



**Canadian Mental
Health Association**
Lambton Kent

Mental Health First Response Worker (Part Time Hourly – Chatham Site)

The Canadian Mental Health Association Lambton Kent Branch is a proudly merged community agency serving the mental health needs of Lambton County and the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.

Our vision is to have mentally healthy people in a healthy society. As a leader and champion for mental health, CMHA Lambton Kent provides services and facilitates access to the resources people require to maintain and improve mental health. Our efforts promote community integration, build resilience, and support recovery from mental illness.

This position will provide crisis response service to individuals with a serious mental illness and/or individuals in the community experiencing acute crisis. The Mental Health First Responder will be expected to provide crisis support to individuals via both telephone and mobile intervention.

The expectation is that the worker will provide brief crisis intervention to individuals and organize/provide follow-up, when appropriate. They will act as a resource to the multidisciplinary team and will provide and/or coordinate discipline specific assessments to monitor physical and mental health, as required. The worker will provide support in providing the most appropriate housing, linking to primary care, mental health services and other community resources to enable the individual to remain in the community. This position will not carry a regular caseload but will be focused on addressing urgent needs until stabilization or resolution of unmet needs including linking clients with the appropriate supports.

Reporting to the Integrated Manager of Urgent Services, the incumbent will be responsible for the following functions:

- Providing a quick response to urgent situations that arise.
- Providing intervention and short term support to individuals experiencing a psychiatric crisis
- Communicating and coordinating relevant information with agency staff.
- Screening for Serious Mental Illness and assessing appropriateness for service
- Assists individuals in prioritizing needs/areas of consideration and to develop short term plans to address these priorities.
- Securing emergency housing (when appropriate).
- Facilitating early linkage with Internal Programs or other agencies.
- Providing support to other agency staff when appropriate.
- Maintaining regular contact with commonly accessed organizations, such as the Crisis Nurse at Chatham Kent Health Alliance, so that purposeful interactions on behalf of program users can be effectively accomplished.

Qualifications:

Education required:

- Post-secondary degree in Social Work from an accredited university with current registration with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers; a Registered Nurse with current registration with the College of Nurses of Ontario (preferably with Canadian Certification in Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing), Post-secondary degree with a relevant professional registration (acceptable to the employer); or a Registered Practical Nurse with current registration with the College of Nurses of Ontario.
- Experience and a detailed knowledge of serious mental illness, usually gained by several years of working with this population.
- Valid Ontario Driver's Licence and access to a vehicle are required.

Skills required:

- Must have a broad knowledge of bio-psychosocial rehabilitation.
- Crisis or Suicide Intervention training is an asset.
- CPR training.
- Extensive knowledge of the Mental Health Act, as well as relevant legislation specific to an individual with a serious mental illness.
- Planning and organization skills to facilitate advocacy and support coordination/service access.
- Extensive knowledge of the support/treatment services network in Chatham Kent and of regional services commonly accessed by the program.
- Extremely well developed written and verbal communications skills.
- Working knowledge of computers with skill in the use of Email and Microsoft office.

Hours of Work: As scheduled and call-in and will include days and evening shifts.

Salary: Commensurate with experience within the range: \$25.59/ hr to \$39.63

Applicants should submit a covering letter and resume by Monday June 19, 2017 to:

Lynne Whyte, Human Resources Generalist

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Please reference Job Posting #20-2017.

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