

Overview:

Canoncito Health Clinic is looking to hire a full-time Certified Peer Worker position to be a provider in the Integrated Primary and Behavioral Health program.

Peer Support Specialist Job Description

A Peer Support Specialist is a provider who provides support to people struggling with substance abuse and mental health disorders and works under the supervision of an independent behavioral health provider. A Peer Support Specialist will provide support for patients as they look to overcome substance abuse and mental health disorders. A Peer Support Specialist helps patients achieve recovery and sustain optimal health who struggle with wellness and mental health conditions.

Peer Support Specialist Duties and responsibilities:

- The Peer Support Specialist serves as a member of the Primary and Behavioral Health Care Team.
- Peer Support Specialist provides support services to individual or family member with similar life experience, under the supervision of an independent Behavioral Health Supervisor.
- The peer support specialist provides services and care focused on behavioral health and addictions to recovery, and including physical health promotion, and disease prevention and intervention activities for individuals and their families who experience mental health and substance abuse challenges.
- Provides comprehensive case management/ comprehensive community support services peer/family support services for patients with mental health and/or substance use diagnoses.
- Services may include: monitoring and coordinating treatment, assisting with engagement, linking to community services, crisis intervention, advocacy, and skill building activities.
+Develops comprehensive plans of care and safety/crisis plans with assigned clients.
+Completes all documentation and billing requirements on time.
- Assists co-workers and patients through a helping relationship to promote respect, trust, and warmth, and empower individuals to make changes and decisions to enhance their lives
- Obtain relevant information about clients through interviews, assessment, case history to determine level of severity of substance misuse and/or mental health problems and provide information/ feedback to the behavioral and medical professionals.
- Monitor patient behavior, schedule, medication, and activities. Report any unusual behavior, conflicts, or recovery to independent behavioral health and medical professionals.
- Provide case management services for assigned patients based on needs identified. and assist patients in following through with continuum of care treatment programming at all levels of care, i.e., outpatient, intensive outpatient program, detox services and psychiatric hospitals or correction facilities.
- Offer one-on-one support and counseling and receive warm hand off from independent behavioral health and substance abuse providers and medical providers

- Demonstrate ability to assist patients in meeting goals through treatment planning process and document in Electronic Medical Records (EMR).
- Assist patients in directing their own recovery and advocacy processes.
- Promote patient skill development for coping with and managing symptoms, while facilitating use of natural supports and enhancement of community living skills.
- Provide and promote patient activities that emphasize acquisition, development, and expansion of rehabilitation skills needed to move forward in recovery.
- Establish and maintain contact with community agencies, resources and professional providers necessary for intervention and case management for patients.
- Transport (if necessary) or work with transportation to assist patients with appointments, make arrangement for services outside the community, such as detox programming or other service or care.
- Respond to crisis calls, patient and community emergencies as needed.
- Plan and develop therapy sessions, assist support groups, and other resources.
- Document comprehensive community support services and/or case management activities, maintain notes and complete records, forms and reports as required for clinical documentation and billing in the EMR.
- Coordinate patients with maintaining behavior health therapy sessions and medical appointments.
- Maintain ethical standards of practice, competence, conduct and integrity, confidentiality, responsibility to patients.
- Attend staff meetings and team conferences as assigned or required by Behavioral Health supervisor.
- Provide information and feedback on family members with behavioral health and medical professionals on a daily basis.
- Supports a healthy, effective workplace with open communication and cooperative employee relationships.
- Other duties as assigned by the Behavioral Health Director.

Requirements and skills

Minimum Qualifications

1. An associate Degree in a related field of human services, nursing, substance abuse and three (3) years' experience working in a Behavioral Health clinic. Any equivalent combination of related education and/or experience may be considered for the above requirement.
2. Must be a Certified Peer Specialist in the State of New Mexico.
3. Proven work experience as a Peer Support Specialist in a Behavioral Health Environment.
4. Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
5. Highly compassionate and attentive to details.
6. Must pass background check, obtain First Aid and BLS/CPR certifications within 30 days of hire.