



July 14, 2020

MEMO: CPSW APPLICATION FREEZE EFFECTIVE JULY 17, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

The Office of Peer Recovery and Engagement (OPRE), within the New Mexico Department of Human Services Behavioral Health Services Division, will cease accepting new Certified Peer Support Worker (CPSW) applications on July 17, 2020. This application freeze is necessary due to the backlog of current applicants and delays imposed by COVID-19.

OPRE staff members remain committed to providing as much opportunity for interested parties to become CPSWs and will notify the public when the application process is re-opened. The training we conduct for peer workers is currently being reorganized to continue in virtual environments and will be an integral part of the work we do moving forward.

We thank you for your patience during this time of restructuring. In the meantime, please ensure you are receiving our newsletter updates to stay informed and to receive future announcements in a timely manner.

We look forward to welcoming you to the program as soon as we are able to start receiving applications once again in March of 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melisha L. Montano". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Melisha L. Montano, CPSW/Trainer
OPRE Program Manager