Maternal & Child Health COVID-19 Navigator

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Job Description:
It is the overall goal of the Maternal & Child Health COVID-19 Navigator (MCHCN) candidate to help women who are pregnant or have a child under 5 gain access to health insurance, begin prenatal care within the first 6-12 weeks of pregnancy, and understand motherhood during COVID-19 through successful linkages to various health and social community resources and services.

The CHW will not be required to physically interact with patients who have tested positive for COVID-19. All such interactions will be done remotely (e.g. phone, Zoom). The CHW work settings may include, but are not limited to office work, client homes, community centers, homeless shelters, emergency rooms, acute care hospitals and skilled nursing facilities. Personal protective equipment (PPE) will be provided as needed.

The candidate will provide social support, advocacy, informal advice and apply their knowledge to help clients navigate the health system and address the client’s individual needs in order to break barriers created by inequalities while addressing social determinants of health.

The candidate will support specific programs as defined by the Unified Government Public Health Department (UGPHD) or any of the UGPHD partners. This includes identifying client needs, helping enroll in desired programs, and following up as needed.

Most clients will be referred to the CHW through local partners.

Community Health Workers (CHW) duties may include:

• Helping set up prenatal appointments for clients or other medical needs
• Following up with clients after appointments to assess further social needs
• Finding community resources
• Aiding the client in obtaining insurance coverage through reference programs
• Providing knowledge around healthy pregnancies
• Providing knowledge about receiving care during COVID-19
• Providing social support when necessary.
• Advocating on client’s behalf
• Other duties as assigned

Job Type: full-time 37-40 hours

Terms and Conditions:
This is a 12-month contract position. Extension is based on funding availability.

Salary:
The contract position will be paid at $22/hour. No benefits will be provided.

Minimum Requirements:
• High School Diploma
• Community Health Worker Certificate
• Two plus years working in the maternal health field
• Ability to exercise discretion and confidentiality in accordance with HIPAA
• Requires knowledge of computer skills (Microsoft word, Excel) and office equipment
• Must have a verifiable good driving record, reliable transportation and automobile that is insured

**Preferred Requirements:**
• Ability to effectively provide social support to socially and medically complex patients
• Knowledge on needs during pregnancy and the resources available to women specifically in Wyandotte County
• Bilingual is a plus
• Ability to work collaboratively in a team, manage multiple priorities and have exceptional time management and organizational skills
• Demonstrated ability to work well with people of various ages, back grounds, ethnicities and life experiences

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