**Peer Worker(s)**

**2 Part-Time (permanent)**

**Location: Sault Ste. Marie**

**OPSEU Local 684**

**Our Vision**: *Mentally Healthy People in a Healthy Society*

**Our Mission**: *To promote the mental health of all people*

**THE POSITION:**

CMHA is seeking highly motivated individuals with lived experience to offer peer support programming both within the community *Consumer Survivor Initiative* and as a Peer Support Navigator within the *Sault Area Hospital Emergency Department.* Peer Workers are responsible for the delivery of recovery oriented services to support and enhance the lives of individuals living with mental illness/addictions. The provision of community based, client centered services and supports that promote positive interdependence, education, employment, mental health systems navigation, systemic/individual advocacy, housing, food security, transportation, recovery education and anti-discrimination activities. Peer support can be provided in a one-to-one setting or in a peer support group approach.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

* Demonstrated organizational and time-management skills, accountability, reliability and punctuality
* Peer Training Education and/or Certification, CPI and Mental Health First Aid Certification, preferred
* Working knowledge of community resources
* Basic computer and internet usage skills will be considered an asset
* Ability to maintain a safe and therapeutic environment
* Strong communication skills
* Willing to work flexible hours
* Personal knowledge of the mental health and addiction system
* Ability to work independently as well as part of a team

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:**

* Two-year Diploma in a Human or Health Services, or related field
* 1-3 years’ experience in the mental health /addictions system
* Lived experience with mental health/addictions
* ASIST, First Aid/CPR and Safe Food Handling Certification or willing to obtain on own, within 3 months
* Provide an acceptable Police Vulnerable Sector Check
* Ability to move, ascend, descend and position self from floor and back up for prolong periods
* Valid Driver’s license and access to a reliable vehicle
* Ability to provide effective client/member services in English and French, is preferred

**APPLICATION PACKAGE:**

The application package contains information to apply for the position:

* Job Description
* Scenario Questions

An application package can be picked up at 386 Queen Street East, Monday to Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. or requested by e-mail christina@cmhassm.com

Requirements for submission:

* Applicant’s Resume and Cover Letter
* Completion of Scenario Questions
* Application Screening Form

**Salary: $ 17.57 - $21.97**

This position is covered by a collective agreement. CMHA values diversity and is an equal opportunity employer. CMHA is committed to providing employment accommodation in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act.Applications from outside the bargaining unit are welcome, but can only be considered if the position is not filled from within the bargaining unit. Only those chosen for an interview will be contacted. **Please submit your Application Package to:**

Christina Coutu, Finance Manager

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