

**MENTAL HEALTH POLICY ANALYST – Hogg Fellow**

**CPPP's Vision and Core Purpose:**

The Center for Public Policy Priorities believes in a Texas that offers everyone the chance to compete and succeed in life. We envision a Texas where everyone is healthy, well-educated, and financially secure. We want the best Texas – a proud state that sets the bar nationally by expanding opportunity for all. CPPP is an independent public policy organization that uses data and analysis to advocate for solutions that enable Texans of all backgrounds to reach their full potential.

**Overview of Position:**

With the support of the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, the Center for Public Policy Priorities seeks to hire a Mental Health Policy Fellow to expand our capacity to provide research and data, policy and budget analysis, public education, and advocacy on systemic insurance issues that affect Texans experiencing a mental health and/or substance use condition. The Hogg Policy Fellow would primarily concentrate on policy issues related to the challenges of accessing the full spectrum of mental health and substance use benefits within managed health care. The fellow will provide research and data, policy analysis, and public education on policies and practices that limit or block access to mental health and substance use services within private and public managed care delivery systems. The fellow will gain expertise on these topics as well as on mental health state budget issues and the legislative process.

The Hogg Mental Health Policy Fellow will have the opportunity to work with and learn from the CPPP Mental Health Policy Analyst and other CPPP staff members who oversee policy, development, and communication activities.

**Roles and Responsibilities:**

- Develop expertise in the Texas mental health system, especially Medicaid managed care;
- Assist the Mental Health Policy Analyst with policy and budget analysis about mental health treatment in Texas;
- Monitor state and federal mental health policy;
- Assist the Mental Health Policy Analyst to develop and advocate for sound, viable policy recommendations;
- Produce comprehensive, timely, and accurate reports that are easily understood by the public;
- Engage in public education across Texas with local and state leaders, the media, service providers, advocates, and policymakers;
- Make public presentations about mental health policy issues;
- Provide data and other information to assist others in their efforts to improve mental health treatment;
- Serve as a spokesperson for both traditional and social media on mental health policy issues;
- Coordinate activities and build coalitions of mental health providers, consumers, advocates, and other stakeholders;
- Work with national organizations;

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- Other duties as assigned.

### Qualifications:

- Recent graduate degree, awarded within the past 18 months, in the fields of law, social work, public policy, or other related field (REQUIRED);
- Relevant work experience preferred;
- Knowledge of mental health issues preferred;
- Familiarity with Texas policymaking preferred;
- Exceptional writing, editing, and speaking skills, including the ability to explain detailed policy matters to a variety of audiences;
- Strong interpersonal skills and an ability to work effectively with and to motivate others in a team environment;
- Strong organizational skills, attention to detail, ability to prioritize and manage multiple tasks, and ability to complete projects under time constraints;
- A demonstrated ability to be self-motivated and adaptable, and to work both independently and as part of a team;
- A commitment to social justice and racial equity, and a belief that improving outcomes for all Texans requires local and state policies that correct injustices and promote equity.

### Status:

- Full time, two-year policy fellowship
- FLSA Exempt

**Compensation:** Salary will be commensurate with experience. The Center offers excellent benefits, including health insurance, dental insurance, life and long-term disability insurance, retirement, and generous vacation, leave, and holidays.

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**Please email a cover letter, resume, and two references by June 17 to: [job@cPPP.org](mailto:job@cPPP.org) (use subject line: **Hogg Mental Health Policy Analyst**).** The cover letter should describe your interest in the position and include a detailed explanation of how your experience meets the minimum qualifications and prepares you for the responsibilities outlined in the job description.

*E-mail applications with attachments in PDF format only. We do not accept phone inquiries regarding the position; please do not call. The position is open until filled.*

The Center for Public Policy Priorities is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages all qualified applicants to apply.