



Position Description

Position Title	Integrated Alcohol and Other Drug & Mental Health Clinician
Division / Team	Client Services / Alcohol and Other Drug
Reports to	Integrated AOD and Mental Health Clinical Lead/ Manager AOD Services
Agreement / Award	Community Health Centre (Stand Alone Services) Social and Community Service Employees Multi Enterprise Agreement 2022
Classification	Dependent on qualifications and experience
EFT / Term	Part Time – Full Time (0.8 - 1.0 EFT) / Fixed Term until June 2026
Work Location	Lucas
Date Approved	October 2024

About Ballarat Community Health Ballarat Community Health (BCH) provides a wide range of community health and wellbeing services across Ballarat and Western Victoria. We are passionate about improving the health and wellbeing of the communities we support and addressing health and social inequality. We strive for safe, effective, connected, person centred quality services, and advocate to improve systems to bring about positive outcomes for the broader community. Our work is guided by our core values. These values inform how we work with each other, the partnerships we develop, as well as how we collaborate with and support our community. At BCH we believe our people are our greatest asset. We know that developing and retaining a skilled workforce is fundamental to our success. We are committed to nurturing an inclusive, capable and diverse workforce, and creating environments where our people thrive and excel.

Our Purpose Creating healthy communities through the provision of accessible, affordable and quality health and wellbeing services.

Our Leading Principles Address health inequity and inequality.
Improve the health and wellbeing of our community.
Have impact and be sustainable.

Values	Respect Valuing other points of view and treating people with respect	Integrity Acting with sincerity and honesty	Courage Strength in the face of challenges
	Resilience The ability to be strong in adversity, and bounce back with renewed hope	Responsibility Being reliable and accountable to others	Optimism Focusing on potential and abilities

Diversity Statement Ballarat Community Health recognises and celebrates the diversity of the community within which we work. We acknowledge the first peoples of Australia and their unique contribution. We welcome and work with people of all ages and health status, of all races, abilities, gender identities, sexual orientations, religious, cultural and linguistic backgrounds and financial status.

Position Summary

Ballarat Community Health continues to build our Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drug integrated teams and programs in Ballarat and the surrounding community. It is an exciting time to become involved in the Community Health Sector. We encourage collaboration across the broad range of programs available to our local community. With the recommendations from the Royal Commission into Mental Health in Victoria, along with a commitment from our Commonwealth Government, via the Western Victoria Primary Health Network, multiple changes and improvements continue for our region.

Step Thru Care is an initiative of the Commonwealth Government, coordinated and funded via the WestVicPHN. The Program will work across the Central Goldfields area, in collaboration with Central Highlands Rural Health, Maryborough and District Health Service and Ballarat Community Health.

The aim of the program is to address the needs of the consumer in a timely and straight forward manner, regardless of whether the primary area of concern is mental ill health or substance use. The program will provide services as and when needed, while incorporating warm referrals and collaborative care with other service providers. While Ballarat Community Health will be the lead agency, we will work closely with our partners to ensure clients are linked with the most suitable provider in their local area. The outcomes will include but not be limited to improved mental health and, or decreased harm from alcohol or other drugs.

The Integrated AOD & MH Clinician will be a member of a dynamic multi-disciplinary, multi-agency team. As the Clinician, you will be responsible for a range of clinical services, including but not limited to, intake, assessments, therapeutic intervention, treatment coordination, care planning, case management, group work, and discharge planning. This will be inclusive of the age span from children to older community members.

Team Environment

Ballarat Community Health Mental Health and Alcohol and other Drug services offers a robust, multi-disciplinary team environment, with positive client outcomes always our priority. We nurture an innovative, learning environment which fosters optimal wellbeing for clients and our team members.

Principal Areas of Responsibility**Improve overall health and wellbeing of clients**

- Excellent communication skills, ensuring friendly, welcoming, non-judgemental approach
- Flexible approach, with the ability to problem solve, prioritising consumers needs
- Ability to work with children and adults
- Undertake a thorough assessment, including but not limited to identifying the clients immediate needs.
- Deliver evidence-based treatment interventions as part of the treatment plan
- Provide care coordination, including liaison with and warm referral to other services relevant to the treatment goals, including social supports, community involvement and physical health needs
- Facilitate evidence based group programs
- Encourage and facilitate client, carer, family and peer worker involvement
- Foster a collaborative, success-focussed culture with colleagues as part of a multi-disciplinary team which operates across several organisations
- Work closely and collaboratively with the existing AOD and MH teams and services
- Provide clinical expertise to a broad multi-disciplinary team from your area of qualifications and skill set
- Provide secondary support to other members of the team, including the development of documents as required

- Participate in client outcome evaluation and service development
- May require some out of usual business hours requirements

Reporting

- Complete and maintain appropriate clinical records and statistical reports according to the organisation's policy and funding body standards. All of which is to be done in a contemporaneous manner
- Ensure all data and other reporting requirements of funding bodies are submitted as required
- Support the program to achieve performance targets and to effectively measure outcomes
- Where required, provide material for written reports to the CEO and Executive Manager Client Services, including contributions for annual and quality of care reports, member newsletters and reports for The Board
- Work closely with and under direction from the AOD & MH Clinical Integration Lead Role.

Scope

- To follow leadership and management direction and seek advice on all matters outside usual scope of practice.
- Practice in a manner consistent with the requirements of the relevant professional registration requirements and relevant registration board
- Continuing education to keep abreast of changes

Organisational Responsibilities

- Be aware of and perform all duties in accordance with the organisation's stated policies and procedures
- Understand practice frameworks relating to the Multi Agency Risk Assessment and Management (MARAM) framework and Information Sharing Schemes
- Establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with staff and ensure alignment with the BCH values at all times
- Work within professional boundaries and relevant scope of practise at all times
- Maintain relevant professional registration
- Work cooperatively across the teams to provide a comprehensive coordinated health promotion service
- Attend approved professional development sessions and keep up to date with current developments, theories and practises in the field
- Participate in compulsory BCH training programs
- Ensure that client and staff confidentiality is respected and upheld at all times
- Attend and actively participate in meetings as required
- Represent and promote Ballarat Community Health appropriately, taking into consideration BCH advocacy statements and values
- Participate in performance development plans and supervision
- Participate in the organisation's continuous quality improvement programs and activities

Qualification and Immunisation requirements

- Qualification in one of the following disciplines is preferred Social Worker, Psychology, Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drugs, nursing or equivalent.
 - Covid-19 Vaccination is required
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**Key Selection
Criteria**

1. Experience:

- Demonstrate suitable clinical skills across the age spectrum, with some expertise of integrated care and treatment.
- Experience in providing MH and/or AOD interventions and short term or brief interventions or treatment
- Experience working in an environment with a focus on clients with complex needs
- Understanding of current mental health and alcohol and other drug system, and local service providers
- A strong understanding of and commitment to the social model of health

2. Interpersonal Skills:

- Well-developed communication and interpersonal skills, including the capacity to successfully manage difficult situations
- Ability to achieve positive outcomes in a fast paced but flexible environment
- Previous experience with and a passion for inter-departmental collaboration and effective teamwork

3. Written Communication:

- Effective written communication skills which are clear and concise
- Desirable but not essential - ability to document relevant assessment tools, including provisional diagnosis and or formulate client information
- Excellent skills in documenting risk profiles, and management of these risks
- All of this above documentation to be completed in a contemporaneous manner

4. Computer Skills:

- Strong knowledge of and ability to use the Microsoft Office Suite and Windows based programs and database management systems
- Ability to quickly adapt to the various different systems being utilised for the program

5. Organisational Skills:

- Proven ability to prioritise workloads and conflicting tasks and manage deadlines
- Strong ability to respond to demands in a timely manner, including client or family unplanned presentations
- Experience in active participation in multi-disciplinary team Meetings, including offering clinical guidance, mentoring and direction as or if needed

6. Alignment with BCH values:

- Ability to align with the BCH values in all areas of work
- Display ability to provide skills/ or secondary consultations across the organisation when requested

**Conditions of
Employment and
other relevant
information**

- The successful applicant will be required to maintain a current driver's licence.
- BCH strongly supports Equal Opportunity and Access to Services, and requires all staff to be sensitive and inclusive of individual needs including but not limited to cultural, religious and sexual orientation.
- The successful applicant will be required to undertake a police records check. Appointment is subject to the outcome of this check.
- The successful applicant will be required to obtain and maintain a valid employment Working with Children Check whilst employed in this position.
- Prior to being appointed to this position it is required that there is a full disclosure of any pre-existing injuries or disease that might be affected by employment in this position.
- BCH reserves the right to vary the location of the position according to the needs of BCH and its clients and any future changes to the BCH's areas of operation.
- Management may alter this Position Description if and when the need arises. Any such changes will be made in consultation with the affected employee(s). Statements included

in this position description are intended to reflect in general the duties and responsibilities of this position and are not to be interpreted as being all inclusive.

- Salary sacrifice arrangements are available to all staff subject to BCH's ongoing Fringe Benefits Tax exempt status.
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