



CALIFORNIA NETWORK OF MENTAL HEALTH CLIENTS

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Job Announcement South Regional Coordinator

The California Network of Mental Health Clients (CNMHC) is a solely consumer-run non-profit organization whose membership consists of affiliates and individuals throughout the State. The CNMHC is the formal advocacy statewide voice for California's mental health consumers and as such is a critical participant and stakeholder in all statewide mental health policy processes. One of the primary purposes of the CNMHC is "To provide a strong voice of, by and for mental health clients; to be heard on all issues concerning clients and public policies affecting them in the government, the media, and the community."

The California Department of Mental Health is contracting with the CNMHC to assist in implementing all of the consumer related aspects of the Mental Health Services Act, specifically, but not limited to: consumer operated programs, the meaningful and effective involvement of consumers in the Act's implementation, the hiring of consumers in the mental health workforce as well as training of that workforce, and the reduction of stigma and discrimination campaigns. The CNMHC has the special expertise, experience and shared values that make it the most effective provider of these services.

This Project enables the CNMHC to provide the education, training, and technical assistance to clients around the State in the implementation of the MHSA, as well as to provide a strong client voice in all aspects of system change, statewide and locally. CNMHC is the organized statewide advocacy voice of and for persons with mental disabilities. The CNMHC seeks to encourage and promote client-run self-help activities throughout the state. To this end, The CNMHC supports a self-help project in each of five (5) regions.

Regional Coordinator Activities will consist of the following, as prioritized and developed in a CNMHC Regional Action Plan:

1. Develop the Regional Action Plan, with input from MHSA/Public Policy Director, Office of Self-Help Director, and other Regional Coordinators. Regional Directors may act as advisors in this process; Each work plan will be approved by the Executive Director.
2. Coordinate the Regional Self-Help Project identified by regional members, including developing the project action plan, timeline and budget. Oversee the regional project budget; whenever possible, promote in-kind support for the regional project.
3. Build regional membership, including the identification of Regional Affiliate Organizations. Collaborate with these affiliates to leverage increases in local and regional consumer involvement. Provide outreach in the region and support client values and client groups within the counties and/or regions.
4. Develop and provide on-going education of clients about the Mental Health Services Act, with an emphasis on client opportunities of the MHSA:
 - Client-Operated programs
 - Clients' Involvement in implementing the MHSA on local levels
 - Hiring of consumers in the mental health workforce
 - State and local campaigns to address discrimination and stigma

This may involve leadership trainings, mentoring local leaders and/or developing mentoring programs for clients to enhance their ability to advocate and provide leadership for the client opportunities in the Act and/or training for clients and client-run organizations to be effective members of planning, implementation, and oversight Committees.

5. In collaboration with others, outreach to underserved, unserved and inappropriately served populations and cultures in the Region, partnering for mutual learning and development. Act as a resource to promoter empowerment, hope and resources to the client community.
6. Stay informed and connected by attending relevant MHSA and client meetings as identified on your action plan. Maintain on-going knowledge base about the MHSA, as well as of the client perspective on MHSA issues.
7. Maintain documentation and records to ensure successful fulfillment of CNMHC contract requirements. Maintain weekly contact with your supervisor. Provide monthly project and fiscal reports. Attend scheduled staff teleconferences and in-person meetings.
8. Schedule and coordinate regional meetings. Maintain communications with the MHSA Client Implementation Team, and the Directors of the Region.
9. As time allows, provide on-going technical support, which includes moral support, encouragement and links to resources, to local clients in their involvement in the planning, implementation, management and accountability of MHSA programs, especially as it relates to the client opportunities of the MHSA.
10. Other job duties as directed, based on specific needs of Region.

Qualifications

- Have direct experience as a mental health client.
- Have a thorough knowledge of the MHSA, and of the client opportunities embedded in the MHSA.
- Have a connection to and in-depth knowledge of the consumer/survivor movement and its values.
- Have experience with outreach, inclusion, and organizing strategies.
- Have awareness and cultural sensitivity to special populations and cultures.
- Have experience in training, teaching, mentoring, and leadership development.
- Have coordination/organizational skills, including knowledge of budgets.
- Have excellent communication skills.
- Have the ability to relate well to people of all diversities; Have experience working collaboratively with mental health professionals, administrators, and constituency groups.
- Have the ability to travel throughout region.
- Accessibility to an office, including a home space, equipped with computer, e-mail, and phone lines.
- CNMHC member preferred, but not necessary.

This position will be supervised by the Executive Director for the organization, and managed by the Administrator. Employment is governed by the CNMHC Personnel Policies.

Hours: .7FTE or 28 hours weekly; non-exempt position

Salary Range: Varies, depending on experience. 70% of Health benefits, paid/sick/vacation time, and paid holidays included.

Application Directions

Please submit cover letter, resume, references, and writing sample by mail, fax, or email by February 26, 2010.

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