

Peer Specialist

Maintains open communication lines with facility staff, attending clinicians and physicians, patients and families. Liaisons with community agencies, vendors, and payor of health services.

Position Purpose

This position is primarily responsible for providing peer support services to clients with or without co-occurring mental disorders in recovery from substance abuse. Under the supervision of the Clinical Director, the Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRPS) will function as a role model to peers; exhibiting competency in personal recovery and use of coping skills; serve as a consumer advocate, providing consumer information and peer support for clients in outpatient and inpatient settings.

Position Requirements/Qualifications

- High School Diploma or General Equivalency Degree. CRPS certification from the Florida Certification Board.
- One to two years related experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience.
- CPR Trained

Skills/Abilities:

- Demonstrates Proficiency in Communication, observation & Written skills.
- Knowledge of State & Federal Statutes Regarding Patient Confidentiality laws.
- Knowledge of Drug-Free Workplace Policies.
- Knowledge of Workplace Violence.
- Knowledge of Corporate Integrity & Ethics
- Knowledge of addictions.
- Ability to interact with a multi-disciplinary team to assist in facets of the recovery program relating to physical health.
- Knowledge of the 12-Step Recovery Program.
- Knowledge and competency in problem solving, stress management, ethics and team building.
- Knowledge of alcohol and other drugs that includes:
 - Alcohol and addictive drugs and their physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual impact on the individual.
 - Alcohol and addictive drugs and their impact on the family.
 - Ability to determine if a medical emergency exists and to take appropriate action, when necessary.
- Knowledge of emergency procedures used in case of alcohol and/or drug overdose.
- Knowledge of First Aid and CPR.

- Knowledge of Federal, State and Municipal laws and/or regulations that regulate the treatment of alcoholism and drug addiction, including:
 - Confidentiality
 - Patient Rights
 - Professional Code of Ethics
 - Discrimination
- Flexibility to adapt to schedule changes and assumption of responsibilities not delineated in the job description which are related to work as a member of an addiction treatment team.

Other Qualifications: Familiar with community resources