

OPIOID USE DISORDER SYSTEMS SPECIALIST

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This position within the Sheriff's Office is part of the High-Risk Mitigation Team (HRMT) which works closely with the community, first responders and law enforcement to identify and carefully follow individuals suffering from opioid use disorder (OUD) throughout the continuum of care, linking to peer services, harm reduction measures, treatment, medication assisted treatment, OUD prevention education, and recovery services. The work involves coordinating systems level care and advocacy for individuals and families impacted by OUD. An employee in this class is also responsible for organizing community level outreach efforts with the purpose of providing opioid education and naloxone distribution, and public awareness. The work is performed under the general supervision as designated by the Sheriff's Office and HRMT Project Manager, with considerable leeway allowed for the use of independent judgment. Supervision is exercised over the work of subordinate staff within the HRMT. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: The typical work activities listed below, while providing representative examples of the variety of work assignments in the title do not describe any individual position. Incumbents in this title may perform some or all of the following, as well as other related activities not described.

Coordinates systems level of care and advocacy for individuals and families impacted by OUD;

Completes preliminary screening of individuals referred, to help determine level of care and services to support recovery efforts, as well as, to help individuals access needed health and support services;

Conducts on-site and/or field-based outreach, engagement, re-engagement and navigation services;

Collaborates with existing OUD treatment, recovery, and prevention programs;

Organizes community level outreach efforts such as opioid education and naloxone distribution, community conversations and forums, etc.;

Maintains accurate and timely data entries and notes, to document all contact encounters with individuals;

Develops and submits accurate reports regarding program activities, referrals, clients served, caseload, retention rates, and other information as needed;

Attends community meetings, county task force meetings and work groups to represent the program;

Provides supervision to the Peer Recovery Advocates and conducts weekly case reviews;

Participates in meetings with the High-Risk Mitigation Team.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Good knowledge of the principles and practices of prevention, treatment

and recovery from OUD; good knowledge of services provided by the agency and

community resources available to individuals and families impacted by OUD; good knowledge of services available through state and local agencies; good knowledge of public education and community outreach techniques; working knowledge of the principles and practices of program administration; ability to establish and maintain rapport with individuals and their families; ability to plan and supervise the work of others; ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing; ability to identify positively with people; ability to relate to a potentially difficult population; ability to maintain records and prepare narrative reports, statistical reports and general correspondence; good organizational skills; sound professional judgment; tact.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Master's Degree in Social Work, Sociology, Mental Health Counseling, Psychology or closely related field and two (2) years of full-time paid or its part-time equivalent, experience in substance abuse counseling, social work, case management or community-based prevention work in a recognized agency adhering to acceptable standards, one (1) year of which must have been in a supervisory capacity.

Special Requirement: Possession of a valid New York State driver's license.

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