**PEER SUPPORT WORKER:**

**NOTICE OF CONTRACT**

**Closing Date: Jan 31 2025**

**20 HOURS/MONTH AVAILABLE AT**

**Kitsilano Mental Health Team**

**2110 W 43rd Ave**

**Vancouver, BC**

**V6M 2E1**

**Contract Description:**

Under the supervision of the mental health Occupational Therapist and Recreation Therapist, you will work with clients experiencing mental health & substance use challenges as a Peer Support Worker to work with client-led rehabilitation goals.

**Duties as a PSW (4 hours a week):**

* One-to-one and group work with clients (in-person, in the community, on the telephone, or by zoom).
* Supporting clients with identifying their goals, acquiring new skills, linking with community resources, and living their most meaningful authentic lives by encouraging discussion, sharing lived experience, listening, and inspiring hope.

**Qualifications:** The successful individual will:

* 1. Have completed a recognized Peer Support Worker Training program with a practicum (preferred) or have equivalent training and/or experience (may be considered).
  2. Lived and living experience with mental health and or substance use challenges and successes.
  3. Demonstrated ability to use recovery oriented and trauma informed practices.
  4. Exercises good judgment and reaches out for support from the site team as needed.
  5. Able to communicate and interact with others effectively.
  6. Works well in a team environment as well as independently.
  7. Understanding of community resources and services in the area.
  8. Demonstrates and encourages empathy, self-awareness, initiative, and flexibility.
  9. Is open to a range of ways of understanding experiences and perspectives.
  10. Supporting clients and peer support workers with their self-defined recovery while drawing upon lived and living experience.
  11. Encouraging discussion, listening, inspiring hope and modeling recovery.
  12. Models, encourages, and maintains good self-care practices.
  13. Strong advocacy skills.
  14. Be a role model to those in recovery by sharing common life experiences and practical information.
  15. Be able to work cooperatively with mental health staff, clients, and family members.
  16. Be able to communicate with a vulnerable and culturally diverse population in a respectful manner.
  17. Be willing to respect other people’s right to decline assistance.
  18. Be able to adequately meet clients in the community, access public transportation, use a computer/smartphone, and communicate in a timely manner with staff.
  19. Be able to present in a professional manner and negotiate boundaries of the role.
  20. Have effective strategies for dealing with stress.
  21. Be empathetic, patient, and supportive.
  22. Group facilitation experience is an asset.

**Duration of this contract**: 1 year, with potential to renew. You CANNOTwork at the team or unit where you currently receive service.

**Pay and hours: $21.00 - $22.50** an hour based on level of experience, up to 20 hours maximum a month (including meetings).

Please submit a resume and cover letter to Nikki LeClair ([nikki.leclair@vch.ca](mailto:nikki.leclair@vch.ca)), Occupational Therapist, at Kitsilano Mental Health Team.