

## **SMM PROJECT INTERVIEWER (CONSULTANT)**

The Fund for Public Health in New York City (FPHNYC) is seeking an individual trained in qualitative research and/or interviewing to assist with a grant-funded research project focused on maternal health and well-being. FPHNYC is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that is dedicated to the advancement of the health and well-being of all New Yorkers. To this end, in partnership with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), FPHNYC incubates innovative public health initiatives implemented by DOHMH to advance community health throughout the city. The Severe Maternal Morbidity (SMM) Project will strengthen and enhance the Bureau of Maternal, Infant and Reproductive Health's (BMIRH) work. The goal of the study is to work with clinical and community partners to promote health equity and reduce racial/ethnic disparities in SMM in NYC.

The qualitative interviewer consultant will work with the DOHMH SMM Project team on assisting the SMM Project to improve maternity care for NYC families through a quality improvement-focused initiative. The interviewer will conduct semi-structured interviews throughout the five boroughs with women who have experienced a life-threatening complication related to childbirth in New York City hospitals. The aim is to explore the patient's experience of their hospitalization, their thoughts on care received and communication around their clinical situation, their understanding of the event and contributory factors, as well as its emotional, social, and financial consequences. The ideal consultant has experience in qualitative research as well as a background supporting women who have survived a traumatic experience. The candidate should also have experience working with individuals in the antenatal/postpartum period.

### **CONSULTANT RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE**

- Complete an in-person training with study consultants and DOHMH study team in fall 2018
- Contact study participants to re-screen and schedule interviews at mutually agreed upon location in the community (such as participant's home, quiet public location, or DOHMH)
- Travel throughout five boroughs of NYC to conduct 1-3 hour-long interviews
- Attend meetings with the DOHMH team to learn about the SMM Project more broadly and contribute to processes as requested

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Degree in or experience related to supporting births, social work, psychology, sociology, public health or related fields
- Experience in maternal and child health, familiarity with qualitative research processes, and HIPPA/strict confidentiality compliance
- Flexible schedule and ability to travel to and work onsite at mutually agreed upon locations in the community (such as the participant's home, a quiet public location, or DOHMH)
- Experience conducting outreach to and engaging diverse populations
- A trauma-informed, person-centered practice
- Excellent active listening and communication skills
- Ability to work well independently and with inter-disciplinary teams
- Bilingual Spanish (preferred)

### **COMPENSATION**

Compensation for this position is commensurate with experience and education. It is anticipated that the interviewer will work no more than 100 hours over the course of the study, although there is no minimum guarantee of work. This position will be hired through a staffing agency.

**TO APPLY**

To apply, send Resume, with Cover Letter, including hourly rate requested and how your experience relates to this position, to the SMM Project Assistant Anne McGroarty (amcgroarty@health.nyc.gov) indicating "**SMM Project Interviewer\_ your name**" in subject line.

*The Fund for Public Health in New York City is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages a diverse pool of candidates to apply.*