



## HAS AN OPENING FOR THE POSITION OF

### **Peer Support Worker**

**(0.50 FTE – 18.75 HRS/WEEK Contract till March 31/2022 then Casual)**

**LOCATION: KENORA, ONTARIO**

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#### **Position Summary:**

Under the direction of the CMHAFF Peer Support Lead, the Peer Support Worker provides support to individuals and families who are affected by the stigma and reality of mental illness. The Peer Support worker is someone who has experienced a mental illness and is knowledgeable of mental health and social services. The Peer Support Worker has a blend of education, training and personal experience with mental illness and through the combination of these three components, the worker will promote recovery, providing a supportive and safe environment where people can talk about their mental health issues without judgement and with confidentiality.

#### **Essential Duties:**

- Provides peer support to all individuals who utilize the drop-in or who call in for support.
- Assists the consumer in making appropriate referrals to community services and resources.
- Provides information, advocacy and support for referral to local, district and regional resources.
- Provides Peer Support to consumers in an outreach setting that includes hospitals, recovery homes and other locations.
- Identifies and coordinates/facilitates a variety of wellness, social, recreational, and educational programs/activities for the Peer Support Drop-In Centre.
- Works in a manner that preserves, maintains and respects privacy and confidentiality of client and staff information.
- Responsible for knowing and meeting all health and safety requirements to ensure a healthy and safe workplace.
- Completes required documentation in a timely manner and in accordance with prescribed agency, Ministry and legal standards.

#### **Qualifications:**

- A Social Services/Health Care College Certificate, and/or training, or an equivalent combination of education and experience is required.
- Peer Support Certification is an asset
- Direct personal experience with mental illness is an asset.
- Working knowledge of internet explorer, word processing, and Outlook.
- Strong written and oral communication skills.
- Strong organizational and time management skills.
- Ability to work individually and as a team member.
- Valid driver's license and access to a vehicle, agency prescribed auto insurance, valid first aid/CPR certificate.
- Current criminal record check that includes Vulnerable Sector Check.

Qualified applicants are asked to submit a resume and cover letter outlining their experience to:

Selection Committee  
Canadian Mental Health Association, Fort Frances Branch  
P.O. Box 446  
Fort Frances, Ontario P9A 3M8  
Fax: (807) 274-2473      Email: [cmha@cmhaff.ca](mailto:cmha@cmhaff.ca).

**Position will remain open until successful applicant hired.**

CMHAFF offers a comprehensive benefits package including membership in the Healthcare of Ontario Pension Plan (HOOPP), starting vacation entitlement of four (4) weeks per year, competitive health, dental, Life, LTD, compressed work week and excellent work-life culture.

CMHAFF welcomes applications from individuals with disabilities. Accommodations are available upon request for candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process.

