

TB/MED OBSERVER/INTERPRETER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The position exists in the Broome County Health Department and provides assistance to Clinic personnel by transporting medications to the TB Clinic clientele as well as directly observing the consumption of the medication. The incumbent also assists with other TB related activities by acting as a liaison/interpreter for the identified population. The work is performed under the direct supervision of a Public Health Nurse. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Contacts non English speaking clinic clientele to arrange mutually agreeable times and locations for directly observed preventive therapy for latent TB infection and other TB related activities;
Contacts and interviews non English speaking clients regarding their knowledge, attitudes and beliefs as they relate to preventative TB therapy;
Maintains accurate records and simple statistics on program components;
Prepares written summaries of interviews with clients.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of high risk behaviors for tuberculosis;
Working knowledge of methods to prevent tuberculosis;
Ability to understand oral and written instructions;
Ability to establish and maintain cooperative relationships with the agency and clients;
Ability to work independently;
Ability to maintain neat and legible records;
Ability to read and write English and prepare brief accurate records;
Ability to learn and recognize side effects of TB medications;
Ability to communicate orally with clientele in their native language;
Ability to be flexible as work hours vary;
Dependability;
Tact;
Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: None

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) Incumbents must be able to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, in English as well as in the foreign language of the target population.
- 2) Certain assignments made to employees in this position will require reasonable access to transportation to meet field work requirements which are made in the ordinary course of business in a timely and efficient manner.

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