

ASSOCIATION FOR
MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS



To Advocate. To Educate. To Empower. Together.

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: Shelter Project Care Coordinator
Salary: \$45,000 to \$52,000 per year (based on experience and credentials)
Location: Ronkonkoma, NY and travel throughout Suffolk County
Hours: 37.5 hours per week
Start Date: Immediately

Position Description/Key Responsibilities:

The Care Coordinator for the Shelter Project (Clinical Service Interventions to Homeless Persons Program) engages and supports chronically homeless individuals throughout Suffolk County. The Care Coordinator assists individuals with identifying appropriate, permanent housing or with resolving barriers preventing return to other desired environments, working closely with those served until stable housing has been achieved. The Care Coordinator serves individuals who have serious mental illness (SMI) and services may include linkage to needed services, monitoring established goals and providing case-specific advocacy. The Care Coordinator will identify opportunities for client engagement and conduct outreach in venues that HARP-enrolled/eligible clients may utilize such as homeless shelters, jail and forensic service offices, hospitals, and health/behavioral health centers. The Care Coordinator establishes supportive, helping relationships and works with individuals to achieve improved overall health and social functioning. The Care Coordinator oversees and partners with the Peer Navigator who utilizes personal, lived, recovery experience to engage and assist those served by the program. The Care Coordinator also works closely with MHAW's Adult Care Management team.

Qualifications and Requirements:

The successful candidate should possess or be quickly able to acquire the following skills and knowledge:

- Excellent inter-personal communication including the ability to establish empathic, empowering relationships with people who have experienced trauma, psychiatric and substance abuse challenges as well as chronic physical conditions;
- Strong communication, organizational and computer skills.
- Understanding of the key elements of recovery and wellness, including the role of family and self-help;
- Basic knowledge of the public health/mental health system, public entitlement and social service programs;
- Candidate must be a reliable self-starter with the ability to work both independently and as part of an interdisciplinary team.
- Bachelors or Master's degree in a human service/health discipline preferred; and two years' experience with assessment, outreach or delivering behavioral health services to those who are chronically homeless.
- Supervisory experience preferred.
- Bi-lingual (English/Spanish) candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.
- 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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