CONTRA COSTA COUNTY seeks applications for Health Officer

Application Review Begins September 30, 2014
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
HEALTH OFFICER

Contra Costa Health Services, a public healthcare agency serving a county of more than 1 million residents in Northern California, invites qualified candidates to apply for the position of Health Officer in its Public Health Division.

THE JOB

The incumbent will serve as a legal Health Officer for Contra Costa County and:

- provide medical oversight and enforcement of public health laws and regulations, including communicable disease control, environmental health, hazardous materials, vital records and emergency medical services
- collaborate with diverse professionals, agencies, community organizations and residents to identify and address public health issues in the community
- serve as a spokesperson and advocate for programs and policies that improve community health and that promote health equity
- manage and supervise program areas and staff as assigned
- report to the Public Health Director and participate in an interdisciplinary Public Health Senior Management Team

WHO WE ARE

The Public Health Division is part of Contra Costa Health Services (CCHS), a public healthcare agency that includes a 166-bed hospital, a federally qualified health plan with more than 140,000 members, 10 federally qualified primary care health centers and numerous satellite clinics that serve more than 100,000 patients annually, most of them low income.

CCHS has been widely recognized for building an integrated health system that embraces health reform to promote patient and community health.

Our mission is to provide care and improve the health of all people in Contra Costa County, with special attention to those who are most vulnerable to health problems.

Our approach includes partnership with our patients, cities, agencies and diverse communities and collaboration between all our divisions of service, including Contra Costa Regional Medical Center & Health Centers, the Contra Costa Health Plan, Public Health, Behavioral Health, Environmental Health, Emergency Medical Services and the Hazardous Materials Program.

With more than 4,000 employees, we are the largest department in Contra Costa County government.

REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must have graduated from an accredited medical school and possess a valid license to practice medicine in California, or a valid license from another state and the ability to obtain one in California within six months of hire. Acquiring and maintaining a California medical license is a requirement of the position.

Candidates must also have two years of experience in a management or leadership role in public health or clinical programs.
DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS

• a Master’s degree in Public Health, Public Policy or a related field
• at least five years of experience in management or leadership of public health or related clinical programs
• board eligibility or certification in Preventive Medicine, Family Practice or a Primary Care specialty
• excellent oral and written communication skills
• the ability to effectively communicate complex scientific and medical information to diverse audiences, including policymakers, journalists and the public
• a demonstrated ability to collaborate with a wide range of professionals, programs and communities
• a commitment to ethical and tenacious efforts to protect and promote the health of Contra Costa County’s communities and to promote health equity

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Contra Costa’s population mirrors the diversity of California. Governed by a five member Board of Supervisors and including 19 incorporated cities, the county includes affluent bedroom communities, chemical plants and oil refineries, rural agricultural lands and areas of urban and suburban poverty.

Contra Costa, across the Bay to the east of San Francisco, has a pleasant Mediterranean climate. We’re conveniently located near all the attractions that make the region famous: world-class dining, art and theater, universities, professional sports, iconic research and technology centers, and wine country. Contra Costa’s extensive network of regional parks and waterways provide ample options for outdoor recreation.

HOW TO APPLY

Submit a resume and a letter of interest to Dorette McCollumn, Personnel Officer at Contra Costa Health Services, via email at Dorette.Mccollumn@hsd.cccounty.us.

Response to a supplemental questionnaire may be required.

Initial interviews for out-of-state applicants may be conducted by telephone or video conference. The most qualified candidates will be invited to attend on-site interviews.

Review of resumes will begin on September 30; the position is open until filled.

Contra Costa Health Services is an equal opportunity employer. The Health Officer position is exempt from the county’s merit system and is appointed by the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors.

We offer a competitive benefit package and salary, depending upon qualifications and experience.