**SERIES PURPOSE:**
The purpose of the Certified Peer Recovery Supporter is to provide peer support services to others engaged in mental health treatment. A peer recovery supporter is a person with a mental health and/or co-occurring condition, who has been trained to help others with these conditions & identify & achieve specific life & recovery goals.

**Note:** This series may be used within an agency/institution, hospital, &/or community setting. The term patient may be substituted with the words client or resident.

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**CLASS CONCEPT:**
The full performance level class works under general supervision & requires considerable knowledge of mental health & addiction symptoms & remedies in order to engage in services & activities that promote recovery, self-determination, self-advocacy, well-being & independence & design & facilitate services & supports to aid individuals in their recovery efforts.
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**JOB DUTIES IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE:** (These duties are illustrative only. Incumbents may perform some or all of these duties or other job-related duties as assigned.)

Provides assistance in daily management, social & emotional support, linkages to clinical care & community resources by using a variety of techniques (e.g., sharing personal recovery stories when appropriate, coordinating & facilitating recovery related groups, teaching relaxation strategies & coping skills), mentors client &/or resident in the recovery process (e.g., reassures the reality of recovery, assists with increasing personal empowerment, assists with setting & achieving goals); utilizes tools (i.e., wellness recovery action plan) to assist client &/or resident with creating their own individual wellness & recovery plans; participates on treatment teams; assists with intake/discharge planning; monitors client &/or resident satisfaction.

Educates client &/or resident regarding services provided to aid in recovery (e.g., availability of peer services, advanced directives, living will opportunities, client &/or resident rights process); provides information & assists client &/or resident with application for supplemental programs (e.g., residential state supplement program, recovery requires a community); assists client &/or resident with the completion of forms; acts as a liaison between client &/or resident & staff (e.g., relays information to medical doctors/clinicians, client's rights officer, &/or other necessary staff to aid in problem solving).

Coordinates responses to inquiries, conducts presentations & offers technical assistance to all stakeholders; participates on committees & certified peer recovery supporter technical assistance calls; provides training to staff on peer service delivery; documents information as directed by supervisor.

**MAJOR WORKER CHARACTERISTICS:**
Knowledge of standards for resident care; patient rights within a regional psychiatric hospital*. Skill in deescalating situations involving individual's physical arousal. Ability to relate to individual's problems and redirect to positive responses; recognize behavioral problems and symptoms related to abnormal mental health and take appropriate actions; deal with problems involving several variables within familiar context; cooperate with co-workers; develop good rapport with residents.

(*) developed after employment.

**MINIMUM CLASS QUALIFICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT:**
Requires current certification as Peer Recovery Supporter in accordance with OAC 5122.29.15.

**TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT REQUIRED TO REMAIN IN THE CLASSIFICATION AFTER EMPLOYMENT:**
Renewal of certification pursuant to OAC 5122-29-15.

**UNUSUAL WORKING CONDITIONS:**
Performs primarily light & sedentary duties with occasionally moderate physical demands, exercise patience, & control emotions, with reasonable accommodation, if necessary, without endangering the health & safety of the individual or others. May be exposed to individuals with spontaneous & irrational behaviors; may require unusual work schedule; may require travel to community sites under contract with OhioMHAS.