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Attn: Nic Robinson-Griffith
Acting Manager Therapeutic Services
Thorne Harbour Health

Dear Mr. Robinson-Griffith,

I'm writing to apply for the LGBTIQ+ Specialist Lived/Living Experience (Peer) Worker position in your organization. After reviewing the key selection criteria, I'm confident that I'm a strong candidate for the role.

I have eight years of experience working in the corporate sector and four years of experience in community services. I'm a Diploma of Community Services graduate and well-versed in the principles of empowerment, inclusivity, and social justice.

I'm queer, neuro-diverse, gender-diverse, a person of color, and have lived experience of psychosocial disability, stigmatization, shame, discrimination, and intersectionality. This has given me a deep understanding of the unique challenges faced by the LGBTIQ+ community, and I would love to use this knowledge to help others.

I've volunteered at Thorne Harbour Health in a variety of roles, and provided emergency aid and advocacy services to individuals in crisis at Diamond Valley Community Support. Through these experiences, I've developed exceptional interpersonal skills, and I can build trust, establish rapport, and maintain compassionate and supportive relationships with clients. I'm empathetic and non-judgmental, and I offer active listening and support to individuals experiencing mental health challenges within the LGBTIQ+ community.

As a classic Capricorn, I'm hardworking, rational, and constructive. I'm adaptable to changing situations, can handle several concurrent tasks, and I'm a quick learner. I excel in roles requiring strong interpersonal skills, and my knowledge of community resources and services for the LGBTIQ+ community will allow me to provide valuable advocacy and peer support.

Growing up in a small country town and being queer was tough. But the silver lining is that I'm now resilient and refuse to accept stigmatization, judgment, and discrimination of any kind towards any cohort. I'm deeply committed to mental health and wellbeing.

Thank you for considering my application. I hope to hear from you soon and have the opportunity to interview, proving that I'm an ideal candidate for this role.

Yours sincerely,

Nishant Dougall.