## UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON GRADUATE COLLEGE of SOCIAL WORK

## **Date Posted:**

Job Title	Peer Specialist Scattered Sight Housing
Employer/ Agency	Temenos CDC
Job Description	Position Summary: The Peer Specialist is responsible for working with staff and clients to provide a welcoming, trauma-informed atmosphere to empower clients to increase stability, reach their goals and maintain permanent housing.  A. Provide peer support to persons exiting long-term homelessness who also experience multiple disabling conditions (including substance use and serious mental illness)  B. Maintain weekly (or more as necessary) in-person contact with clients.  C. Offer supportive listening and feedback when client is in mental/emotional distress. Assist with conflict resolution and problem solving, if appropriate.  D. Tandem grocery shop with clients.  E. Coordinate activities, special programs or outings.  F. Assist with housing inspections  G. Other duties as assigned by the Case Manager and other agency staff. Position may include working other shifts or program
	locations as needed.  H. Attend and participate in staff meetings.
	<ul> <li>I. Participate in all training and supervision opportunities presented by the agency</li> </ul>
	J. Work with clients to ensure that their living space remains habitable
	K. Assist clients with grocery shopping and occasional food prep and meal planning

	L. Utilize public transportation with clients to navigate to and from external appointments
	M. Document all client interactions in an electronic database (HMIS)
	N. Maintain phone/text availability with clients
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Qualifications	A. Willingness to ride public transportation with clients.
	B. Willingness to adhere to the principles of Harm Reduction and
	Housing First
	C. Personal experience with substance abuse, mental illness and/or
	homelessness preferred.
	D. Reliable transportation.
	E. Mature person capable of making sound decisions and effectively
	carrying them out in the absence of specific directives.
	F. Demonstrate a willingness to extend self to clients as needed for
	emotional support and problem-solving.
	G. Basic familiarity with computers
	H. Ability to read and write in order to complete case notes
	I. Willing to confer with supervisor when needed.
	J. Willingness to complete all assigned trainings
	K. Have ability to set and maintain good boundaries with clients.
	L. Background checks in place but mitigating circumstances will be
	considered.
	M. Work hours are negotiable, availability on occasional evenings or
	weekends is preferred.
Salary/Hours	Status: Non-exempt
	<b>Salary:</b> \$17.00 - \$18.50 per hour
	<b>Hours/week:</b> 10-40 hours/week (negotiable depending on employee
	needs)

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