



# CALIFORNIA NETWORK *of* MENTAL HEALTH CLIENTS

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## Job Announcement South Regional Coordinator

The California Network of Mental Health Clients is a solely consumer-run non-profit organization whose membership consists of affiliates and individuals throughout the State. The California Network 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 Network 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."

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

1. Develop the Regional Action Plan. Regional Directors and Network Program Staff 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. Outreach to underserved, unserved and inappropriately served populations and cultures in the Region, partnering for mutual learning and development. Act as a resource to promote empowerment, hope and resources to the client community.
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
5. Maintain documentation and records to ensure successful fulfillment of Network contract requirements. Maintain weekly contact with your supervisor. Provide monthly project and fiscal reports. Attend scheduled staff teleconferences and in-person meetings.
6. Schedule and coordinate regional meetings. Maintain communications with the Directors of the Region.
7. As time allows, provide on-going technical support, which includes moral support, encouragement and linkage to resources.
8. 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.
- California Network member preferred, but not necessary.

This position will be supervised by the Executive Director for the organization. Employment is governed by the California Network Personnel Policies.

\*Hours: .8FTE or 32 hours weekly; non-exempt position

\*Salary Range: Varies, depending on experience. Health benefits, paid/sick/vacation time, and paid holidays included.

*Until the state budget passes, we are operating in a temporary 'Friday Furlough' mode. During this period, Regional Coordinators are working only 24 hours/week, coordinating Regional Projects, identifying County Liaisons and providing outreach and technical assistance for MHSA client involvement. Full duties, hours and pay will resume with the opening of our 2010-2011 contracts.*

## Application Directions

Please submit cover letter, resume, references, and writing sample by mail, fax, or e-mail.

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**APPLICATIONS DUE:** On or before October 12, 2010

Call 1-800-626-7447 for more information

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