



Mission Statement: “To empower and inspire people of all communities to identify, pursue and sustain healthy, meaningful lives”.

MHAW strives to develop an authentic, diverse workforce that embraces, creates, respects and demonstrates *diversity, equity, and inclusiveness* in the work environment, towards one another and those we serve. We recognize that our agency is strongest when we all embrace the full spectrum of diversity and experience. We actively seek to employ a diverse workforce representative of the communities we serve.

MHAW is a pro-vaccination agency, and has required all staff to be fully vaccinated and encourages service recipients to be vaccinated against Covid-19.

Position: Peer Vaccination Readiness Navigator
Compensation: \$42,491 per year
Location: Long Island, NY
Hours: Full time, 37.5 hours per week; Must be available evenings and weekends

Position Description

The Peer Vaccination Readiness Navigator role includes activities to support and educate individuals accessing OMH (Office of Mental Health) programs toward readiness for vaccination against COVID-19. The Peer Vaccination Readiness Navigator represents the agency in a manner consistent with our overall mission.

General responsibilities may include, but are not limited to:

- Act in a manner that exemplifies professional leadership with positive morale, role modeling, and judgment in the promotion of an empowering, person-centered program culture
- Practice Development:
 - a. To continually seek to enhance one’s skills, proficiency, philosophy, and practical understanding in all areas pertinent to recovery.
 - b. To compile and share relevant resources with peers and program staff.

Specific Program Tasks and Responsibilities

- To support and educate individuals accessing OMH programs toward readiness for vaccination. Specifically assignments are:
 - a. Lead group discussion on vaccinations against COVID-19 in OMH congregate settings
 - b. Meet with individuals, as needed, to answer questions, dis-spell myth and meet people where they are in order to support informed decision making about vaccination against COVID-19
 - c. To serve as and advocate on an individual and system level to call for the improvement of services.

Critical Skills and Qualifications

- Experience with and knowledge of the New York State and Suffolk County public mental health system. Knowledge of wellness, self-help and empowerment programs and resources for recipients of mental health services.
- Establishment of and sustainment your own self-directed recovery and care.
- Working toward or maintain active Certification as a NYS Peer Specialist
- Effective use of self-disclosure to inspire and support participants.
- Sound communication skills and the ability to work as part of a team.

- Group facilitation and training experience
- Motivational Interviewing, Stages of Change and Harm Reduction experience
- Group training skills, as well as experience working one-on-one in the role of a Peer Specialist
- Experience working with diverse populations
- Technological skills
- Must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19

* Association for Mental Health and Wellness is offering a onetime sign on bonus for individuals hired at the agency upon successful completion of an introductory period.

Send a resume and cover letter expressing your interest in this position to:

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