years.
- Eligibility for Hospital Privilege Certification.

- Demonstrated experience in crisis intervention is desirable.
- Working knowledge of *Alaska State Statutes*, Title 47, involuntary commitment proceedings.
- Working knowledge of DSM-5.
- Must have excellent 360° communication skills, strong ability to document services, and must be comfortable using computers to update the electronic health record system (CareLogic).
- Valid driver's license with clean driving record, dependable transportation.
- Able to successfully complete a criminal background check.

**Physical Demands:** Driving, sitting, and keyboarding.

**Work Environment:** Mobile in the community to provide services at SPBHS, SPH or HPD; immediate response by phone without delay.

Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

South Peninsula Behavioral Health Services is an approved National Health Service Corps site.



To apply, turn in a completed application with resume in person at 3948 Ben Walters Lane, Homer, AK 99835, email to [hr@spbhs.org](mailto:hr@spbhs.org) or fax to (907)235-2290. Applications can found at [www.spbhs.org](http://www.spbhs.org).

South Peninsula Behavioral Health Services, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, or another characteristic protected by law.