

Community Health Worker/Program Coordinator

The Mississippi County Health Department is accepting resumes for a Community Health Worker (CHW)/ Program Coordinator focusing on chronic disease management. Responsibilities will include advocate and assist community members within the region in getting the care and services needed, provide education to help improve health outcomes, facilitate linkages to services and programs, collect data and complete reports, facilitate the start of Baby and Me Tobacco Free and Freedom from Smoking as well as become a facilitator for both programs, market these services to community members and organizations. Two years of experience in the field of public health, medical care, social services or closely related fields, graduation from a two- or four-year college or university with specialization in healthcare, nursing, education, social services or closely related areas. Excel/Jotforms or other data collection platforms experience preferred. Please submit resume and cover letter to info@misscohealth.com or mail to Attn: Administrator, 1200 East Marshall, Charleston, MO 63834. Resumes will be accepted until close of business May 13, 2022.

Full Job Description

Mississippi County Health Department is seeking a Community Health Worker/Program Coordinator.

Community Health Worker (CHW)/Program Coordinator will work through the local public health agency and identify underserved populations to assist with education, surveillance, referrals to programs and resources in an effort to mitigate COVID 19 and help control risk factors for chronic disease.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assuring that people access the coverage and services they need focusing on those with the highest risk of poor health outcomes resulting from COVID 19 related illness and those with chronic health conditions such as obesity, diabetes, hypertension, heart disease and chronic kidney disease.
- Creating more effective linkages between vulnerable populations and the health care system focusing on those with underlying health conditions.
- Managing care and care transitions for vulnerable populations;
- Collect data on number of clients referred to services and programs that address the social determinants of health and chronic disease.
- Providing culturally appropriate health education on topics related to chronic disease prevention, physical activity and nutrition, and cultural competence;
- Advocating for underserved individuals to receive appropriate services;
- Providing informal counseling, such as social support, care coordination and health screenings
- Implement baby and me tobacco free program in partnership with the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program.
- Become certified as a Freedom from Smoking facilitator and work with health department staff to implement Freedom from Smoking classes for those with chronic conditions and maternal child health population.
- Building community capacity to address health issues and stakeholders who are interested in planning for pandemics in the region.
- CHWs offer interpretation and translation services to provide culturally appropriate health education and information to assist people in receiving the care they need.
- Assist with educating community members and groups on how to create a plan to put into place for future pandemic health events.

- CHW's advocate for individual and community health needs
- Perform other duties, as assigned.

SKILLS REQUIRED:

- Excellent presentation performance skills
- Clear and concise communication skills
- Cultural competence of the areas they are serving
- Possess patience and professionalism

REQUIREMENTS:

- Any combination of 3 years health/social services experience and/or education
- Verifiable good driving record and reliable transportation
- Associates degree or higher from an accredited 2- or 4-year college/university specializing in healthcare, social services, education or closely related area.
- Completion and passing of Community Health Certification within 6 months of date of hire