**Territorial Disease Intervention Specialist II – United States Virgin Islands**

**Number of Openings – 1**

Opening Date: January 16, 2019

Closing Date: February 8, 2019

Expected Start Date: March 4, 2019

Compensation: Commensurate with experience

Employment Term: 10 months (full-time)

Agency: United States Virgin Islands Department of Health

**Description**

This position is located in the United States Virgin Islands (USVI) Department of Health. The Territorial Disease Intervention Specialist II will perform detection, intervention, reporting, notification, and referral activities related to persons with HIV/STD infections and their contacts. Additionally, the incumbent will perform the following duties:

* Identify, locate and encourage cases, contacts, suspects, and susceptible individuals to report to medical facilities for examination, treatment, and follow-up.
* Recommend and urge physicians and other health care providers to use recommended therapy and appropriate laboratory tests for potential or confirmed cases of communicable disease.
* Conduct case management assessments to ascertain further possible potential for spread of disease and initiates appropriate action steps.
* Prepare and maintain confidential records; collect, document, and verify pertinent medical data from patients, physicians, and medical facilities.
* Perform field-based specimen-collection to test and detect communicable diseases among partners and contacts identified in epidemiological investigations.
* Administer medications for the treatment of STDs in accordance with current program protocols and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) treatment guidelines.
* Motivate and educate patients on behavior modification, risk reduction, and prevention of communicable disease transmission.
* Use of personal vehicle as required for travel.
* Other related duties as required.

**Minimum Qualifications**

* A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in public health, health administration, nursing, epidemiology, health sciences, education, health education, community health, emergency medical services, psychology, the social sciences, the biological sciences, social work, or a closely related field **AND** two (2) years of experience administering or providing specialized health care or public health services or programs with an emphasis on communicable disease prevention, control, education, and/or counseling.
* A master’s degree from an accredited college or university in one of the required fields will substitute for the required work experience.

**Additional Desirable Skills and Qualifications**

* Excellent writing and communication skills.
* Proficiency in MS Office and data base entry.
* Working knowledge of laboratory techniques used to evaluate specimens for communicable diseases; appropriate techniques to collect, preserve, and transport specimens; and how to interpret test results.
* Some knowledge of/experience in the Patient Reporting Investigation Surveillance Manager (PRISM) data system.
* Ability to apply communicable disease intervention techniques such as interviewing, investigation, screening, and surveillance.
* Ability to gain the confidence of persons and groups requiring services and ask questions to elicit required information.
* Ability to counsel patients and others on sensitive issues related to communicable diseases.
* Demonstrated ability to work under pressure and to meet tight deadlines.
* Must have a valid Driver’s License.

*\*Position description and responsibilities are subject to change.*

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