

COMMUNITY HEALTH ANALYST 1

DEFINITION

To address population-based health issues in Lane County by conducting epidemiologic investigations to identify specific diseases, injuries, or other adverse health events by implementing and evaluating local public health programs and data that effect change at the individual, interpersonal, organizational, and community levels; and by establishing and maintaining partnerships with key community partners to support their efforts as advocates for improved community health.

CLASS CHARACTERISTICS

This is the entry level in the professional Community Health Analyst series. This class is responsible to apply critical thinking and statistical reasoning to identify, analyze, and address community health problems; to implement and evaluate public health programs; to collaborate with community partners to promote community health; and to perform related duties as assigned.

Employees within this classification are distinguished from the Community Health Analyst 2 in that the latter is assigned to address multiple or more complex public health issues and prevention programs. Community Health Analyst 2's are also distinguished from the Community Health Analyst 1 by the level of skill and responsibility for analytical assessment, policy development, planning, evaluation, communication, and program management, fiscal accountability; and level of education and experience.

This class is distinguished from the Senior Community Health Analyst in that the latter has full responsibility for research in specific fields including acute and chronic disease, maternal child health, disease clusters, trend analysis, and geographic distribution of disease; the variety and complexity of public health policy development, program, planning, implementation, and evaluation; and the advanced level of knowledge and experience, independence, and decision-making authority required.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives direction from assigned management personnel.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES - Duties may include, but are not limited to the following:

Monitoring community health status and identifying community health problems; sharing relevant information with partners inside and outside of public health.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES (con't)

Assisting in conducting epidemiologic investigations of specific diseases, injuries, or other adverse health events using relevant qualitative and quantitative data and information.

Participating in quantitative and qualitative data collection, analysis, interpretation, summary, and presentation using specific software pertaining to Public Health.

Assisting in selecting and employing appropriate methods for the design, implementation and evaluation of public health programs and interventions that address population-based health issues.

Implementing specified public health programs that effect change at the individual, interpersonal, organizational, and community levels.

Using defined criteria to monitor and evaluate public health programs for effectiveness and quality performance.

Collaborating with community partners, diverse populations, and key stakeholders to address specific issues.

Assisting in the development and refinement of community health assessments.

Assisting in the development, implementation, and monitoring of program and organizational performance standards.

Conducting literature reviews related to issues relevant to specific public health issues or programs.

Assisting in identifying and writing proposals in response to grant opportunities; and preparing accurate and timely program reports for granting organizations, agencies, and government bodies.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Public health sciences including: epidemiology and biostatistics, behavioral and social sciences, program planning and evaluation, environmental public health, and prevention of chronic and infectious diseases and injuries.

Data collection processes and the ethical and legal principles pertaining to the collection, maintenance, use, and dissemination of data and information.

Knowledge of: (con't)

Application of the public health ecological framework to assessing and addressing the health status of populations, determinants of health and illness, and factors contributing to health promotion and disease prevention.

Strategies for interacting sensitively, effectively, and professionally with persons from diverse cultural, socioeconomic, educational, racial, ethnic, and professional backgrounds, and persons of all ages and lifestyle preferences.

Community dimensions of public health practice including strategies to accomplish effective community engagements.

Specialized data bases and statistical software.

Strategic planning, public health essential services, core functions, and core competencies.

Ability to:

Use established scientific and technical methods and practices to identify community health conditions.

Collaborate with internal and external partners to promote the health of the community.

Communicate effectively in writing and orally; prepare written and oral reports and presentations.

Listen to others in an unbiased manner, respecting other points of view, and promoting the expression of diverse opinions and perspectives.

Develop and adapt approaches to problems that take into account cultural differences.

Utilize office computer programs used in the organization.

Effectively utilize information technology and computer systems for the collection, retrieval, and availability of data for analysis.

Experience and Training

Training:

Masters degree in Public Health (MPH); Masters of Science degree in Public Health (MSPH); or a Masters degree with major course work in Public Health from an accredited college or university.

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or:

Bachelor's degree with major course work in Public Health, Public Administration, or Public Policy.

Experience:

Public Health experience preferred but not required with Masters degree.

Two years of increasingly responsible experience in Public Health program planning, implementation and evaluation, data collection and analysis, and community mobilization with Bachelor's degree.

An equivalent combination of program relevant experience and training that demonstrates the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying.

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