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WANTED: PEER SUPPORT WORKER

CLOSING: March 12, 2010

ONE Contract with Hamber House (233 15th Avenue West; Vancouver, BC; V5Y 1Y1):

~ 20 hours per month, 6 month contract

Job Description: Under the supervision of the Team Director and staff, and in conjunction with treatment personnel, you will work with clients with mental illness with the objective of assisting them to achieve their stated goals. The successful candidate will be a well-organized individual who exhibits initiative, flexibility, sound judgement and good interpersonal skills. Duties include 1:1 work assisting clients in achieving goal(s), acquiring new skills or linking with community resources; communicating all relevant information verbally and in writing to pertinent staff; and attending monthly peer support worker meetings, at the team or unit and centrally.

Qualifications: The successful individual will:

1. have completed a Peer Support Training program or have equivalent training or experience
2. have personal experience receiving services within the mental health system (required)
3. be able to be a role model to people recovering from a serious mental illness by sharing common life experiences and practical information
4. have effective strategies for dealing with stress
5. be able to work cooperatively with other mental health staff
6. be able to work with a culturally diverse population
7. be willing to respect other people's right to decline assistance
8. be able to adequately access public transportation,
9. be willing to participate in community activities (e.g. swimming, yoga, etc.)
10. have an interest in working with *teenagers* (experience an asset)
11. be able to present in a professional manner, and
12. be empathetic, patient and supportive.

Duration of these placements: 6 Months, temporary.

You are **not** required to work at the team or unit where you receive service.

Pay and Hours: \$11.00 an hour, up to 20 hours maximum a month (including meetings).

Start Date: March 22, 2010

Closing Date and Location: Please submit a resume and a cover letter to:

Consumer Support Office, Vancouver Community Mental Health Services, VCH,

#200-520 West 6th Avenue, Vancouver, BC V5Z 4H5

(Telephone 604-708-5274; Faxes accepted to 604-874-7661)

No later than : November 12, 2010