



## **PEERS ON THE MOVE PEER SUPPORT SPECIALIST JOB DESCRIPTION**

### **Purpose/Role**

The CPSS provides peer support and resource navigation to engaging participants. This person uses their personal lived experiences to connect with participants. As someone who has successfully managed their own recovery, the PSS provides an example to program participants of what they can strive for in their own wellness. The purpose of this role is to connect with participants in areas where connections to peer support, resource navigation or harm reduction services are less accessible.

### **Responsibilities/Tasks**

#### **Participant Engagement and Support**

- Greet and check-in with participants as they come into the Mobile vehicle.
- Meet with the Peers on the Move Coordinator daily to be assigned a location for the day.
- Provide one-on-one and communal peer support interactions.
- Complete intake forms for participants that want to stay connected.
- Identify needs with each participant that could benefit from support with SDoH funding.
- Fuel up and clean the interior van at the end of each working day.
- Use motivational interviewing when attempting to engage individuals to support them in their own wellness pathway.
- PSS will attempt to establish a supportive relationship and assess the individual's readiness/motivation to participate in recovery and/or harm reduction activities.
- Follow-up with the identified individual within 24 hours of referral (or as soon as can be arranged).
- Provide health care, legal, and behavioral health system navigation.
- If the individual is willing, the PSS will guide the individual in the development of a Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP).
- Document and maintain participant information in the database.
- Gather information needed to build a relationship and maintain follow up, including contact information and potential barriers to accessing care.
- Provide basic education about healthy behaviors, health-related risk behaviors, available care and treatment options.
- Involve participants and their support systems (e.g. family, caregiver) in the decision-making process through a person-centered, collaborative approach.
- Act as a participant advocate and navigator to support the development of problem-solving skills.
- Coordinate care for participants enrolled in other provider programs as needed.
- Provide participant family support and care coordination (w/permission & request from participant).

### **Competencies/Knowledge/Qualities**

- Demonstrated commitment to the Sunrise mission, vision, and values.
- Professional and personal style consistent with the philosophy and team-oriented culture of Sunrise.
- High School Diploma or General Educational Development (GED)
- Knowledge and experience in the peer support field.
- One year of experience in the behavioral health and/or substance use fields
- Strong communication skills - verbal and written
- Appropriate personal & professional boundaries.
- Experience with Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) and applicable skills
- Experience with direct patient contact and/or customer service
- Experience in the criminal justice system (either educationally, or personally).
- 2 years of personal recovery (mental health and/or substance use/abuse).
- Maintain healthy self-care and work balance.

### **Reports to**

RCC Coordinator

### **Supervisory Responsibility:**

None

### **Requirements:**

- Current NC Driver's License and vehicle insurance.
- Maintain healthy self-care and work balance.
- Maintain NC CPSS certification and all required CEU hours needed for recertification.
- Abide by PSS Code of Ethics.
- Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

**Apply:** Send resume and references to [ACarlisle@sunriseinasheville.org](mailto:ACarlisle@sunriseinasheville.org)

### **Category:**

Non-Exempt. Sunrise is a Living Wage Certified employer and offers dental insurance and primary care (not health insurance)

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