

## **Full Time Wellness Advocate**

The Fund for Public Health in New York City (FPHNYC) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that is dedicated to the advancement of the health and well-being of all New Yorkers. To this end, in partnership with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), FPHNYC incubates innovative public health initiatives implemented by DOHMH to advance community health throughout the city. It facilitates partnerships, often new and unconventional, between government and the private sector to develop, test, and launch new initiatives. These collaborations speed the execution of demonstration projects, effect expansion of successful pilot programs, and support rapid implementation to meet the public health needs of individuals, families, and communities across New York City.

### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

Relay provides 24/7 support to individuals transported to hospital emergency departments (EDs) following a non-fatal opioid overdose.

### **POSITION OVERVIEW**

The full time Wellness Advocate, reporting to the Wellness Advocate Supervisor in the Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Use Prevention, Care and Treatment, has the primary responsibility of visiting patients in the ED to provide immediate support and overdose prevention training following an opioid overdose event and offering ongoing support and linkage to care for a maximum of 90 days after hospital discharge. Relay is committed to the safety of its staff and will provide essential PPE, safety equipment and guidelines for in-person work in collaborating EDs.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The full time Wellness Advocates will be responsible for the following activities, including but not limited to:

- Using their lived experience with substance use to provide support to patients in the ED following a non-fatal overdose, introduce the program to patients and obtain consent for follow up services.
- Conduct overdose risk reduction education and prevention trainings with patients and their social networks including naloxone distribution.
- Provide patients with support and assist with linkage to care and community resources for a maximum of 90 days following hospital discharge. Accompany patients to appointments as required.
- Provide information on and offer appropriate referral options to harm reduction programs, medication assisted treatment, and other services as requested.
- Coordinate and monitor the implementation of the program to assigned ED and the referrals to community services.
- Provide technical assistance and train ED staff on program implementation, policies and procedures. Closely collaborates with ED staff and community partnerships on continued integration of Relay.
- Maintain detailed records of patient contacts and follow-up activities. Collect and report program data to evaluate program performance.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

A Wellness Advocate possesses first-hand lived experience using substances and is eager to draw from their own personal history in order to provide support through risk reduction education, naloxone training, and linkage to care for those experiencing a non-fatal opioid overdose in the Emergency Department. The successful candidate will have

familiarity and openness to a range of drug treatment modalities, the principles of harm reduction, and will possess, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree. This candidate will be a Certified Peer Recovery Advocate (CRPA or CRPA-P) or have commensurate experience of at least two years in the human service field. This candidate will also be willing to travel within the five boroughs, have a demonstrated ability to work with culturally diverse populations and have strong communication and organizational skills.

### **SALARY AND BENEFITS**

FPHNYC offers a comprehensive benefits package. The salary range for this position is commensurate with experience.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

There is potential for this position to transition to DOHMH and therefore candidates must meet DOHMH eligibility requirement including NYC residency.

### **TO APPLY**

To apply, send Resume, with Cover Letter, including how your experience relates to this position to this email address: [RelayAdmin@health.nyc.gov](mailto:RelayAdmin@health.nyc.gov). We ask that you do not contact our staff directly and no phone inquiries please. Applicants who best match the position needs will be contacted.

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