

RCAHD Community Health Epidemiologist (CHEPI) Job Description

Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Department (RCAHD) is recruiting a full-time Community Health Epidemiologist (CHEPI) to join our population health team to focus on the areas of assessment, evaluation, and public health planning. This role will guide and evaluate our Community Assessment and Improvement process by providing and interpreting qualitative community- and population-health indicator data.

This 40-hour-per-week hybrid position (60% in office, 35-40% telework, 5% community/external) may include some evenings and weekends. The CHEPI will be employed by the 22nd Century Staffing Company, Inc, a contracting company with the Virginia Department of Health, which offers some fringe benefits. State benefits are not offered with this position. Occasional travel throughout the region (the cities of Covington, Roanoke, and Salem and the counties of Alleghany, Botetourt, Craig, and Roanoke) is anticipated; access to reliable transportation is a position requirement. RCAHD will reimburse for work-related mileage.

Primary Job Responsibilities

- Provide the RCAHD population health team an epidemiologic perspective to developing sound health education, prevention, and intervention strategies, including the use of public health surveillance data to improve population health outcomes.
- Collaborate with regional community health epidemiologists and Center for Public Health Informatics to prepare community health assessments that meet the needs of internal and external partners.
- Assure that the most current county- and sub-county-specific natality, mortality, morbidity, and risk behavior data are utilized.
- Create and present data visualizations that are easily interpreted.
- Help internal teams to interpret these data and apply them to public health programs.
- Collaborate with Virginia Department of Health's data resources to ensure data is produced, available, and disseminated reflecting all communities within RCAHD, including racial and ethnic communities, faith communities, rural communities, and vulnerable populations (e.g., food and housing insecure, incarcerated, migrant).
- Work with diverse teams to develop quantitative and qualitative data sources.
- Collaborate with regional epidemiologists and informatics staff to collect data using standard structure, tools, and methods.

Secondary Job Responsibilities as needed

- Provide support of grant applications and provide technical assistance to groups requiring data analyses or health data resources and support.
- Respond to community requests for information that impacts shared public health goals.
- Help external partners to interpret and apply available data.

Qualifications

- Graduation from an accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree in public health, epidemiology, or equivalent coursework.

- Working knowledge of computer data analysis and data management techniques.
- Experience working with program evaluation methodologies.
- Knowledge and experience with community and public health practices.
- Familiarity with the Roanoke City & Alleghany Health District service area is strongly preferred.
- Familiarity with identifying health inequities and disparities.
- Ability to handle confidential information with discretion and professionalism.
- Ability to explain health information to the public in a clear, concise, accessible manner.
- Computer skills and proficiency in the use of Microsoft Office 365.
- Must have reliable transportation.
- Successful completion of a satisfactory background check.

Compensation

Pay rate: \$28-\$35 hourly (contract position subject to community need and grant funding; no state benefits are included but some fringe benefits may be available)

Funding is currently secured for this position through May 2024

Up to 40 hours per week (hours will vary to cover occasional after-hours and weekends)

About RCAHD

This position will work within the growing, tight-knit RCAHD Population Health team, focused on identifying community health needs and creating equitable, effective solutions with our community partners. We strive to create an anti-racist environment that reduces stigma and marginalization, both internally and in the community. We are proud members of the Trauma Informed Community Network, focused on the awareness and response to the trauma, stress and isolation that drive many health disparities.

RCAHD is committed to the full inclusion of all qualified individuals to ensure that persons with disabilities are provided reasonable accommodations. If reasonable accommodation is needed to participate in the job application process, please make a note in your application. Research demonstrates that women and people of underrepresented groups are more likely to apply to jobs only when they meet 100% of the job qualifications. We encourage you to apply even if you do not meet 100% of the qualifications, and we look forward to reviewing your application.

To apply, please send your resumé and cover letter Karin Stell at Karin.Stell@vdh.virginia.gov by July 14, 2023.