

Certified Peer Specialist

Central MN Mental Health Center has an opportunity for a Full-Time Certified Peer Specialist in our Crisis Department. The Certified Peer Specialist provides peer support services to clients with serious mental illnesses. This is accomplished through a mutual shared experience of utilizing mental health services and includes, but is not limited to, modeling wellness and demonstrating personal responsibility, self-advocacy, and hopefulness through appropriate sharing of the recovery journey. This position is also a Mental Health Practitioner working in the Crisis Stabilization Residential program, answering phones on the 24-hour crisis line, and engaging as part of the Mobile Crisis Response Team. The Duties may include but are not limited to:

- Functions as a role model to peers; exhibiting competency in personal recovery and use of coping skills.
- Works with clients and other treatment staff to develop a treatment/recovery plan based on each client's identified goals.
- Assists clients in developing empowerment skills and combating stigma through self-advocacy.
- Provide mobile outreach and residential services under the direction of the Mental Health Professional.
- Under the direction of the Mental Health Professional, complete assessments and develops treatment plans with recipients based on needs identified by the recipient and the assessment;
- Provide immediate face to face evaluation to determine the presenting situation; identify immediate stressors and assess any immediate need for emergency services;

Qualifications

- High school diploma, GED or equivalent
- Successful completion of the Department of Human Services approved Certified Peer Specialist training and certification exam
- Have or had primary diagnosis of mental illness
- Be a current or former consumer of mental health services
- Has at least 4,000 hours of supervised experience in the delivery of services to adults or children with
 - mental illness, substance use disorder, or emotional disturbance; or
 - Traumatic brain injury or developmental disabilities and completes training on mental illness, recovery from mental illness, mental health de-escalation techniques, co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse, and psychotropic medications and side effects;

Or

- Holds a master's degree or other graduate degree in behavioral sciences or related fields

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- Holds a bachelor's degree in behavioral sciences or related fields and completes a practicum or internship that (1) requires direct interaction with adults or children served, and (2) is focused on behavioral sciences or related fields
- Clear DHS background study and sexual exploitations screening
- Valid Driver's License and acceptable driving record.
- CPR and First Aid Preferred

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