GOAL:

The goal of the Recovery Mentor is to assist with building opportunities with individuals who struggle with alcohol and drugs. Recovery Mentors introduce and provide resources to assist an individual in building a lifestyle that is conducive to recover and allows them to choose different ways to adapt and cope with situations in their lives. The Recovery Mentors primary responsibility will be to provide support by mentoring the individual during the early stages of recovery and during difficult transition times.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PRACTUCUM STUDENT:

- Recovery Mentor interns works with an assigned Professional Recovery Mentor.
- Recovery Mentor interns are expected to learn and be knowledgeable of community resources and be able to assist the clients with the introduction of the services deemed as appropriate for the clients individual needs ie; (Treatment Providers, Probation/Parole officers, DHS, PSRB, PCC, Mental Health services providers, Gambling Treatment, Oxford Houses, Cover Oregon access, Community based support groups/meetings etc).
- Recovery Mentor interns assist with client needs assessment and other documentation as appropriate.
- Recovery Mentors interns ride along with employed mentors to escort and provide transportation to various identified services.
- Recovery Mentor interns may assist with support in finding housing, employment, treatment and/or mental health providers, clothing, food boxes, medical/dental referrals, OHP services, 12 step meetings and other resources identified as a need for a client.
- Recovery Mentor interns may observe employed mentors in court settings/advocacy, staff meetings, consults and other interaction with various professionals in the community involved with individual client.
- Recovery Mentor interns need to discover and accomplish how to provide a professional balance between advocacy for their client and responsibility to the professionals who are working towards the clients various goals.
DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES:

Specific duties include but are not limited to:

- Building and maintaining relationships with Case Managers, DHS workers, Probation Officers, treatment providers, and other community resources/contacts.
- Meet with individuals and assess their willingness and desire to work towards their recovery.
- Complete a needs assessment to identify the needs of the individual.
- Assist with seeking clean/sober housing for the individual
- Work with client to assist with developing a pro social support network
- Help individuals to engage in and successfully complete outpatient treatment for their chemical dependency.
- Assist with the development and implementation of transitioning from state hospital, foster homes, incarceration or other structured living environments back out into the community.
- Escort and provide transportation.
- Respond to individual’s crisis situations as appropriate to terms of recovery mentors
- Introduce individuals to the recovery community
- Work closely with referral source to assist with the development and/or implementation of Individual Service Plan
- Act as an advocate in court for the individual in regards to their progress in treatment
- Follow up with referral sources to determine outcomes and networking
- Documentation of services provided: may include chart notes, status reports, statistical data or other paperwork as required by the agency
- Attend and participate in referral sources staff meetings and other meeting required by Marion County Alcohol & Drug Treatment Services

SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- Ability to communicate clearly and concisely both orally and in written form
- Ability to work with difficult and resistant individuals
- Ability to manage time effectively and meet deadlines
- Ability to work with the general public, individual clients, referral sources and co-workers in a positive and productive manner.
- Be a team player
- Ability to learn and apply training instructions.
- Knowledge of chemical dependency/treatment
- Knowledge of mental health diagnosis/treatment
- Experience with the criminality/thinking errors/tactics
- Ability to demonstrate leadership
- Ability to maintain professional boundaries
- Be dependable and on time
- Be available for training and further education
- Other assigned duties by supervisor
QUALIFICATION OF PRACTICUM/INTERN STUDENTS:

- Working towards certification related to alcohol and drug treatment identified through ACCBO (Addiction Counseling Certification Board of Oregon)
- Recovering from chemical dependency and must have a minimum of 2 years of continuous sobriety
- Flexible work schedule, involving some evening and week-ends
- Current Oregon Driver’s License with a good driving record (students will not be expected to drive)
- Ability to effectively interact with individuals who have a diverse ethnic or cultural background, religious views, political affiliations and sexual orientation and treat each with respect and dignity.
- You are NOT eligible if convicted for ANY of the crimes listed below (or attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation for any of the crimes) regardless of how long ago the conviction occurred.
  - Aggravated Murder
  - Murder
  - Rape 1
  - Sodomy 1
  - Unlawful Sexual Penetration 1
  - Sexual Abuse 1
  - Identity Theft
- Convictions against aging and people with disabilities or developmental disabilities need to contact Trish Davis (phone: 503.585.4982 or email: pdavis@co.marion.or.us) directly, if he/she feels that they could potentially have a crime listed.

CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK MAY BE REQUIRED

As of April 15, 2011, practicum sites that use the Department of Human Services Background Check Unit will now conduct a weighing test and fitness determination when an individual has been identified as the perpetrator of abuse in certain cases of sexual abuse, physical abuse or financial exploitation. The Background Check Unit will specifically consider the most serious cases of abuse reported and substantiated from January 1, 2010, forward.

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