

Project Title: CooperRiis #604

Job Title: Lodge Advisor (see one more title below)

Job Description:

During evenings, this person is the first line of support for 12 lodge residents. In addition the advisor may be awakened by residents with needs. On call staff is always available.

Helps to facilitate evening socialization.

Assures that each resident is doing well.

Creates a sense of community in the lodge.

Is a mentor and coach for individuals with mental illness (60% FTE; Remaining 40% support staff)

Job Title: Support Staff

Job Description:

Assists on the work training program helping residents to fully engage in the activities. Setting includes office, farm, gardens, wood shop and housekeeping. Although work product is important in each setting, the primary objective is to help individuals with low self-esteem to learn and to experience success.

Minimum requirements:

Ideally the volunteer has a BA but this is not a necessity for the individual with significant life experience. We will train the volunteer in any needed skills. All we seek is an open heart, an open mind and enthusiasm about helping our residents to lead more fulfilling lives.

Description of Project:

We are the nation's newest therapeutic community for individuals with serious mental illness. Drawing from the histories of Gould Farm (MA), Hopewell Inn (OH) and Spring Lake Ranch (VT), CooperRiis is a healing farm community that adds nutrition, exercise, smoking cessation, complementary modalities to the best that is available in modern psychopharmacology. Our farm based work training program also helps our residents to learn skills that can help them to achieve and sustain the highest levels of functioning and fulfillment.

We are located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in western North Carolina with a wonderful year round climate.

We are a nonprofit and have fund-raised the funds necessary to launch the program, Be a pioneer with us!

Housing for Volunteer:

On project site within the therapeutic community. Couples may have a full two bedroom apartment. Singles and willing couples may also have an efficiency with a private bathroom.

Additional Factors:

We will take couples.

We offer a 6 month term for older adults.

We are fully accessible for the disabled volunteer. Housing has elevators and handicapped accessible bathrooms.