

California Department of State Hospitals



Caring today for a safe and healthy tomorrow

Dear Prospective Colleague,

On behalf of the California Department of State Hospitals (DSH), I am pleased to inform you of the exciting job opportunities available within our eight facilities located throughout the beautiful state of California. The Department is actively looking for enthusiastic clinicians to work in our diverse 6,500 bed system. We offer a rewarding career path that serves a multi-faceted, largely forensic patient population. We offer psychiatrists *highly-competitive* monthly salary and benefit packages.

In addition to rewarding clinical work, outstanding pay and benefits, we also offer education and academic experiences with top experts in the field of psychiatry.

- Katherine Warburton, D.O.
California DSH Medical Director

Mission

Providing evaluation and treatment in a safe and responsible manner, seeking innovation and excellence in hospital operations, across a continuum of care and settings.

Values

Safety, Treatment, and
Responsibility

Goals

Safe environment. Responsible
stewardship. Excellence in
forensic evaluation. Excellence
in treatment.

A Personal Message from Dr. Stephen Stahl:



Thank you for your potential interest in a career with California's Department of State Hospitals (DSH). I have been a consultant to DSH's facilities for many years and have more recently been appointed as a psychopharmacology consultant and resource professional for the statewide system. I must say that this position has been my most interesting assignment. I am constantly fascinated by the cases and the clinical management issues that arise for psychiatrists at these state hospitals and, in particular, the psychopharmacology issues that arise in the DSH setting. Increasingly, forensic and correctional settings are "where the action is" in psychiatry today, and the California State hospital system is a progressive and forward-looking system that wishes to attract the best and the brightest in psychiatry.

If you are challenged by learning about and managing unique cases and interacting in a team and group practice setting, you will experience as I have:

- Management of fascinating cases of psychosis
- Treatment resistant schizophrenia and bipolar disorder
- Cases of aggression and impulsivity associated with major mental illnesses
- Cases of self harm associated with major mental illnesses
- Peer interactions with experts managing these cases
- Consultations and support by expert psychopharmacologists for your cases
- Team interactions with mental health professionals of all disciplines

You will also be able to:

- Interact with my psychopharmacology group which now includes a staff psychiatrist assigned to each facility and is supervised/mentored by myself
- Have the opportunity, over time, to become one of these staff psychopharmacologists
- Interact with statewide CME educational programs that include:
 - didactic lectures on basic psychopharmacology
 - didactic lectures on forensic psychopharmacology
 - case-based presentations of difficult to manage cases drawn from California's DSH facilities statewide
- You will also find a very supportive senior management structure, both at the statewide level from Sacramento, California and at the local level within your individual state hospital.
- I hope you consider the challenge and the rewards that a career at one of our California DSH facilities, and, if you do, I look forward to interacting with you when you join.

– *Stephen M. Stahl, M.D., Ph.D.*
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A Personal Message from Dr. Charles L. Scott:



If you love working with fascinating forensic psychiatric patients in stunningly beautiful environments throughout California, then look no further. I have served as a forensic psychiatric consultant to DSH-Napa and the California Department of State Hospitals (formerly the Department of Mental Health) since 1998. As such, I have thoroughly enjoyed the excitement of working with a progressive system committed to implementing state of the art forensic assessments and treatment programs. Because of the immense size and diversity of California's forensic psychiatric population, you will have the opportunity to quickly become an expert on a variety of forensic classifications such as those deemed Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity, Incompetent to Stand Trial, or Mentally Disordered Offenders.

California's DSH leads the nation in investigating best practices for its forensic patient population and translating this cutting edge research into practical protocols for assessment and treatment. As a result, California's DSH facilities are recognized as academic centers of excellence, and the forensic research conducted has resulted in numerous national publications and presentations.

As the immediate Past-President of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law (AAPL) and national instructor for the AAPL Annual Forensic Psychiatry Review Course, I am thrilled to have partnered with DSH to provide an in-depth interactive forensic psychiatric learning series for its clinicians, complete with CME credits and up-to-date information on treatment and legal issues related to forensic work. In addition, I assist California's DSH in organizing mock trials at each facility as a means of preparing for courtroom testimony.

I hope you consider working for the California Department of State Hospitals and becoming a member of a fantastic forensic team. Simply put, the California Department of State Hospitals provides the best of living, learning, and location.

— Charles L. Scott, M.D.
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***For more information, please see California's DSH
Psychiatry Recruitment Webpage at:***

http://www.dsh.ca.gov/jobs/psychiatry_jobs.asp

We look forward to hearing from you!