**Physician Posting: BC Psychosis Program**

**Part-Time Psychiatrist (4 half-days per week)**

**Start Date: June 1, 2013**

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**Recovery, Strength, Respect, Resilience:**
Tertiary Mental Health Services is committed to collaborating with consumers and families to build on strengths, talents and interests in order to foster a community of hope, growth, and self-determination.

**Role Description:**

In accordance with the standards of practice and the established vision and values of Vancouver Coastal Health, the psychiatrist who accepts this position will evaluate, diagnose and provide state-of-the-art, specialized treatment for patients with complex, treatment-resistant refractory psychosis including schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, bipolar and other disorders. The psychiatrist works in collaborative interdisciplinary teams that include other physicians, nurses, psychiatric nurses, social workers, occupational therapists, peer support workers, psychologists, music therapist, rehabilitation workers, recreation therapists, clients and their families to provide an innovative and comprehensive array of services. The psychiatrist will serve as a resource to the interdisciplinary team in dealing with complex mental health issues and symptom management with a strong knowledge base in psychopharmacology. The psychiatrist may also be involved in innovative treatment interventions and will participate in the training and education of medical students, residents and other allied health professionals. Participation in academic activities is expected and opportunities exist for participation in research.

All physicians working in Vancouver Acute are required to participate in on-call.

**Service Description:**

The BC Psychosis Program provides world-class, patient focused care for people with refractory psychosis and their families. It offers excellence in clinical care based on the best available evidence and treatment tailored to each person’s individual needs. The program serves as a resource to Health Authorities across BC by providing unique, highly specialized services to patients that require pharmacological, biophysical, and psychosocial for their illness because second line treatment approaches have been either ineffective or only partially effective.

The 25-bed inpatient unit established in the Detwiller Pavilion, UBC Hospital has a provincial mandate. Clinical staff are experts in their field, with the majority also undertaking or supporting research on psychotic disorders and the effectiveness of both existing and new treatments. The program pioneers treatment interventions that result in outcomes not seen elsewhere.

The clinical program models are strength-based and aim to support individuals in their unique process of recovery by offering a range of evidence-based clinical services including psychotherapeutic and psychosocial interventions, and integrated approaches to physical health & wellness, and peer-based programming.

**Qualifications:**

- A Medical Degree and eligibility for licensure with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia.
- Specialist qualifications in Psychiatry from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.
- Eligibility for a clinical faculty appointment with the UBC Faculty of Medicine.
- Additionally, the candidate should have:
  - A demonstrated ability working as a member of an interdisciplinary mental health team.
  - Familiarity with the principles of Recovery and Psychosocial Rehabilitation in Mental Health.
  - A commitment to participate in new methods in health improvement and care delivery.
  - Experience working with refractory psychosis population.
  - Experience with addiction psychiatry and the challenges that face this marginalized population would be an asset.
- Candidates must meet the credentialing requirements of Vancouver Coastal Health.

**Reporting Relationship:**

The psychiatrist will report to the Head and Medical Director, Department of Psychiatry, Vancouver Acute through the Medical Director, BC Psychosis Program.

**Compensation:**

The psychiatrist will provide a minimum of 4 half-days of work per week in a blended billing model (Sessional and Fee-for-service). Physicians are responsible for their own billings.

Questions regarding this posting can be directed to Dr. Randall White, Medical Director, BC Psychosis Program: randall.white@vch.ca

**Posting Closing Date: April 29, 2013**