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Sunshine House Inc.

Managed Alcohol Program (MAP) Feasibility Assessment

JOB POSTING // MAP Feasibility Assessment Coordinator

12-week term beginning July 24, 2017

Project Description

This 12-week project will undertake multi-faceted information-gathering initiatives in order to explore the feasibility of the development and implementation of Managed Alcohol Programs (MAPs) in two locations within Manitoba. This exploration will focus on the practical logistical structures, and the community and stakeholder partnerships, that would be necessary to support the development and implementation of MAPs in the urban southern city of Winnipeg and in the northern urban city of Thompson. Principles and practices of harm reduction will guide the development of this initiative.

Responsibilities

Under the general direction of the MAP Working Group established at Sunshine House, and with day to day direction of the Special Projects Manager, the MAP Feasibility Assessment Coordinator will:

- Obtain information specifically relevant to the development and implementation of MAPs in two specific contexts in Manitoba
- Hold consultations with individuals who identify as members of the priority population
- Consult and develop relationships with key stakeholder groups
- Identify and develop working relationships with potential MAP partner organizations
- Identify and develop consultation process with political and structural bodies that may provide the necessary functions/supports at both sites of MAP implementation
- Conduct and finalize a comprehensive literature review on MAPs, notably MAPs with individuals who are homeless/unstably housed
- Complete and disseminate a final report on the findings of the assessment. If the assessment supports moving forward with MAPS, the report will clearly identify and prioritize “next steps” necessary for Sunshine House to fully implement MAP in the two identified communities, and the best method(s) for doing so, tailored to those communities. If the assessment does not support moving forward with MAPS, the report will clearly identify barriers to implementation and, where applicable, will outline recommendations to address/mitigate the identified barriers, and/or suggest alternative approaches to support individuals and communities affected by alcohol use.
- In the event that MAPS are found to be feasible, contribute to and inform the development of a major, multi-year funding proposal, and define the practical role of Sunshine House in a fully-implemented MAP in Manitoba.

Qualifications & Skills

- Related educational degree or certificate, and/or a minimum of 3-5 years of relevant experience
- Demonstrated ability to conduct targeted needs assessments with priority populations
- Demonstrated ability to build relationship with, and engage with underserved communities
- Ability to network and conduct assessments with service providers and public service administration
- Ability to develop methods of engagement and facilitate community consultation sessions
- Strong academic research and reporting skills
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Ability to work independently and effectively within a constrained timeline
- Thorough understanding of the principles of harm reduction
- Understanding of principles such as intersectionality, white privilege, ongoing effects of colonization, and an awareness of distribution of power in undertaking this assessment.
- A combination of skills, education, and experience may be considered.
- Applicants must be legally entitled to work in Canada.

Hours, Compensation, & Work Site

- The successful candidate will be compensated at a rate of \$35.00 per hour
- This is a part-time, term position, based on a 25-hour work week for a period of 12 weeks, however hours will be highly variable over the course of the project
- The successful candidate will be based out of Sunshine House in Winnipeg, and will be required to travel to Thompson, Manitoba to conduct consultations, research, and engage in networking with local organizations and community members. Compensation for travel expenses will be provided.

Sunshine House welcomes applications from women, people of colour, Indigenous persons, persons with disabilities, persons of all sexual orientations and genders, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.

Deadline: Wednesday, July 19th, 11:59 PM.

Please send a cover letter and resumé by email to: contact@sunshinehousewpg.org

Or drop off in-person at Sunshine House: 646 Logan Avenue in Winnipeg.

Only those selected for an interview will be contacted. If you have any questions about this posting or the application process, please contact the Special Projects Manager, Margaret Ormond at 204-783-8565, or at the above email address.

For more information about Sunshine House, please visit our website at www.sunshinehousewpg.org.

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