

REDWOOD COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY
Community Services Division / Homeless Housing Assistance Program
HHAP CASEWORKER I

POSITION PURPOSE

Under the general supervision of the Division Director, and the direct supervision by the assigned management staff or their designee, the Case Worker I will provide: crisis intervention, case management services, client advocacy, life skills education, and information and referral services to the program clients. To assess client and/or family needs; implement and monitor appropriate strategies to meet identified needs; maintain adequate case notes to monitor and analyze service delivery; prepare various reports as required; provide community outreach and liaison with other local service providers; initiate or assist in community development activities to increase the availability of services to clients and families.

- The Case Worker I job description is a template for all of RCCAA's Case Workers across all of our programs. Please note that the case worker may or may not be expected to do all of the tasks listed on the job description template as that is determined by the program you are working under (see last page(s) for required tasks under SPECIFICS).

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

Specific Tasks

- Provide supervision, assistance and mentoring in activities of daily living (i.e. hygiene, cleanliness of living areas, nutrition, employment readiness, appropriate social and/or recreational activities, educational needs and transportation).
- Conducts intake activities for new residents; including, verifying all documentation, completing required forms, coordinate with clinical staff, make room assignments and assure residents enter the facility in a safe manner without any inappropriate belongings.
- Assess client needs; identify services to meet those needs and develop a service delivery plan with the assistance of client and/or family; also lead client or family meetings/mediations.
- Implement broad based treatment methods to meet needs of individuals with mental health issues
- Monitor and evaluate achievement of service delivery plan.
- Case conference with referring agency personnel and other significant individuals and work cooperatively with personnel from law enforcement, probation, child welfare services, schools and other client-serving agencies (public, private and non-profit)
- Maintains updated case notes; maintain resident's records in compliance with programmatic, state and federal standards.
- Complete work activity reporting as required, and in compliance with all California laws and funding source standards and regulations.
- Attend weekly case supervision meetings with Head of Clinical Services; come to those meetings prepared with case information, service delivery plan, and any problems encountered.
- Confer with other staff, program leaders and clinician regarding client needs and ways of improving staff ability to impact clients in a positive manner.
- Represent the Division at various team community meetings.
- Expand community knowledge of the division's programs and services through collaboration with other service providers.
- Collaborate with multidisciplinary teams to plan treatment strategies and assist with developing treatment programs for clients.
- Facilitate weekly groups and life skills classes with clients.
- Attend in-service training's as required
- Maintain case notes, records and program compliance
- Provide for all clients' safety.
- Assists to manage assaultive behavior and crisis intervention; to provide support and assistance in problem resolution; and to coordinate/arrange for the provision of needed services to address these issues.
- Support and assist clients on a regular basis on developing or maintaining the skills required to achieve and sustain independent living status (i.e. socialization, rehabilitation, etc.)
- Transport clients to medical, psychiatric or legal appointments, shopping, and to other providers as needed to insure reaching goals of case plan.

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- Arranges for use of various community resources, and secures necessary equipment and transportation for such activities.
- Respond to on-call duties as assigned; and other duties as assigned or necessary.

JOB REQUIREMENTS

Knowledge of and Experience With:

- Social work and mental health models of intervention; crisis intervention, family and ecological systems, and counseling theories/approaches
- Local community services and California laws pertaining to youth and families
- Group dynamics and methods of resolving group conflict
- Staff development and community building
- Issues of homelessness, trauma, addiction, treatment and recovery
- Motivational interviewing techniques
- Basic networked computer skills; including, Microsoft office word, excel, and outlook

Ability to:

- Communicate clearly/efficiently, written and orally; be competent in English grammar, punctuation & spelling.
- Demonstrate good organizational skills and manage multiple tasks in an efficient manner.
- Develop and maintain cooperative and effective relationships with co-workers, RCAA Agency staff, personnel of other agencies, funding source representatives, the local service population and with individuals contacted in the course of work
- Show strong interpersonal skills and the ability to relate to individuals who may not share basic beliefs, including value systems and behavioral norms.
- Work with culturally diverse communities and families, with the ability to be culturally sensitive and appropriate.
- Maintain a professional, confidential work environment.
- Establish and maintain personal and programmatic boundaries while providing support services.
- Work effectively under pressure
- Develop comprehensive assessments and develop clearly defined casework objectives
- Mediate family conflict and negotiate contracts leading towards family reunification, if necessary
- Conduct self in a professional, courteous and cooperative manner at all times; and maintain a professional standard based on RCAA's Personnel Policies and Procedures Handbook and the Employee Code of Conduct
- Work flexible hours, which may include evenings, weekends, and holidays, and arriving to work as scheduled and prepared.
- Ensure and protect Agency, employee, program and client confidentiality and safety; and follow all protocols and procedures defined by this Agency and/or State and Federal laws to achieve this protection.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident, and have the ability to provide proof of identity and employment eligibility in accordance with Federal law.
- Must have means and capacity to perform job related work with personal vehicle, as will be required, and must have proof of current automobile insurance.
- Possession of valid California's Driver's License with acceptable DMV driving record.
- Submit to background clearance and/or fingerprinting with acceptable results.
- Valid First Aid and CPR certification or willingness/ability to be certified, if required.
- Proof of current (within 1 year) negative TB test, or willingness to obtain one, if required.
- Proof of required education (i.e. AA, BA, MSW, etc.).
- Proof of having been fully vaccinated for COVID-19.
- Must have an effective means of communication at all times; a home or cell phone with the ability to accept voice messages

ESSENTIAL PHYSICAL ABILITIES

Employee must be able to provide the following with or without reasonable accommodation:

- Sufficient clarity of speech and hearing or other communication capabilities to enable the employee to communicate effectively

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- Sufficient vision or other powers of observation to enable the employee to review a wide variety of materials in electronic or hard copy form
- Sufficient manual dexterity to enable the employee to operate a personal computer, telephone, and other related equipment
- Sufficient personal mobility and physical reflexes to enable the employee to safely lift, move or maneuver whatever may be necessary to successfully perform the duties of their position
- Sufficient personal mobility and physical reflexes to enable the employee to efficiently function in their assigned work environment, including, where applicable, the operation of motorized vehicles and equipment

NOTE FOR ALL EMPLOYEES

- This job description should not be construed to imply that these requirements are the exclusive standards for the position. Incumbents may be required to follow instructions and perform other duties as required by their supervisor.
- This position is a “**safety-sensitive**” job and will be subject to RCAA’s “Substance/Alcohol Abuse” policy. This policy is included in the Policies and Procedures and a more detailed brochure is available from the Human Resources Department which further outlines the policy.
- RCAA is an “**Essential Business**” that continues to operate during unexpected events, such as: earthquake, natural disaster or a public health emergency. Thus, employees of RCAA are expected to continue to perform their jobs while taking all appropriate safety precautions.

RCAA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS & EXPECTATIONS FOR CSD/HHAP CASE WORKER I – This position serves under the direction of the Division Director, or their designee. The HHAP Case Worker I will work with all program residents and provide individual assessments and goal setting. This position works with clients on their action plans and monitors progress toward those goals.

Specific Tasks

- Conduct intake activities for new referrals from Adult Protective Services (APS).
- Assess client needs; identify services to meet those needs and develop a service delivery plan with the assistance of client and/or family.
- Case planning will include assessments for housing, financial planning and other long-term supports necessary to maintain housing.
- Advocates for clients and encourage community resources and human service agencies to assist clients in their movement towards independent living.
- Establish special linkages with local agencies and community resources to maximize effectiveness of the case management system.
- Monitor and evaluate progress, assess the adequacy and appropriateness of client living arrangements and assist in securing alternative living arrangements when necessary.
- Develop approaches and techniques related to obtaining and sustaining permanent housing in client chosen communities.
- Facilitate client centered meetings which may include client’s family.
- Monitor and evaluate achievement of service delivery plan.
- Case conference with referring agency personnel, other significant individuals and work cooperatively with other service providers.
- Complete work activity reporting as required, and in compliance with all California laws and funding source standards and regulations.
- Attend weekly case supervision meetings; come to those meetings prepared with case information, service delivery plan, and any problems encountered.
- Confer with other staff, program leaders regarding client needs and ways of improving staff ability to impact clients in a positive manner.
- Represent the Division at various team community meetings.

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- Expand community knowledge of the division's programs and services through collaboration with other service providers.
- Collaborate with multidisciplinary teams to plan case strategies and assist with developing case plans for clients.
- Attend in-service training's as required
- Maintain case notes, records and program compliance
- Support and assist clients on a regular basis on developing or maintaining the skills required to achieve and sustain independent living status (i.e. socialization, rehabilitation, etc.)
- Transport clients to medical, legal appointments, and to other providers as needed to insure reaching goals of case plan.
- Arranges for use of various community resources and secures necessary equipment and transportation for such activities.
- Other duties as assigned or necessary.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor of Arts in social work, psychology or a related field (equivalent experience may be substituted for education on a year-for-year basis)
 - One (1) year experience working with adults in a social service program setting, including: homelessness, mental illness, and/or other low-income populations
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