

Peer Recovery Coach--Part Time

Community Healing Centers – Niles, MI

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Recovery Coach/Certified Peer Recovery Mentor

Job Title: Recovery Coach/CPRM

Position Reports To: Site Coordinator

Supervision Exercised: None

Position Summary: Both a Recovery Coach and a CPRM, is a person who has progressed in their own recovery from alcohol or other drug abuse or mental disorder and is willing to self-identify as a peer and work to assist other individuals. The Recovery Coach/CPRM, provides peer support services; serves as a consumer advocate; provides consumer information and peer support for consumers in a variety of settings. The Recovery Coach/CPRM performs a wide range of tasks to support consumers in living their own lives and directing their own recovery and wellness process.

The CPRM credential is a State of Michigan certification for individuals working as part of a clinical treatment or recovery support services teams. It is not an independent practice credential. The primary focus of the CPRM is on alcohol/drug use recovery. However, personal recovery history and experience may include areas other than alcohol or drug dependency recovery; with peer mentors providing support only with clients of common experience.

Responsibilities:

- Provide appropriate services/supports to peers. Support peers in identifying, articulating and reaching personal goals for recovery and wellness and developing empowerment skills through self-advocacy and other methods to combat stigma.
- Assist peers in identifying strengths that can be applied to the recovery process and in identifying barriers to their recovery.
- Assist clinical staff in the provision of jail services.
- Actively support culturally competent, recovery based practices, person centered planning, and a trauma informed culture to aid in the recovery process.
- Provide information, training, and advocacy for peers, families, providers, and staff to enhance understanding of recovery and community resources, service systems, service agencies, and natural supports and how to utilize in the recovery process.
- Participate in peer community and model a recovery based lifestyle; model effective coping techniques and self-help strategies and share personal story and experience to help those receiving services achieve their own recovery. Lend unique insight into substance abuse and/or mental illness and what makes recovery possible.
- Assist with the development of services for stakeholder groups receiving services; create and facilitate a variety of group activities that support and strengthen recovery.
- Participate in necessary supports/training specific to Peer Support services.
- Prepare/submits report in accordance with state, agency, referral and CARF program requirements. Assist in obtaining authorization for Recovery Coach Services.
- Maintain professional relationships with referral sources.

Qualifications:

- High School Diploma or GED
- Completion of required State training - Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery (CCAR) training
- Experiential knowledge of the recovery process and current stable recovery
- Knowledge of 12-step programs
- MCBAP certification or ability to obtain MCBAP certification

Desired Competencies:

- Ability to engage in positive relationships with clients, staff, diverse cultures, and community/agency representatives required.
- Ability to handle stressful situations calmly and professionally.
- Working knowledge of the system of services needed to address the needs of consumers.
- Ability to discern when and how much of their recovery story to share with whom
- Ability to articulate what has been useful and what not useful in their own recovery
- Understand the role of peer support in the recovery process and understand the difference in treatment goals and recovery goals

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