## OTSEGO COUNTY HAS THE FOLLOWING VACANCY: Community Services Certified Recovery Peer Advocate \$35,077 - \$41,297 DATED: June 3, 2024 Last Date To File: June 17, 2024

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**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS**: This is an Addiction and Recovery Services position that provides non-clinical, peer-based activities that engage, educate and support individuals in recovery to make necessary life changes through all phases of recovery. This position assists individuals in developing their personal recovery goals and individual objectives. Incumbents will work to assist individuals to increase access to appropriate services and supports along with decreasing the needs for future acute services by aiding in removing barriers and obstacles to recovery. This position will serve as a guide and mentor for those seeking or already in recovery.

## **EXAMPLES OF WORK**: (Illustrative only)

- Provide recovery education to patients in all phases of recovery, including pre-recovery engagement, recovery initiation, recovery stabilization and sustained recovery;
- Promote self-advocacy by assisting patients to speak with their recovery care team;
- Support connections to community-based supports and mutual self-help groups;
- Link individuals to appropriate professional resources; may attend court and other system meetings as a support;
- Engage with an individual that is considering entering treatment;
- Engage a client to attend treatment or other healthcare services;
- Engage an individual in continuing care services post-discharge;
- Raise awareness of existing social and other support services;
- Does other duties as required.

**REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:** Working knowledge of the substance use disorder treatment systems, support services, and a demonstrated commitment to the Recovery Community; ability to work with participants, families and staff in a caring and respectful manner, and with due understanding of and consideration for cultural differences; ability to be empathetic and supportive to clients by instructing, demonstrating, modeling, and encouraging appropriate behavior and skills.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma AND current certification in the State of New York as a Certified Recovery Peer Advocate-Professional (CRPA-P) from either the New York Certification Board or the New York Certification Association.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:** A valid New York State driver's license and acceptable driving record is required at time of appointment and must be maintained during employment; or must be able to satisfy the travel requirements of the position throughout employment.

CRPA-P Certification must be maintained throughout employment.

## **CLASSIFICATION:** Competitive

Applications available at the Otsego County Personnel/Civil Service Department, 183 Main Street, Cooperstown, NY 13326 or online at www.otsegocountyny.gov