JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Community Advocate

POSITION: Community Advocate
REPORTS TO: Community Programs Manager
SALARY/ BENEFITS: $40,000 - $45,000 DOE
HOURS: Full-time/40 hours per week/Non-Exempt

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:
The Community Advocate is responsible for community organizing and advocacy involving individuals with mental health conditions within MHASF programs, the San Francisco County mental health system, supportive housing sites, and other community based programs. The Community Advocate provides leadership in facilitating community-based MHASF trainings, support groups, and workshops with an emphasis on mentoring and training program participants across MHASF community programs.

POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES:
• Represent MHASF at public hearings about issues affecting people with mental health conditions, including budget hearings with the Board of Supervisors, meetings of the Mental Health Board, Police Commission, and other local committees
• Organize and train individuals with mental health conditions to speak at public hearings and participate on policy committees
• Coordinate outreach, advocacy and education activities for relevant policy/advocacy issues
• Facilitate the weekly Support Group for Hoarding and Cluttering with MHASF as needed
• Organize MHASF consumer advocates via phone, in-person and internet and other communication tools to participate in MHASF activities and events
• Provide leadership, mentoring, and advanced training for SOLVE (Sharing Our Lives, Voices and Experiences) Speakers Bureau with MHASF
• Provide drop-in assistance and support for System Navigators with Community Behavioral Health Services (CBHS) on an as-needed basis
• Assist with outreach and presentations for the PREP (Prevention and Recovery of Early Psychosis) Program with MHASF
• Serve as an agency lead for MHASF Information and Referral Line and provide relevant, current resources for the community
• Track outcomes including people served and provide a monthly report of accomplishments to Community Programs Manager
• Responsibilities should include WRAP and other self-help groups, peer support
• Other duties as assigned by Community Programs Manager
REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Direct personal experience with the public mental health services
- Excellent public speaking and group facilitation skills
- Familiarity with concepts of recovery and stigma of mental illness and other issues facing people affected by mental illness
- Experience with peer counseling and group facilitation
- Experience with community organizing and engagement
- Strong verbal communication skills
- Collaborative team working style with ability to relate effectively with people from diverse backgrounds
- Excellent organizational skills
- Computer skills including experience with MS Word, MS Excel, and Power Point
- Commitment to the mission, vision and values of MHA SF
- At least 1 year of experience in advocacy, community organizing, or community mental health services

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Direct personal experience with the public mental health services in San Francisco
- Certified WRAP facilitator
- Bachelor’s Degree
- Proficiency in Spanish and/or Cantonese/Mandarin

To apply for this position, please mail or email cover letter explaining your interest in this position and resume to:
Community Mental Health Advocate Search
Mental Health Association of San Francisco
870 Market, Suite 928
San Francisco, CA 94102
info@mentalhealthsf.org

NO Phone Calls, please!

Applications will be reviewed and considered as they are received. The position will remain open until filled. Applicants representative of the culturally and ethnically diverse communities served by MHASF are encouraged to apply.
About the Mental Health Association of San Francisco

The Mental Health Association of San Francisco (MHASF) advances the mental health of the people of San Francisco and leads the global community in advocacy, education, research and supports that promote recovery and wellness while challenging the stigma associated with mental health conditions.

A mental health consumer-run agency, MHASF seeks to hire individuals with personal lived experience of mental illnesses/psychiatric disabilities, mental health and public social/health services. Disclosure of such experience is not required for employment but considered a valued contribution for purposes of our staffing and organizational mission.