

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHRONIC DISEASE DIRECTORS Public Health AmeriCorps (Minnesota) Service Opportunity I

POSITION OVERVIEW:

Position Name: NACDD Public Health AmeriCorps Service Member

Position Type/Hours: Three Quarter Time/1200 hours

Service Location: Minnesota Department of Health
625 Robert St N, St. Paul, MN 55164

Living Allowance: \$10,592.00

Education Award: \$5,176.50

Total Award: \$15,768.50

PROGRAM PURPOSE:

The National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) is a national public health non-profit agency focused on the health of the public by strengthening state and national leadership and expertise for chronic disease prevention and control. NACDD's core membership is composed of the 58 State and Territorial Health Department Chronic Disease Directors and their staff who protect the health of the public through primary and secondary prevention efforts and work "upstream" on root causes of chronic conditions. NACDD promotes health and reduces the burden of chronic disease through various programs and initiatives in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity and the Division of Population Health, and a team of nationally recognized experts.

To enhance public health resources across the country and support state and local public health settings to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Public Health AmeriCorps (PHA) program supports the recruitment, training, and development of the next generation of public health leaders. In partnership with a State Health Department or similar agency, local health department(s) or other community-based organization(s), and/or a local YMCA or YMCA State Alliance, Service Members will be placed across fifteen states to advance existing efforts around food and nutrition security, safe physical activity access, social connectedness, and health equity, all within the context of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

SPECIFIC SERVICE FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The PHA Service Member will work in the recently added area of Well-being within the Minnesota Department of Health's Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) initiative. Well-being also incorporates social connectedness which aligns with the BRIC strategy. The Service Member will work with the Well-being Team within SHIP and will report to the Supervisor of the Healthy Communities/Healthy Systems Unit. The primary role of the Service Member is to support the BRIC Statewide activities for Social Connectedness and SHIP Well-being strategies for communities and health care settings through research, review of current SHIP work, and identifying needs through working with local public health partners.

The Service Member will complete training on core public health practices, community-based Well-being strategies, review information about relationship between equity and Well-being, and learn about Well-being work currently being undertaken by various public sector and nonprofit entities within the state. S/he/they will learn about SHIP and grantee structure, and the policy, systems, and environment approach to sustainable work. Once oriented to the structures in which the work is done, the Service Member will engage in the following activities:

- Build and contribute a strong theoretical and scientific foundational knowledge of well-being within the public health field and share knowledge with MDH Team and local public health partners
- Assist local public health partners in orientation, training and skill building within Well-being topics to assist them in reaching their Well-being strategy goals

- Build a practical assessment and evaluation structure for BRIC state social connectedness activities and SHIP and provide tools for stakeholders and local public health partners that are vital for telling the story of Well-being work, assessing effectiveness, and improving programs

DESCRIPTION OF ANTICIPATED SERVICE SCHEDULE:

- Hybrid service hours
- Service hours are to be completed Monday-Friday with flexible hours between 8:00am and 5:00pm CT.
- A maximum of 20% of your service hours may be training, education, or other similar approved activities

DESIRED SKILLS & COMPETENCIES

- Self-directed and takes initiative
- Collaborative work style
- Good interpersonal communication skills or at least a willingness to learn/improve

REQUIRED COMMITMENT

- Service members are expected to complete 1200 service hours within a one (1) year timeframe.
- The service year begins 07/08/2024 and ends 07/07/2025

ORIENTATION AND TRAINING

Members must participate in

- Pre-service orientation
- PHA-specific training
- Program-specific training
- Any other trainings deemed necessary by the Host Service Site supervisor

Note: Trainings will be limited to 20% or less of PHA Service Members service hours

EVALUATION AND REPORTING

PHA Service Members will:

- Complete quarterly assessments of the PHA Program to include their host site experience, trainings, sense of belongingness and inclusivity, interest in pursuing a career in public health, etc.
- Complete monthly reflection forms
- Participate in quarterly performance evaluation and reviews with their Host Service Site supervisor
- Be required to submit service timesheets biweekly

PUBLIC HEALTH AMERICORPS ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

PHA Service Members must:

- Be at least 18 years of age at the commencement of service
- Have a high school diploma or its equivalent
- A citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident alien of the United States
- Must satisfy the National Service Criminal History Check eligibility criteria pursuant to [45 CFR 2540.202](#)
- Live in the geographic region and within reasonable driving distance of the host service site and support a hybrid work schedule

OTHER PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

- Preferred: Upper level (3rd or 4th year) undergraduate student or graduate level student enrolled at a college or university pursuing a public health degree or related degree or recent graduate
- Required: Compliance with all Host Service Site vaccination requirements, including for COVID-19

PUBLIC HEALTH AMERICORPS PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Living allowance of \$10,592.00 over the course of the term of service
- \$5,176.50 Segal Education Award at the end of a successful service term
- Student loan deferment and interest forbearance
- Increased professional awareness and accumulated real-world experience to enhance job competence following completion of service year
- Join a network of like-minded leaders who are passionate about improving communities and the health and wellbeing of community members

HOW TO APPLY

1. **Find An Opportunity:** Visit the [AmeriCorps State and National](#) page. Scroll to “Find an Opportunity”. Scroll to the bottom of the page and select “Refine Search”. Insert the following for program type: “AmeriCorps State/National”, select the state for the service opportunity you’re interested in applying, and for program name type: “NACDD PHA”. Select “Search” and then “Apply Now!”
2. **Register on the MyAmeriCorps Portal:** Before applying for AmeriCorps opportunities, you’ll need to create a profile in the AmeriCorps Portal. Creating your profile is a four-step process.
3. **Complete Your Application:** Complete the application for the Service Opportunity that you’re interested in by providing the requested information about your skills and experiences.
4. **Submit Your Application 05/03/24:** Once you’ve completed your application, you’ll be able to submit your application.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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