

Job Description for Lived Expertise of Homelessness Consultants

Purpose:

To seek input from those who have lived expertise to bring their knowledge to our Continuum of Care and to guide us as we strive toward racial justice, housing justice and health justice for people experiencing homelessness. People with lived expertise of homelessness have unique insight into the factors that contribute to homelessness and into solutions that are equitable and effective.

Position Description – What you will do:

The Continuum of Care holds the expectation that you will attend each meeting on time and are ready to engage. The ask is that you are able and willing to vocalize your thoughts, ideas, concerns, and questions. We ask that you keep in mind that your input and participation is critical to the change we all want to see.

Regular attendance at various Continuum of Care meetings which may include CoC Full Membership Committee and Sub-Committees. Time requirement is 1-2 hours per meeting up to 10 times per year.

Sub-Committees include:

Membership, Youth Initiative, PIT (Point in Time), HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) and Data, Coordinated Entry Advisory, CoC Policies and Procedures, Racial Equity Inclusion & Diversity, and Performance & Ranking.

Meetings may include small planning meetings, large work groups, large convenings in the community, and virtual or in-person meetings.

Qualifications – What you will need:

Person must either be currently homeless or have experienced homelessness within the last 7 years.

We strongly encourage individuals who are Black, Indigenous, LatinX, LGBTQ+, or a Person of Color to apply.

Ability to regularly attend meeting either in-person or virtually.

What we have to offer:

Equitable compensation (stipend). We consider your time and expertise valuable, and you will be paid for your time.

Orientation materials including a one-page description of the CoC, Charter and By-laws, policies and procedures manual, and committee descriptions.

A Mentor to provide guidance through the initial phase of membership.

Opportunities to engage in the following:

1. Address homelessness in Central MN
2. Determine how current policies may need to be revised and updated
3. Provide input for decisions
4. Provide input related to the local planning process

If you are interested in applying for this opportunity, please visit <https://www.cmhp.net/2022-hud-nofo/>, email Tim Poland – CoC Coordinator at tpoland@cmhp.net or call 320-258-0677.

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