



**Canadian Mental  
Health Association**  
Muskoka - Parry Sound

**Addictions and  
Mental Health Services**

## **INTERNAL/EXTERNAL POSTING: OPEN UNTIL FILLED**

### **PEER SUPPORT WORKER – Council of Consumers, Survivors and Family Initiatives (COI)**

The COI program is a peer-driven and peer-guided consumer initiative to promote recovery and wellness education, encourage skill development (social and communication), and facilitate social recreational initiatives for consumers in different locations across the Muskoka Parry Sound district.

**Hours of Work: 32 hours/week**

**Job Status: Contract to May 2022**

**Base office: Sundridge**

**Competition #: 99-21**

**Purpose of the Position:** The Peer Support Worker with COI will encourage and support individuals living with mental health issues as clients/survivors and/or family members. The Peer Support Worker is responsible for providing opportunities for recreational, social and life skills-building within a safe and supportive environment for consumers who have experienced mental illness and/or substance use issues.

#### **Skills and Experience:**

- Experience in providing peer support to individuals with lived mental health and/or substance use issues
- Experience coordinating and facilitating social recreational activities is considered an asset.
- Must be able to work professionally, autonomously, collaboratively and respectfully within a team environment.
- Demonstrated team-building skills
- Capable of speaking in groups and presenting to an audience is considered an asset.
- Ability to demonstrate empathy and compassion of the ideas, beliefs and feelings of others.
- Effective written and verbal communication skills.
- Ability to demonstrate conflict resolution skills.
- Resilient, flexible and adaptable during high risk situations
- Prepared to work autonomously and cooperatively within a team.
- Contributes to team morale
- Capacity to handle a heavy workload, including rotating weekend, evening and statutory holiday shifts.

#### **Education and Qualifications:**

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)
- Certification with Ontario Peer Development Initiative or willingness to acquire certification.
- Minimum one (1) year personal experience in the mental health addiction system as a consumer/survivor or family member.
- A valid Ontario G or G2 driver's license and a safe and reliable means of transportation and ability to travel daily within the Muskoka-Parry Sound district.
- Aboriginal Cultural awareness and aboriginal education is an asset.
- Bilingual in French/English language considered an asset

**Salary scale:** \$20.05 to 22.63 per hour commensurate with qualifications and experience

**Benefits:** Optional registration in HOOPP registered retirement plan.

**Please note that we are a scent-free organization.**

You are invited to submit your application by **quoting Competition #99-21** to:

**The Hiring Committee  
Canadian Mental Health Association, Muskoka-Parry Sound Branch  
173-202 Manitoba Street  
Bracebridge, Ontario P1L 1S3**

**Telephone (705) 645-2262 Fax (705) 645-7473 E-mail: [jobs@cmhamps.ca](mailto:jobs@cmhamps.ca)**

Canadian Mental Health Association Muskoka – Parry Sound (CMHAMPS) is an equal opportunity employer and we value the importance of diversity, dignity and worth of every individual in the workplace.

Qualified consumers/survivors and/or family members are encouraged to apply

We retain all applications submitted for one year after the closing date of this posting for consideration in any future postings.

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If you are contacted regarding a job opportunity, please let us know prior to the interview if you require accommodation.

We thank all applicants but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

