

OneCity Health Economics Consultant

The Fund for Public Health in New York City, (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. It facilitates partnerships, often new and unconventional, between government and the private sector to develop, test, and launch new initiatives. These collaborations speed the execution of demonstration projects, effect expansion of successful pilot programs, and support rapid implementation to meet the public health needs of individuals, families, and communities across New York City.

Overview:

FPHNYC on behalf of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) seeks an economics consultant to support evaluation of the OneCity Innovation: *Strengthening Community-Clinical Linkages to Address Social Determinants of Health in Connection with Chronic Disease Self-Management* project. This project combines tailored, evidence-based chronic disease self-management interventions, delivered by community health workers (CHWs) from community-based organizations (CBOs), with connection to services that impact disease outcomes and health care utilization. The goal of the project is to produce an inclusive value-based payment cost model which supports delivery of the Stanford Diabetes Self-Management Program (DSMP) with linkages to insurance, primary care, and resources that address social determinants of health in community-based care settings.

The consultant will be housed within the Bureau of Systems Partnership in the Center for Health Equity (CHE) and will report to the Principal Investigator and Project Director. The Center for Health Equity aims to strengthen and amplify the Health Department's work to eliminate health inequities, which are rooted in historical and contemporary injustices and discrimination, including racism. Specifically, the focus of the Systems Partnerships bureau is to support capacity building of community stakeholders to engage in public health prevention, neighborhood planning, systems change and policy reform. Our four key approaches to advance health equity are as follows:

- We support the Health Department's internal reform in becoming a racial justice organization.
- We invest in key neighborhoods (place-based).
- We build partnerships that advance racial and social justice.
- We make injustice visible through data and storytelling.

Position Description:

The consultant will work independently to support project evaluation and will work in close collaboration with the OneCity team, which includes DOHMH staff, and staff of three CBOs, 1) Korean Community Services of Metropolitan NY, Health People Inc., and Mexican Coalition. The consultant will lead and direct plans to calculate various costs related to program delivery and contribute to strengthening the evidence base for equitable and sustainable reimbursement of community health worker delivered lifestyle change programming in community settings. This position is expected to begin in February 2019.

Responsibilities:

- Design and administer a time study which reflects the full scope of program delivery
- Perform economic analyses to estimate the costs of comprehensive program delivery
- Review and synthesize existing reimbursement strategies and model available data (e.g., retrospective patient claims databases) to develop an equitable and sustainable reimbursement model for comprehensive program delivery

- Support development of new and adaptation of existing evaluation tools, including surveys
- Lead drafting of an equitable and sustainable reimbursement position paper
- Contribute content to final reports summarizing intervention outcomes
- Contribute content to final periodic progress reports to satisfy funder expectations
- Draft, edit and proofread manuscripts for submission to peer-reviewed journals
- Support analysis and contextualization of data for community partners to elevate their work

Requirements:

- Commitment to racial equity and social justice
- Graduate level degree in health economics, macroeconomics, or a related quantitative discipline, such as operational research, medical statistics, or epidemiology
- Experience in designing and developing health economic models
- Experience using statistical software, such as SPSS, R, SAS, STATA, or similar software
- Strong writing skills, with experience writing, editing/proofreading manuscripts for submission to academic journals
- Public speaking skills including ability to lead conversations regarding research and evaluation with lay and technical audiences
- Willingness to travel to sites across New York City as needed

Preferred Qualifications:

- 2+ years of experience conducting research in a supervised environment
- Experience in analyzing individual patient level data for use in economic models
- Interest in and/or experience in chronic disease prevention and management services research
- Interest in addressing social determinants of health and other non-clinical and/or non-individual factors impacting public health

Compensation:

Please note, this is a 5 month consultant position during which up to 35 hours will be devoted to the project each week. The selected candidate will be compensated through a deliverables-based contract up to \$30,000.

Application:

To apply, please send a resume, cover letter, and sample of work to letter to Carl Letamendi (cletamendi@health.nyc.gov) and Alexandra Anderson (aanderson1@health.nyc.gov) with “OneCity Health Economics Consultant” and your name” in the subject line. Finalists will be subject to a brief analytical task, where you will be asked to analyze a small dataset and draw assertions from findings for lay audiences to understand a topic related to health economics.

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