



POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position Title and Number:	Psychologist / Clinical Psychologist – Social Health 60005
Accountable to:	Senior Manager – Social Health Service or delegate
Classification:	Professional Officer

BASIC POSITION PURPOSE

The Psychologist/ Clinical Psychologist's will be required to work within the Social Health team to provide clinical advice and support to managers and other staff and work on an individual basis to provide high level clinical consultations and therapeutic support to individuals and families to address mental health and wellbeing needs.

The Social Health Team provides multidisciplinary case management and support to Aboriginal people residing in the Shoalhaven Aboriginal Communities as part of an integrated service response.

Working under the direction of the Senior Manager Social Health Services or delegate, the Psychologist/ Clinical Psychologists will be required to;

- Provide psychological services and therapeutic support to individuals and groups, including to children, young people and families;
- Conduct Psychological Assessments for clients of the SCMSAC;
- Provide clinical advice to SCMSAC staff and managers about ethical and effective ways to address the mental health and wellbeing needs of clients; and
- Contribute to the design, development and evaluation of the SCMSAC's mental health and psychological programs and services.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Provide psychological services to clients

- To undertake psychological assessments with clients including, including children, young people and families;
- To design, evaluate and assist in the implementation of evidence based Psychological interventions;
- Prepare and assist in the implementation and review of individual plans for clients; and
- To consult and liaise regularly with families, carer's advocates and significant others.

2. Clinical Research, Advice and Support

- Conduct relevant research to assist in the improvement and evaluation of Social Health services in consultation with senior manager or delegate;
- Contribute to the design, development and evaluation of the SCMSAC's mental health and psychological programs and services;
- Provide clinical advice, peer supervision and debriefing to staff as required; and
- To participate in monthly supervision with supervisor.

3. Administrative

- To maintain up to date, accurate and comprehensive records and case notes in accordance with SCMSAC policy, AHPRA and best practice standards;
- To attend team meetings and casework supervision meetings as required;
- Write assessments and reports in a timely manner; and
- Adhere to ethical standards of clinical and research practice in accordance with AHPRA policy frameworks.

4. Training & Development

- To attend relevant training as required

5. Policies and Procedures

- Comply with SCMSAC policies and procedures, and relevant legal and ethical standards, including accountability, ethical practice, duty of care, confidentiality, relevant accreditation standards and workplace health and safety.

6. Child Protection

- Report to FaCS all cases of suspected risk of harm to children and/or young people as per the Policies and Procedures;
- Assist in the reporting and investigation of all relevant issues as prescribed by the NSW Ombudsman.

7. Working Relationships

- Relate to other work peers within SCMSAC and other Government and Non-Government organisations/ services doing similar work;
- Ensure the developments of therapeutic relationships with clients of the service are maintained professionally; and
- To communicate with referring agents and clinicians in the community involved in the ongoing management of individual consumers and their carers.

KEY COMPETENCIES

ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS, KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS:

1. Degree in Clinical Psychology including full registration with AHPRA and the Australian Psychological Society.
2. Demonstrated advanced practice skills and an ability to undertake Psychological testing and assessments covering a broad range of presentations.
3. Knowledge and ability to use evidenced based psychometric assessment tools, including the capacity to provide psycho-educational and therapeutic group programs to parents, children and family groups.
4. Ability to develop and implement treatment and recovery plans for individuals, groups and families as required.
5. Well developed oral and written communication skills, interpersonal skills and computer proficiency, including the ability to use client information management systems.

6. Capacity to work effectively both independently and as part of a multidisciplinary team, demonstrate accountability and willingness to take direction and provide written reports.
7. Current NSW Driver's License and clear NSW Working with Children Check or the willingness to obtain.

DESIRABLE

- Masters or Doctorate degree in Clinical Psychology including full registration with AHPRA and the Australian Psychological Society.
- Direct experience in delivering Psychological or related services in Aboriginal and/ or Torres Strait Islander Communities
- Proven clinical leadership skills with expertise in client centred consultancy and ability to implement changes and develop direction in clinical practice by the utilisation of evidence based research

EMPLOYEE'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF POSITION DESCRIPTION

I have read and confirm my understanding of the above position description that will apply to my employment with South Coast Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation.

Employee name

Employee signature

Date

Signed and approved on behalf of SCMSAC

Date