

City is Seeking Two Certified Peer Support Workers

The City of Albuquerque is seeking to contract for one year with two Certified Peer Support Workers (CPSW) to provide peer engagement to persons at risk of or having experienced an overdose, by conducting in-home follow-up visits in coordination with the Albuquerque Fire and Rescue HEART team. These visits will allow peer support workers a more personal connection with individuals, and provide opportunities to bring awareness about available resources and services. Throughout New Mexico and the Albuquerque Region, emergency response and emergency department data indicate significant utilization due to substance use related overdoses. The intent of this one-year project, funded by the Department of Justice, is to enhance linkages to treatment and recovery supports by expanding ABQ Fire and Rescue HEART Program's capacity to conduct in-home follow up visits with high risk individuals who survived an overdose and/or are high utilizers of emergency services. These peer-to-peer outreach efforts are further intended to enhance a continuum of care in the community into treatment services and recovery supports.

The CPSWs will be reimbursed \$25 per hour for up to 20 hours a week, which amount includes any and all gross receipts taxes.

If interested in contracting for this position, please send a letter of interest, resumé and applicable certifications to Ellen Braden at ebraden@cabq.gov before November 7, 2020. Please direct any questions to Ellen Braden at ebraden@cabq.gov.

Peer Recovery Support Specialist for HEART Program

Summary

Peer Recovery Support Specialist(s) will provide support to the Albuquerque Fire and Rescue (AFR) HEART team by providing outreach to individuals who have been directly impacted by a narcotic overdose. AFR will work with the Albuquerque Police Department (APD) and other NMDOH sponsored efforts to contact the victims and family members of narcotic overdoses. Together, the HEART team and Peer Specialists will provide them with education, resources for rehabilitation support, and Naloxone.

The HEART Team will conduct an Initial Home Visit/Patient Assessment for individuals directly impacted by a narcotic overdose. The Peer Recovery Support Specialists may also be part of this meeting, used to evaluate the client's situation and gather information to establish a plan of action, educate, distribute naloxone, or make referral.

AFR Peer Recovery Support Specialists, will make a follow up call and/or visit to any resident that received a harm reduction follow up within 3 days after the initial visit to provide appropriate referrals for services.

AFR Community EMT's, and Peer Recovery Support Specialists, will make a follow up call and/or visit to any resident that received a harm reduction visit 30 days after the initial visit. The follow up will involve a satisfaction survey, and will be used to obtain information regarding the use of the naloxone that was provided and whether or not any of the referrals were utilized. Additional referrals may be provided as need dictates.

The Peer Specialist will provide Recovery Coaching to individuals served through this program. Recovery Coaching is a set of non-clinical activities based on shared lived experience that engage, educate, and support an individual to successfully recover from mental or substance use disorders. Peer Recovery Support Specialists act as a recovery and empowerment catalyst: guiding the recovery process and supporting individual recovery choices, goals, and decisions. They may assist the patient in identifying personal and environmental obstacles to recovery, link the recovering person to the recovery community, and serve as a personal guide and mentor in the management of personal and family recovery. A Peer Recovery Support Specialist does not serve the role of sponsor. A Peer Recovery Support Specialist models competency in resiliency and recovery and ongoing coping skills.

Responsibilities

- *Coordinates and communicates directly with AFR HEART team members daily, and funders and community partners as required.
- *Creates reports and presentations as required.
- *Works independently and with a multidisciplinary team to provide services and deliverables as required by the Department of Justice COAP Grant.
- *Engages individual toward recovery using Motivational Interviewing Skills.
- *Provides Naloxone education in partnership with HEART personnel.
- *Identifies and provides community resources.
- *Supports patient in linkage with community appointments as time allows.
- *Provides monthly follow-up contact with individuals engaged throughout life of grant.
- *Manages and maintains individuals served tracking and outcomes.
- *Complies with City, funding, State and Federal regulations.
- *Support Individuals first and foremost using their personal experiences to develop meaningful and trusting relationships with individuals, acting as a mentor. As someone who successfully managed their own recovery, the Peer Recovery Support Specialist provides individuals an example of what they can strive for in their recovery.

Education

- *High School Diploma/GED

Other

- *Certified Peer Recovery Specialist or recovery coach, or Certified Community Health Worker, with SUD experience
- *Certified Narcan educator preferred
- *Trained in Motivational Interviewing Skills preferred
- *Previous experience working in hospital or ED setting preferred
- *Experience working with confidential medical records and documentation preferred
- *Knowledge of community resources required
- *Effective written and verbal communication skills
- *Computer skills, familiarity with Microsoft Word, Excel, and Power Point

Reimbursement Rate

This will be a contract position for 20 hours per week. The pay will be \$25 per hour, which includes gross receipts taxes.