

## **Recruitment for Certification Review Hearing Officers\***

The County of San Bernardino is coordinating the recruiting of Hearing Officers to conduct certification review hearings in County designated psychiatric facilities pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 5000 et. seq. Hearing Officers are independent contractors. No employee of the County or of any facility designated by the County as a 72-hour facility may be a Hearing Officer. Hearing Officers are paid by the facilities per day and not by the number of review hearings that are held.

**Applications will be accepted through May 31, 2014.**

### **Minimum Qualifications:**

- A licensed California medical doctor; or
- An active member of the California State Bar in good standing with two years professional legal experience involving problems of the mentally ill and/or practicing attorney representing clients or conducting hearings related to civil commitment, conservatorship, Social Security benefits, habeas corpus proceedings, family law or delinquency/dependency law; or
- Five years mental health experience as a (1) California licensed psychologist; (2) clinical social worker; (3) marriage, family, and child counselor; or (4) registered nurse.

### **Essential Duties:**

- Conduct the certification review hearings in psychiatric facilities to determine if patients meet legal criteria for involuntary detainment;
- Must use sound judgment and understand the scope of the certification review hearings;
- Be comfortable interacting with mentally ill patients and communicate clearly and effectively both orally and in writing; and
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with County employees and mental health facility staff.

### **Please submit resume and Curriculum Vitae to:**

Department of Behavioral Health  
Patients' Rights Office  
850 E. Foothill Blvd.  
Rialto, CA 92376

**For questions, please contact Cynthia White, M.S. M.F.T., at 909-421-4657.**