



DEPT OF HEALTH/MENTAL HYGIENE

Job Posting Notice

Job Details

Job ID:	276349	# of Positions:	4		
Business Title:	Wellness Advocate, Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Use, Prevention, Care, and Treatment				
Civil Service Title:	COMMUNITY COORDINATOR	Title Code No:	56058	Level:	00
Title Classification:	Non-Competitive				
Job Category:	Health				
Career Level:	Experienced (non-manager)	Proposed Salary Range:	\$ 50,362.00 - \$ 57,916.00 (Annual)		
Work Location:	42-09 28th Street				
Division/Work Unit:	Alcohol, Drug Prev & Treatment				

Job Description

The Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Use Prevention, Care and Treatment (BADUPCT) works to reduce morbidity and mortality related to alcohol and substance use among New Yorkers through contracting and oversight of prevention, treatment, harm reduction, recovery and support services; policy analysis and development; epidemiology, surveillance, and evaluation; development and dissemination of treatment and management guidelines; harm reduction initiatives; public and provider outreach and education; and community involvement and interagency collaboration.

The Non-fatal Overdose Response System (NORS) is a new initiative providing 24/7 support to individuals transported to hospital emergency departments (EDs) following a non-fatal overdose. The Wellness Advocate will visit patients in the ED to provide immediate support and overdose prevention training following an overdose event and offer ongoing support and linkage to care for a maximum of three months after hospital discharge.

Under the supervision of the Wellness Advocate Supervisor, the Wellness Advocates will:

- Use her/his lived experience with substance use to provide support to patients in the ED following a non-fatal overdose and introduce the NORS program to patients and obtain consent for follow up services.
- Coordinate and monitor the implementation of NORS program to assigned emergency department (ED) and the referrals to community services.
- Provide technical assistance and train ED staff on program implementation, policies and procedures.
- Closely collaborates with ED staff and community partnerships on continued integration of NORS.

- Conduct overdose prevention trainings with patients and their social networks including naloxone distribution.
- Contact and engage patients within 24-hours following hospital discharge.
- Provide patients with support and assist with linkage to care and community resources for a maximum of 90 days following hospital discharge. Accompany patients to appointments as required.
- Provide information on and offer appropriate referral options to harm reduction programs, medication assisted treatment, and drug treatment as requested.
- Maintain detailed records of patient contacts and follow-up activities.
- Collect and report program data to evaluate program performance.
- Assist in the development of NORS program policies and procedures.

Minimum Qual Requirements

1. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college and two years of experience in community work or community centered activities in an area related to the duties described above; or
2. High school graduation or equivalent and six years of experience in community work or community centered activities in an area related to the duties as described above; or
3. Education and/or experience which is equivalent to "1" or "2" above. However, all candidates must have at least one year of experience as described in "1" above.

Preferred Skills

- Strong communication and organization skills
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively with culturally diverse populations
- Certified Peer Recovery Advocate (CRPA) or commensurate experience of at least two years in the human service field
- Familiarity and openness to the principles of harm reduction
- Familiarity and openness to a range of drug treatment modalities including medication assisted treatment
- Willingness to travel within the five boroughs
- Ability to work effectively as part of a team
- Basic computer skills
- Experience working with clients
- Spanish language proficiency

Additional Information

****IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL CANDIDATES:**

Please note: If you are called for an interview you will be required to bring to your interview copies of original documentation, such as:

- A document that establishes identity for employment eligibility, such as: A Valid U.S. Passport, Permanent Resident Card/Green Card, or Driver's license.
- Proof of Education according to the education requirements of the civil service title.
- Current Resume
- Proof of Address/NYC Residency dated within the last 60 days, such as: Recent Utility Bill (i.e. Telephone, Cable, Mobile Phone)

Additional documentation may be required to evaluate your qualification as outlined in this posting's "Minimum Qualification Requirements" section. Examples of additional documentation may be, but not limited to: college transcript, experience verification or professional trade licenses.

If after your interview you are the selected candidate you will be contacted to schedule an on-boarding appointment. By the time of this appointment you will be asked to produce the originals of the above documents along with your original Social Security card.

****LOAN FORGIVENESS**

The federal government provides student loan forgiveness through its Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program (PSLF) to all qualifying public service employees. Working with the DOHMH qualifies you as a public service employee and you may be able to take advantage of this program while working full-time and meeting the program's other requirements.

Please visit the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program site to view the eligibility requirements:

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/public-service>

To Apply

Apply online with a cover letter to <https://a127-jobs.nyc.gov/>. In the Job ID search bar, enter: job ID number # 276349.

We appreciate the interest and thank all applicants who apply, but only those candidates under consideration will be contacted.

Residency Requirement

New York City residency is generally required within 90 days of appointment. However, City Employees in certain titles who have worked for the City for 2 continuous years may also be eligible to reside in Nassau, Suffolk, Putnam, Westchester, Rockland, or Orange County. To determine if the residency requirement applies to you, please discuss with the agency representative at the time of interview.

POSTING DATE: 12/21/2016

POST UNTIL: 03/28/2017