
Welcome to the new Director of the NYC Peer and Community Health Worker Workforce Consortium

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Curtis Dann-Messier joins us as the new Director of the Peer and CHW Workforce Consortium, which is an initiative of the Division of Mental Hygiene's Office of Consumer Affairs. He comes to us from CUNY where he was the University Director of Workforce Programs. During his time at CUNY, Curtis helped to establish and expand the state's first: credit-bearing community health worker training program; credit-bearing recovery peer training program; credit-bearing health coach program; and other training programs for frontline workers. He oversaw community-based internship programs for 1,000 students a year, including the CUNY Service Corps and Service Corps Puerto Rico. Curtis also managed New York City's first master lease site, Hollis Gardens, a 6-building, 120-unit comprehensive housing and support program for formerly homeless veterans. Prior to his time at CUNY, Curtis was a classroom teacher and worked at the Central Park Conservancy. Curtis received his master's in education at Hunter College and his BS from the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he studied the science of systems in the ecology department.



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