
KATHERINE WEST HEALTH BOARD ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION TITLE:	MECSH Nurse
MANAGER:	Manager Population Health
CLASSIFICATION LEVEL:	RAN -HCC
LOCATION:	Katherine (with regular travel to KWHB communities).
NO. OF POSITIONS REPORTING DIRECTLY:	0
NO. OF POSITIONS REPORTING INDIRECTLY:	0

SUMMARY OF POSITION:

In conjunction with the broader PHC team, the MECSH Nurse is responsible for the identification and enlistment of families that satisfy enrolment criteria and would benefit from the Maternal Early Childhood Sustained Home-visiting (MECSH) program.

The MECSH Nurse will provide culturally appropriate care and support, advice and education for clients and their families participating in the Program whilst maintaining fidelity to the MECSCH program schedule. The MECSH nurse will work collaboratively with other members of the KWHB MECSH team, the broader primary health care team and other key agencies to promote best outcomes for clients and their families.

The MECSH nurse will also be required to liaise with other Tier 1 and Tier 2 MECSH workers as appropriate.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Provide quality primary health care to clients and their families in the MECSH program.
2. Promote and support clients and families in a culturally appropriate manner using culturally appropriate resources to optimize program delivery.
3. Participate in the development, implementation and review of the MECSH program and KWHB input within the program.
4. Work in partnership with members of the broader PHC team to ensure a multi-disciplinary approach to health care.
5. Maintain accurate information systems required for the effective management of clients.
6. Provide functional support and appropriate education to mothers and families throughout the prenatal period to facilitate a positive transition to parenting.

7. Facilitate links for Katherine West Health Board communities and Health Centres to specialist support services, including making appropriate referrals to other professionals and key agencies where required.
8. Work closely with Health Centre Coordinators and PHC team to support regular monitoring of clients and family progress within the program.
9. Promote and implement quality improvement activities with specific focus on the MECSH program.
10. Implement and promote evidence-based standards and policies which are compliant with relevant professional, industrial and legislative requirements.
11. Participate in professional development opportunities (e.g. Community of Practice Meetings).
12. Undertake the necessary education as outlined within the MECSH framework,

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Essential:

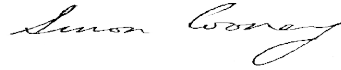
1. Registered Nurse with the Australian Health Registration Authority (AHPRA).
2. Understanding of issues affecting Aboriginal health, principles of primary health care and adherence with the relevant legislations governing work practice.
3. Ability to communicate and work effectively with Aboriginal people and/or in a cross-cultural setting.
4. Demonstrated ability to work autonomously and independently, demonstrating efficient time management skills.
5. Commitment to ongoing professional development and complete all training requirements required to perform role within the MECSH Program.
6. Ability to work well with all members of the PHC team.
7. Ability to travel frequently by light aircraft or 4WD to remote aboriginal communities and stay for approximately one week at a time.
8. Current manual NT Driver's License (or eligibility to obtain)
9. Hold or have the ability to hold current Criminal History Clearance and NT Ochre Card (Working with Children Clearance)

Desirable:

1. Post graduate qualification in child and family health
2. Experience in Remote Area Nursing
3. Experience in working in a cross-cultural context

Approval:

Sinon Cooney
Chief Executive Officer



Signature:

19/06/2020

Date:
