



Carer Peer Support Worker

Inner West Area Mental Health Service

Part time 0.3 to 0.6

Reference Number: 55207

Location: Inner West Area Mental Health Service - RMH, Waratah - Moonee Ponds

- Support Carers of Consumers experiencing mental health crisis in a supportive environment
- Part Time – Fixed Term Position until June 30 2021
- Adult Community Mental Health

The Royal Melbourne Hospital

As one of the largest health services in Victoria, and a team of more than 10,000 strong, we provide a comprehensive range of specialist medical, surgical, and mental health services; as well as rehabilitation, aged care, outpatient and community programs. We are a designated state-wide provider for services including trauma, and we lead centres of excellence for tertiary services in several key specialties including neurosciences, nephrology, oncology, cardiology and virtual health.

Surrounded by a Parkville Precinct of brilliant thinkers, we collaborate to set new benchmarks in health excellence – benchmarks that impact across the globe. While the work we do takes us in inspiring new directions; caring for each other, our patients and consumers is as essential to who we are, as any scientific breakthrough we make. We put people first - leading with kindness and working together, we excel as one Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Your new team

Inner West Area Mental Health Service (IWAMHS) Carer Lived Experience Team

- Join an innovative and supportive team, who are leaders in development of models of service provision for Carers of Consumers accessing public mental health services in Victoria. The team works closely together and advocate strongly for the needs of carers within IWAMHS and more broadly.
- Based at the Waratah Community Mental Health Service in the lively central shopping area in Moonee Ponds.
- Work as part of the service that is passionate about providing high quality, evidence based services for people experiencing mental health difficulties and their carers and families

Your success in this role, will be in your ability to

- Be a valuable source of practical advice, support which can reduce the isolation that carers can experience.
- Acknowledge the critical role of family/carers in recovery as well as the importance of linking family/carers into support for themselves.
- As a CPSW you will support carers and family members by providing direct peer support to any family member/carer within the service through face-to-face or telephone/online meetings.
- You will provide carers with emotional and practical support and help to identify their information and support needs.

Your Contribution

- You must have significant previous or current experience of supporting someone with mental ill health who has used public mental health services.

- You enjoy working and supporting others
- You have a demonstrated ability to engage individuals or families through telephone, face to face or online meetings in an empathic manner.
- You have the ability to share your personal experience appropriately for the benefit of other carers
- You understand peer support principles
- Resilience, empathy, self-awareness, excellent communication and interpersonal skills

Our Commitment to you

Here at The RMH we strive for excellence with a strong purpose that defines the work we do for our community – Advancing health for everyone, every day. This is the Melbourne Way.

We believe our success comes from our people. We're committed to the RMH being a great place to work and a great place to receive care. We have made a long-term commitment to strengthen our organisational culture through leadership, education and empowering our staff to Speak Up for themselves and each other.

This is a role where your passion and expertise can come together to create a truly defining career opportunity. It is a unique opportunity to help us transform the future of the RMH and ultimately ensure we continue to deliver world class healthcare.

The RMH is proud to be a workplace that champions diversity, inclusion and equality for our staff and our community. Our goal is for our people to feel safe, included and supported so that they can be at their best every single day. We encourage talented people from all backgrounds, abilities and identities to apply to our vacancies, and will consider adjustments to support such applications.

IWAMHS is part of NorthWestern Mental Health which boasts a sophisticated learning structure and we pride ourselves on supporting continuing professional development.

Interested?

For a confidential discussion please connect via the details below.

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All appointments are made subject to a satisfactory Criminal History Record Check and a Working with Children Check. Successful applicants will be required to provide evidence of an immunisation assessment prior to commencement.

Closing date: 18 January, 2021

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