

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHRONIC DISEASE DIRECTORS

Public Health AmeriCorps Iowa IV Service Opportunity

POSITION OVERVIEW:

Position Name: NACDD Public Health AmeriCorps Service Member

Position Type/Hours: Three Quarter Time/1200 hours

Service Location: Grundy Family YMCA

102 G Ave, Grundy Center, IA 50638

Living Allowance: \$8,074.00

Education Award: \$5,176.50

Total Award: \$13,250.50

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 Service Member will support programming related to food and nutrition security, safe physical activity access, and social connectedness at the Family YMCA of Blackhawk County. Specifically, under supervision of the Senior Program Director, the Service Member will lead efforts around planning, implementation, and evaluation of evidence-based health interventions (EBHIs), assist with the integration of EBHI-related language in organizational strategic plan and staff performance objectives, and support and reinforce sustainability planning for EBHIs. The Service Member will also support capacity building for the organization by helping plan for growth, funding, staffing, partnership, and resource sustainability. In addition, the Service Member will:

- Support communications about program successes and challenges to senior leadership at corporate and branch levels.
- Support health equity strategies across all EBHIs to ensure Y is serving the needs of the community.
- Maintain existing partnerships and help develop new partnerships with the health care community and other organizations serving individuals at risk for or affected with chronic disease.
- Assist with program oversight across the association to ensure program fidelity standards are being met in all EBHIs.
- Support implementation of compliance policies and practices, by working with association Compliance Officer and Senior Program Director to ensure HIPAA compliance across program sites/staff.

DESCRIPTION OF ANTICIPATED SERVICE SCHEDULE:

- In-person service hours with some off-site meetings, events and programing implementation, as needed.
- Service hours are to be completed Monday-Friday between the hours of 9:00am and 3:00pm time or Monday-Thursday 12:30 pm and 8:00pm based on program implementation time needs with occasional pre-arranged weekends for event participation.
- There is a potential to flex schedule around college courses per pre- arranged an agreement with the Senior Program Director.
- A maximum of 20% of service hours may be training, education, or other similar approved activities.
- A maximum of 10% of service hours may be fundraising activities.

DESIRED SKILLS & COMPETENCIES

- Uphold the Mission of the Family YMCA of Black Hawk County, and demonstrate behaviors that reflect a determined, nurturing, genuine, hopeful and welcoming nature Understanding of the wants, needs, and interests of health seekers working to prevent or manage chronic diseases.
- Ability to build strong relationships, inspire confidence, and work effectively with a wide variety of stakeholders (health care providers, public health officials, payors, health seekers, senior Y leaders, and frontline staff).
- Exhibits a personal connection to and investment in healthy living; ability to communicate this investment and commitment to inspire and engage other Y staff/leaders
- Experience implementing evidence-based program models, including targeting specific or underserved populations, managing referral relationships with health care providers, and implementing quality assurance and data collection protocols

NON-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE

- The NACDD PHA program operates in accordance with federal and AmeriCorps program requirements on non-discrimination. In accordance with applicable laws and regulations, the NACDD PHA program prohibits all forms of discrimination and harassment based on the protected categories of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, sexual orientation, disability (mental or physical), gender identity or expression, political affiliation, marital or parental status, reprisal, pregnancy, genetic information (including family medical history), military service, or their submission of a complaint. NACDD's compliance history is available upon request.

REQUIRED COMMITMENT

- Service members are expected to complete 1200 service hours within a one (1) year timeframe.
 - The service year begins 02/03/2025 and ends 02/02/2026

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
- Be a citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident alien of the United States
- Satisfy the National Service Criminal History Check eligibility criteria pursuant to [45 CFR 2540.202](#)
- Live within commutable distance of the host service site and support a hybrid work schedule

OTHER PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

- Must be willing to comply with all Host Service Site vaccination requirements, including for COVID-19
- Be Adult and Pediatric CPR/AED Certified or willing to achieve in first 30 days of hire
- Public health background, a plus
- Completion of Medical Community Partnerships 101 and 201 e-Learnings in the Y's Learning and Career Development Center (LCDC) website, a plus

PUBLIC HEALTH AMERICORPS PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Living allowance of \$8,074.00 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

Submit Your Application by 12/20/24: Complete and submit the NACDD Public Health AmeriCorps Program Application through the following Smartsheet link: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/766fd3822c5942aa909458fef11dd12a>

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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