LANCASTER COUNTY FOOD HUB 812 North Queen Street

Lancaster, PA 17603

Position Title: Low Barrier Emergency Shelter Attendant – Winter Shelter

Reports To: Shelter Manager

Status: Part Time; Temporary; Overnight; up to 30 hours per week including weekends

PROGRAM SUMMARY: The Lancaster County Food Hub (LCFH) provides a low barrier, coed, emergency, overnight shelter, seven days a week with expanded bed capacity during Winter Shelter months, December 22 – March 31. Our focus is on providing a warm, safe, and dry place for those who are unsheltered with the ultimate goal of helping them secure more stable living conditions.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 1. Create and promote an environment that is stable and welcoming while reinforcing program rules, structure, and safety guidelines.
- 2. Place safety, security, and consistency and treating guests with dignity in a traumainformed care environment as top priorities
- 3. Complete nightly check-in/check-out for guests
- 4. In accordance with LCFH Shelter Program policy, address all emergencies in a timely and safe manner, including appropriate authorities where necessary.
- 5. In accordance with LCFH Shelter Program policy, report nightly incidents of concern to appropriate staff and associated partner agencies.
- 6. Conduct bed, locker room and facility checks to ensure the safety, welfare and security of guests during their stay.
- 7. Maintain the highest level of confidentiality in relation to services users and staff and all information, written or verbal, concerning the shelter
- 8. Ability to work flexible hours and days and/or nights during this time frame.
- 9. Support volunteers in acclimating to the shelter rules and procedures, as needed.
- 10. Other duties as assigned.

EDUCATION, KNOWLEDGE AND COMPETENCIES:

Education, Certifications and Knowledge:

- High School Diploma or GED
- Experience working with the homeless population preferred but not mandatory
- Understanding of trauma-informed care guidelines preferred but not mandatory
- Social work experience preferred but not mandatory
- Bilingual with Spanish preferred but not mandatory
- Basic computer skills
- Valid PA Driver's License.
- PA Criminal Background Check and PA Child Abuse clearances are required.

- Strong interpersonal and communication skills including the ability to interact well with individuals of diverse socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds.
- A commitment to maintain a high standard of work performance, attendance, appearance, and punctuality at all times
- Ability to multi-task and maintain organization in a changing, at times hectic, environment.
- Ability to handle delicate or difficult interpersonal situations effectively and tactfully.
- Ability to work effectively with all people, including those with mental illness, development disabilities and/or addictions.
- Willingness to proactively seek supervisory input, resources and information needed to accomplish job.

SUPERVISORY: None

MENTAL AND PHYSICAL DEMANDS; including ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS:

- Assist with setting up and breaking down of shelter
- Ability to lift up to 25 pounds occasionally
- Ability to participate in prescreen drug testing program and comply with organization's drug testing and use policy
- Frequently make quick decisions and concentrate on tasks at hand in spite of distractions which interfere. Continually handle a diversity of problems and performs multiple tasks.
- Operate a computer approximately 10% of the work hours, 75% of the work hours are spent walking the facility and interacting with clients.
- Must have reliable transportation to and from work.
- Must be able to understand long-term goals over short-term solutions.