



Job Title: Peer Support Specialist, Part-Time

Reports to: Outreach Coordinator

Job Summary:

To provide peer support services as part of a multi-disciplinary team to veterans with mental illness and/or substance abuse problems. Service provision will focus on working with clients to enhance their recovery. Service is provided to individuals or groups.

Responsibilities:

- To provide individualized, ongoing guidance, coaching and support with a Person-Centered approach.
- To provide training in the use of personal and community resources.
- Assist in developing formal and informal community supports.
- Assist the person served in increasing social support networks of relatives, friends and/or significant others.
- To offer encouragement in times of crisis.
- To advocate on behalf of persons with behavioral health problems to protect the client's rights and to assist in reducing associated stigma.
- To work in cooperation with other providers, family members or significant others involved in the client's recovery plan.
- To attend Agency staff meetings, Case Conferences and Individual and Group Supervision.
- To attain established standards of productivity.
- To observe all rules of confidentiality relating to clinical information and treatment, both internally and when dealing with external agencies and/or individuals.
- To be responsible for understanding client's rights policy and procedures.
- To participate in staff training and development.
- To maintain professional standards at all times.
- To perform other related duties as assigned.

Competencies:

- Person-centered
- Recovery Oriented
- Relationship Focused
- Trauma Informed
- Advocacy Skills
- Collaboration
- Communication

Employment Qualifications

Education:

High School Diploma or GED required

Experience:

- Past or present consumer of mental health or substance abuse services with a history of managing one's own illness
- Awareness of the importance of recovery in living with a mental illness or addictions problem.
- Past experience working directly with people in a service-oriented field is beneficial.
- Active membership in a consumer advocacy or self-help group.

Skills:

- Ability to work well with others.
- Ability to interact with various types of people.
- A sound understanding of mental health and/or substance abuse problems and treatments.
- Personal traits which include: patience, tolerance, caring, mature and understanding.

License:

- Not required.