

KINGS COUNTY HOSPITAL CENTER
FUNCTIONAL JOB DESCRIPTION
DEPARTMENT: Behavioral Health

TITLE: Peer Counselor
Adult Ambulatory Services/PHP/Primary Care Clinic

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:

Under the supervision of the Supervisor of Peer Counseling Services, is responsible for the following:

1. Monitor and assess patient's recovery and rehabilitation process; assure continuity of care in accordance with patient's treatment plan.
2. Provide information and assistance linking patients to self-help and peer-run resources.
3. Share lived experience as a way of encouraging consumer on their mental health recovery journey.
4. Provide outreach services to patients in order to facilitate continuity and integration of care.
5. Conduct orientation, support and educational groups to patients and their families.
6. Document clinical care provided in the patient's medical record according to hospital policies and procedures, JCAHO standards and NYS regulations.
7. Participate in interdisciplinary team in determining and implementing a comprehensive patient-centered plan of care.
8. Demonstrate knowledge and awareness of the organization's Patient Safety Goals.
9. Other duties, as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS: Satisfactory completion of a formalized peer counselor/specialist training program which meets the training requirements for a Peer Advocacy Organization as mandated by NYS Office of Mental Health in its Official Policy Manual.



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Behavioral Health

Peer Counselor, Adult Inpatient Services

Job Description

The Peer counselor, working closely and cooperatively with the adult inpatient interdisciplinary team will provide the following services:

- Provide companionship, support and comfort to persons receiving mental health services in Adult Inpatient.
- Share personal experience and encourage mental health wellness and recovery.
- Offer appropriate referrals to other peer-run programs.
- Give information about community supports and resources, consumer entitlements, and recovery-based services in the community.
- Provide consumer-run recovery groups
- Keep relevant records in a timely and accurate fashion.
- Demonstrate knowledge and awareness of the organization's Patient Safety Goals
- Complete monthly reports as requested.
- Other duties as assigned

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A minimum of one year of work experience in Human Services including Educational Agencies is accepted in lieu of a peer/specialist training program.