

Job Title: PEER SUPPORT SPECIALIST

Company: Squirrel Hill Health Center

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Job Description:

The Peer Support Specialist (PSS) will work with the SHHC Behavioral Health and Clinical teams to provide behavioral health services that foster supportive peer relationships with and among the persons receiving primary care and integrated behavioral health services at SHHC. The PSS by definition is a person who has experienced mental illness, and who will utilize her or his personal experience to instill a sense of hope and optimism for SHHC patients. If fluent in a language other than English, the PSS may be called upon to interpret in appointments with patients of the same background, or to co-lead groups from specific communities in order to help SHHC provide culturally competent care to all. He/she will report to SHHC Clinical Support and Care Coordinator, and will be an active and engaged member of the SHHC BH Team in creating a Patient Centered Medical Home for all, regardless of background, income or insurance status.

Qualifications:

- Having lived experience as a refugee would also qualify as the shared experience we are looking for.
- Nepali, Arabic, and Spanish in addition to English speaking skills will be beneficial.
- Completion of state approved training as Certified Peer Specialist.
- A self-identified current or former user of behavioral health services.
- High School diploma or GED.
- At least 12 months full or part-time paid or volunteer work experience.
- A commitment to recovery, choice, empowerment, and peer support.
- Ability to establish a trusting relationship with peers, including excellent interpersonal skills.
- Detail oriented with good writing and organizational abilities.
- Ability to network within the community and work with diverse populations.
- Computer proficiency including Microsoft Word and Excel.

How to Apply:

Mail resume to: Attn: Behavioral Health Coordinator, Squirrel Hill Health Center, 4516 Browns Hill Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15217.

Or

Email resume to: hhoward@squirrelhillhealthcenter.org

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