

Northwest Connecticut Rural Health Resource Coordinator

Position: Northwest Connecticut Rural Health Resource Coordinator, Full-time Consultant Position

Job Location: Goshen, CT

Summary: New contract position to advance health equity and address social determinants of health as they relate to COVID-19 health disparities among populations that are at higher risk and are underserved living in the 21-member towns of the Northwest Hills Council of Governments (NHCOG.) The position involves mobilizing partners and collaborators to identify and address current gaps and factors that influence health disparities, coordinating information dissemination, and partnering with service providers to increase targeted community engagement.

Responsibilities:

- Improve coordination among NHCOG leadership and partner towns to match higher risk and underserved racial and ethnic minority and rural residents with available health and human services, in order to advance health equity and address social determinants of health related to COVID-19 health disparities. Additional service areas include maternal and child health, nutrition and food security, housing and homelessness prevention, and behavioral health and substance use disorder services.
- Improve coordination of services for at-risk and vulnerable populations with emergency management, consistent with the findings of the *Learning from COVID* study.
- Liaise with appropriate health and human service providers, state and local agency officials, and community stakeholder representatives to advance health equity and address social determinants of health as they relate to COVID-19 health disparities, to enhance the overall health and human service delivery system in the NHCOG region.
- Facilitate communications and information-sharing among town social service agents, local/regional/state health and human service providers, and community stakeholders to increase awareness and utilization of services, encourage community engagement and share best practices to advance health equity and address social determinants of health related to COVID-19.
- Recruit and mobilize appropriate partners and stakeholders to seek out and apply for government and philanthropic grant funding opportunities that enrich community health in rural areas as a means of improving health equity among racial and ethnic minority and rural populations in the region. Participate in grant-writing as needed.
- Track progress toward required performance metrics and provide regular updates to the NHCOG.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in health-related or social services field from accredited college or university required; Master's degree in health-related/social services field such as MPH, MSW or commensurate experience preferred.
- Excellent interpersonal and communications skills; ability to interact with diverse audiences and cultures.
- Familiarity with rural and community health, as well as racial and ethnic health disparities and the social determinants of health.
- Regional knowledge and experience preferred.
- Project management experience and grant/fiscal compliance skills.
- Ability to work remotely.
- Ability to travel as needed.

Contract Dates: Immediate through 5/31/2023

Contract: Range \$95,000 - \$105,000 / year

To be considered, please submit resume and cover letter to RPhillips@northwesthillscog.org by November 19, 2021.