

MEADOWS
MENTAL HEALTH
POLICY INSTITUTE

Job Title: Director of Government Affairs – Texas

Reports To: Senior Vice President of State Policy

Position Summary: The Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute (Meadows Institute) seeks a collaborative and strategic professional to serve as Director of Government Affairs – Texas (Director). The Director collaboratively sets strategic policy direction and coordinates efforts of the Meadows Institute operating units in matters involving the Texas Legislature and state executive agencies. In this role, the Director advances sound mental health and legislative policies in areas of importance to the Meadows Institute at the state level and maintains effective and cooperative working relationships with state officials. The Director is expected to perform in a teamwork environment with colleagues, contractors, partner agencies, and stakeholders to advance Meadows Institute legislative and other state government opportunities. The required work location for this position is in Texas. Statewide travel (up to 10%) may be required. Duties require access to reliable personal transportation.

Responsibilities:

- Manages state policy development.
- Researches, monitors, and analyzes state legislation.
- Identifies, analyzes and makes recommendations regarding key legislative issues.
- Works closely with stakeholders, state legislative leaders and key government leaders to build coalitions to effect change that will have a positive impact on the delivery of mental health services in Texas.
- Assists and leads, where appropriate, with issues involving state and local government relationships.
- Keeps current on local, regional and national affairs, policies, and legislation affecting mental health and substance use disorder.
- Creates reports on topics under the purview of this position.
- Assists in local events and other activities to build awareness among government officials.
- Works with contractors/consultants.
- Reports regularly to manager and Meadows Institute colleagues.
- Must register as a lobbyist.
- Other duties as assigned.

Required Qualifications:

- Advance degree preferred in public policy, health policy, political science or a similar area of study.
- Extensive familiarity with the Texas Legislature and relevant state agencies.
- Excellent leadership skills with results driven focus. Self-starter.
- Strong verbal communication and interpersonal skills.
- Minimum 5 years experience with legislative and/or regulatory groups, lobbying, coalitions, or legislative office experience.
- Strong writing ability and verbal skills. Articulate. Concise.
- Goal and results oriented.
- Diplomacy and tact.
- Strong analytical skills.
- Demonstrable familiarity with health policy issues in Texas.

Eligibility Requirements:

- The ideal candidate will live within 50 miles of Austin, Texas.
- The required work location for this position is in Texas.
- Relocation assistance not available. Successful candidates must show proof of eligibility to work in the United States.

About Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute:

The Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute is a data-driven, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that supports the implementation of policies and programs that help Texans obtain effective, efficient mental health care when and where they need it. The Institute's vision is for Texas to be the national leader in treating all people with mental health needs. For more information about the Meadows Institute, please visit: www.mmhpi.org.

The Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute is committed to equality of opportunity in all aspects of employment and provides full and equal employment opportunities to all employees and potential employees without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender (including pregnancy, childbirth, and related medical conditions), physical or mental disability, age, citizen status, veteran status, genetic information, or any other legally protected status.