



VTMHI Volunteer Pre-licensed Mental Health Provider

(Volunteer position – unpaid)

Summary

The volunteer pre-licensed mental health provider will deliver telemental health services virtually to clients in the Virginia Telemental Health Initiative including assessment, treatment planning, and individual therapy sessions. Group and individual clinical supervision will be provided for volunteers in an effort to accelerate the path to licensure.

Responsibilities and Duties

- Complete patient assessment and develop an individualized treatment plan
- Provide telemental health counseling using evidence-based and trauma-informed approaches to care
- Attend and participate in regular clinical supervision as is consistent with licensure requirements
- Maintain all required licensure documentation
- Complete required documentation in electronic health record in accordance with VTMHI and clinic policies, best practices, and professional standards
- Provide crisis intervention as needed
- Participate in care coordination with other professionals as needed to ensure that clients receive needed services and integrated care
- Attend required education sessions
- Participate in clinic offerings as appropriate and able (e.g., case consultations, staff meetings)
- Provide at least five (5) volunteer service hours per week, including at least three (3) hours of direct service per week
- Complete all required volunteer paperwork and onboarding
- Adhere to professional ethics and codes of conduct
- Volunteers are responsible for maintaining their own licensure documentation

Qualifications

- Education: Master's degree in Social Work or Counseling
- Actively working towards licensure in the Commonwealth of Virginia (completed necessary paperwork)
- Currently serving patients and receiving primary supervision
- Able to commit to at least six (6) months of volunteer service and a minimum of approximately five (5) hours of work per week, including at least three (3) direct service hours
- Completed volunteer application
- Background and National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) checks

Additional Competencies

- Excellent written and verbal communications skills
- Ability to receive feedback and constructive criticism well; ability to resolve conflicts
- Willingness to maintain open communication with program and clinic staff and ask for help as needed
- Able to adapt to changes in process
- Demonstrated knowledge and sensitivity related to anti-racism, social justice, multicultural issues, and ability to interact effectively with diverse individuals and groups
- A heart for and commitment to caring for Virginia's medically underserved
- Curiosity for learning and growing and excitement for being an active part of Virginia's mental health safety net

About VTMHI

The **Virginia Telemental Health Initiative (VTMHI)** is a pilot program that aims to expand access to timely and appropriate telemental health services to Virginians with lower incomes, who are medically underserved and who are un- or under-insured by collaborating with behavioral and mental health professionals in the process of meeting their licensure requirements. Through education and support to providers, free clinics and stakeholders, VTMHI will enhance access to mental health care for those who need it, while also bolstering the Commonwealth's telemental health workforce.

To help accelerate licensure, VTMHI will match pre-licensed behavioral and mental health professionals with clinical supervisors to achieve needed client contact hours while providing pro-bono support in free and charitable clinics – a win-win-win for patients, providers-in-training and clinics! In addition, a robust curriculum of training and educational resources regarding telehealth will be available at no cost to help prepare Virginia's future providers to be best equipped to serve the needs of Virginians.

More information about this pilot can be found at <https://virginiatelementalhealth.org/>.

During the first phase of this pilot program VTMHI will be accepting volunteer applications on a rolling basis. Please visit <https://virginiatelementalhealth.org/applications-for-pre-lmhp/> to learn more and apply.

If you have any questions regarding this volunteer opportunity or the Virginia Telemental Health Initiative, please contact Ellen Costlow at ellen@ehealthvirginia.org.