

HEALTH OFFICER STANDARDS

FULL PRIVILEGES

1. The health officer will meet the minimum licensure requirements established by the Preble County Mental Health & Recovery Board. Therapists must maintain a LPC or LSW. Nurses must maintain a RN.
2. The health officer will meet the minimum clinical experience established by the Preble County Mental Health & Recovery Board. The minimum requirement will be three (3) years of experience in mental health and/or chemical dependency fields.
3. Complete inservice training provided at least annually. The training will include the legal and medical issues involved in providing emergency mental health care. The training will include didactic and interactive educational methods.
4. Full privileges will be maintained as long as the health officer continues to perform in an appropriate and acceptable manner.

Appointment with full privileges will be for one year. Reappointment will be contingent upon satisfying performance as a health officer, attending mandatory training sessions and maintaining appropriate licensure.

PROVISIONAL PRIVILEGES

Provisional privileges will be issued in a variety of circumstances. These circumstances would include the following:

1. The applicant is newly hired and there is a time interval before completion of the interactive portion of the training.
2. There is an emergent need for appointment of a number of additional health officers.
3. There has been documented deficiencies in a previously fully privileged health officer's performance.
4. There are not sufficient number of applicants available who meet the licensure/experience requirements necessary for full privileges. (This latter circumstance will be carefully reviewed by the appointing officer.)

Appointment with provisional privileges may be granted for up to six (6) months. During this time, the health officer should be able to complete the actions necessary to advance to full privileges. In some circumstances, provisional privileges may be extended for an additional six (6) months. In general, if the officer is unable to advance to full privileges within six (6) months, consideration should be given to revoking privileges.