

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Mental Health Clinician

OVERVIEW

Program:	GreenLight Supportive Housing Program
Reports to:	Program & Partnership Manager
Supervise:	Nil
Date of Last Review:	October 2018

ORGANISATION CONTEXT

Sacred Heart Mission (SHM) works with people whose capacity to participate fully in community life is affected by deep, persistent disadvantage and social exclusion. Since opening our doors in 1982, the Mission has been providing a range of innovative, relationship-based service responses which enable people to overcome disadvantage and realise their full potential. As a trauma informed organisation, our shared recognition of the impact of trauma informs and guides all our interactions with the people who access our services.

SHM is an Equal Opportunity Employer and an Environmental Sustainability driven organisation. We provide equal employment opportunities to all employees without regard to race, colour, religion, gender, national origin, age or disability. We ensure staff and volunteers operate from fit for purpose facilities that adopt green building design and practices.

SHM has a number of staff committees across the organisation committed to championing best practice in these areas. Our EEO groups lead by example to break down the barriers to inclusion and to foster a diverse workplace where people are free from discrimination and disadvantage and are treated with respect and dignity. Our Green team has set targets for developing SHM's environmental profile as a sustainable organisation and as a leader in the sector.

VISION

Our vision is of an inclusive, fair and compassionate community, which enables people to overcome disadvantage and realise their full potential.

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MISSION

Our mission is to build people's capacity to participate more fully in community life, by addressing the underlying causes of deep, persistent disadvantage and social exclusion.

We do this by:

- Ensuring access to the necessities of food, clothing, housing, health care and specialised services.
- Listening, understanding and responding to people in a holistic, caring, and respectful way, so they can take control of their lives.
- Delivering accessible, responsive, evidence informed and innovative services.
- Welcoming people in the spirit of social justice, co-operation and partnership to create better communities.
- Engaging sector partners, researchers, philanthropy, business, government and the broader community, to contribute their time, expertise and resources.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Sacred Heart Mission (SHM), VincentCare Victoria (VC) and the Salvation Army Adult Services (SA) will deliver the new exciting and innovative multidisciplinary GreenLight Supportive Housing Program funded by the Victorian Rough Sleeper Action Plan 2018. The Program will work with people making the transition from chronic homelessness and rough sleeping to placement in longer term housing to address their unique experience of homelessness and the individual health and wellbeing factors to maintain their housing. The key outcome is stable housing for people and no return to homelessness.

The Greenlight Supportive Housing Program will provide tailored brief intervention, floating support, and case management and service coordination services through a multi-disciplinary team, including case managers, mental health clinicians, and peer support settlement workers to 684 people across the inner Melbourne area in 2019- 2020 with a focus on assisting people to stay housed. GreenLight will operate as a program team across the inner Melbourne area, with sub-teams employed by VC, SA, and SHM.

GreenLight will also be evaluated to demonstrate the efficacy of the model and share learnings via independent research and evaluation and internal participatory action research. GreenLight has been funded for two years through the Victorian State Government's Victorian Rough Sleeper Action Plan.

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PURPOSE OF THE POSITION

The role is one of two Mental Health Clinician/s roles in the GreenLight program and will provide recovery focused services including assessment, care coordination support, peer reviews with the other Mental Health Clinician, team consultation & training, and systems navigation as part of a multi-disciplinary team working with people in housing who have experienced primary homelessness. The role will be located in GreenLight teams based across the inner Melbourne area by SHM, VC, and SA and will use assertive engagement and outreach as the primary service delivery mode.

The role will provide mental health support and clinical expertise to the GreenLight Program staff and clients through the provision of: primary consultation, staff training and capacity building, and systems navigation, and lead for service coordination in relation to multi-agency mental health response/ services.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Accountability	Major Activities
Staff and Service Supports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Responsible for coordinating, facilitating and integrating mental health treatment, care and support, which is tailored to meet the specific needs of GreenLight clients, with the GreenLight Program team/s. ▪ Liaise with and review care coordination plans with clients, families/ carers, key stakeholders and other members of the GreenLight multi-disciplinary team to support recovery. ▪ Provide consultation, advice, and tailored training on advanced clinical interventions to GreenLight team members.
Organisational Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contribute to the implementation of the Mission's Strategic Plan. ▪ Contribute to the GreenLight evaluation and internal Action Research cycles. ▪ Attend and participate in team meetings, cross GreenLight Program service planning days and SHM all staff meetings ▪ Demonstrate commitment to continuous quality improvement to enhance systems and procedures in the operations of GreenLight.

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Sector Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop and foster partnership with key mental health service providers, including clinical mental health ▪ Develop and foster positive relationships with local services and agencies. ▪ Attend relevant network meetings as agreed with Program & Partnership Manager.
Professional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Participate in regular supervision, clinical supervision, yearly professional development and review meetings and regularly monitor individual training and development plan with line manager. ▪ Attend regular practice reflection and contribute to a practice culture that is open, honest and reflective.
Relationship Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Foster and maintain positive relationships with SHM Staff and GreenLight program partners. ▪ Work collaboratively and in partnership with the GreenLight Program & Partnership Managers, and GreenLight Team leaders/ Senior Workers, and teams.
OH&S	Exercise a duty of care to work safely, taking reasonable care to protect your own health and safety and that of your fellow workers, volunteers and clients including following safe working procedures and instructions.
RISK	All SHM staff are responsible for considering, identifying and addressing risk (the effect of uncertainty on objectives) whether positive (opportunities) and/or negative (threats).
CQI (Continuous Quality Improvement)	All SHM staff are responsible for identifying areas of the strategic plan that 'add value', and for implementing and monitoring CQI initiatives. Staff are open to new ways of doing things, respond to challenges with innovative ideas and solutions and promote a continuous quality improvement culture.
TIC (Trauma Informed Care)	All SHM staff are responsible for engaging in learning and development to integrate their understanding of and responsiveness to the impact of trauma within their work including active participation in the supervision and performance development process.

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MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

- A current Criminal Records Check
- A current Victorian Working with Children Assessment Notice
- Valid driver's license to drive in Australia
- A current First Aid Certificate

QUALIFICATIONS

- A recognised Social Work/Psychology/ Occupational Therapy degree or similar which includes relevant professionalisation as applicable

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

Essential:

- Demonstrated experience working within mental health and or homelessness / housing settings, including the mental health clinical service system.
- Understanding of the concepts and principles of mental health recovery, trauma informed care, and using a collaborative person-centred approach with clients, teams, and stakeholders including families/ carers.
- Demonstrated experience in assessing, coordinating, facilitating and integrating mental health support and care for people experiencing mental illness.
- Demonstrated understanding of the Victorian Mental Health Act and knowledge of the community resources available to support the mental health recovery of clients in the community.
- Able to liaise and effectively communicate with a wide range of stakeholders including the ability to consult, liaise and negotiate with clients, carers, family members, general community, members of the mental health system and other professionals.
- Ability to identify systemic issues and the capacity to address challenging issues, at both clinical and service delivery levels.
- Well developed computer skills and capability to use electronic client management systems
- Managing Oneself: Manages and cares for self to maintain resilience and support when working within a challenging operating environment
- Strong alignment to SHM Values

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Desirable:

- Knowledge of/an understanding of the key issues experience by people who are homeless.
- Knowledge of/ and understanding of the link between trauma and homelessness.

APPROVED BY MANAGER

ACCEPTED BY STAFF MEMBER

DATE

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