Jefferson Center for Mental Health

Peer Specialist Job Description

• Serve as a mentor for others with mental illness as each person pursues his/her individual Recovery journey.

• Teaches others about managing their mental illness.

• Demonstrates ways to become empowered and self-responsible.

• Supports others in learning how to make good choices for themselves.

• Resource acquisition including assisting consumers with application for benefits, basic needs such as housing, food, clothing, medical, dental care, legal, vocational, psychiatric services, etc.

• Co-facilitates groups

• Submit 90% of PTD forms within 3 working days

• Identify risk factors including lethality and/or decompensation and coordinate appropriate and timely intervention with clinical staff or the Emergency Team.

• Coordinate with internal and external providers to assist consumers in reaching their goals

• Promotes consumer engagement in therapy with clinicians

• Exhibits enthusiasm, respect, adaptability, flexibility, and spirit of cooperation in the work environment

• Maintains appropriate professional standards and provides appropriate follow-up for consumers.

• Provide self-help recovery services (WRAP, Pathways to Recovery)

• Demonstrates ability to work with consumers with diverse backgrounds.

• Timely response to phone calls, e-mails and other requests.

• Participates in team meetings and planned activities.

• Attend all trainings and supervision sessions as requested by the supervisor.

• Position reports directly to the Director of Adult Outpatient Services.

Skills / Requirements

Associate or Bachelor’s degree preferred. Knowledge of Recovery-based concepts.

Personal History as Consumer of Services. Current Colorado Driver’s license and DMV Background Clearance, Basic Computer Skills. Bilingual preferred but not required.