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## **Painted Brain Peer Support Volunteer - Media Department (Remote Position)**

**Supervisor: Kevin Naruse, Communications Director**

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### **Organization Background**

The mission of Painted Brain (PB) is to create lasting community-based solutions to mental health challenges and the impact of social injustice through arts, advocacy, and enterprise. Painted Brain is an innovative peer-run mental health art and tech-forward organization that uses a peer model focused on recovery. A peer is a person who self-identifies as having experience with recovery from mental illness or substance use disorder, either as a consumer or as a parent, caregiver, or family member. Our primary focus over the years has always been using the arts to help people learn to interact socially and effectively while navigating the impacts of trauma, psychosis, depression, autism, anxiety, and other mental health and/or substance use challenges/experiences.

### **Volunteer Summary**

Under the supervision of a PB Program Manager, the Peer Support volunteer will be given opportunities for real-life experience within the peer support specialization and the core competencies they have learned in Painted Brain's Medi-Cal Peer Specialist Certification Training (PSCT) program. Those who have graduated from Painted Brain's PSCT program with interest in media in the peer world are eligible to be placed in the Painted Brain Media Department (as availability permits). Volunteering in the Media Department will allow volunteers to contribute to the work of a leading mental health advocacy organization, while building their skills in utilizing media and technology platforms to support peer services and programming. Volunteers will use many of the 17 Core Competencies learned from the PSCT program throughout the volunteer experience. Volunteers will gain experience in a supportive, helpful, and respectful environment, keeping peer principles and peer values central to the experience.

### **Responsibilities & Functions**



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- A minimum of five (5) hours weekly to a maximum of fifteen (15) hours for six (6) months of regular and predictable attendance via Zoom and other meetings is requested for volunteer learning and peer support experience
- One (1) hour weekly volunteer peer supervision check-ins (Mondays AM or PM)
- Assist in implementing PB programs for mental health and substance use awareness and advocacy in at least one area of focus
- Serve as a role model of recovery and resiliency for others in the Peer Support recovery community
- Work with the Director to prepare documents and web content via AI,
- Learn and implement best practices for Social Media management and content creation, graphic design and visual communication, video production and editing, podcast production and editing, web design and development
- Learn other marketing and communications related skills to support peer programming
- Must follow the Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification Code of Ethics

### **Minimum Qualifications**

- Must have graduated from the Painted Brain 80 hour Medi-Cal Peer Specialist Certification Training program with a certificate of completion as proof of graduation
- Must exhibit basic knowledge of the 17 Core Competencies and Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Code of Ethics, as well as a willingness to adhere to these principles

### **Other Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities Needed**

- We encourage applicants to complete the Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification (CMPSS) exam through CalMHSA in the State of California before beginning volunteer placement
- Have knowledge of and experience working with peers, ethnic minorities, impoverished, and under-served communities and groups
- Have a genuine interest in utilizing media and technology platforms to support peer services and programming



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- Have proficient writing and oral communication skills in order to market and promote peer support related content (writing sample may be requested)
- Have strong interpersonal skills and the ability to relate to staff from various cultures, languages, and educational backgrounds
- Must understand the basics of peer-centered peer support and how to provide to those seeking support
- Must be culturally humble with a readiness to seek out additional education when needed

### **Environmental Conditions**

The environment for this position is primarily remote, and it is recommended that the volunteer have access to an appropriate workspace. This may require the use of functional headphones and microphone if a quiet and private location cannot be utilized. Sometimes in-person gatherings may be scheduled, but in most cases there will be a web conferencing option to join.