

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
DEPARTMENT FOR MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND  
ADDICTION SERVICES

COMMISSIONER

The Kentucky Department for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Addiction Services is seeking a Commissioner. This position is located in Frankfort, Kentucky and reports directly to the Secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

**Responsibilities:** The Commissioner is responsible for policy making and the administration of all programs within the Department which include mental health, intellectual disabilities and substance abuse. The Commissioner has direct oversight of a \$465,000,000 budget, 2,500 staff and 17 facilities including; 3 Psychiatric Hospitals, 10 Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/MR), 2 Nursing Care Facilities, 1 Forensic Psychiatric Hospital and 1 Residential Substance Abuse Program. These facilities have an average daily census of 1,200 clients and will serve over 9,000 clients in SFY 2009. The current census falls between 30-200 individuals. Responsibilities also include collaborating and partnering in the planning and delivery of services with the state's 14 private, not for profit, mental health and intellectual disabilities regional boards. All activities of the Department include the assurance of quality improvement and oversight of the funding provided for program administration and service.

**Desired Attributes:** Candidates for this position will possess a passion for moving individual programs toward consumer and family driven, community-based and recovery oriented systems of care, services and support.

**Desired Qualifications:** The position requires executive management experience, preferably in the field of public mental health, intellectual disabilities and/or substance abuse. A graduate degree in a discipline related to mental health, and/or business, health care or public administration is preferred. Candidates should have demonstrated leadership skills and abilities in planning, organizational behavior and innovation. Candidates should have demonstrated skills in working effectively with consumers, advocacy groups, contractors, legislators and other agencies.

Interested individuals are encouraged to submit a resume by electronic mail stating their qualifications, experience, work history and minimum salary expectations by June 24, 2009 to: [eric.friedlander@ky.gov](mailto:eric.friedlander@ky.gov).

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