

PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS COORDINATOR

Tompkins County

Department: Whole Health Department

Classification: Competitive

Labor Grade: White Collar Grade 14, N (14)

Approved: 8

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By: HB, Deputy Commissioner of Human Resources

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- (a) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered four-year college or university with a Bachelor's Degree in Public Health, Environmental Health, Health Education, Health Science, Nursing, Emergency Management, Human Services, or field related to human services, public health or emergency planning **AND** two years of full-time paid (or the equivalent part-time and/or volunteer) experience planning, implementing, coordinating, organizing, supervising, or administering an emergency preparedness program or agency **OR** four years leadership experience as a first responder (EMS, emergency management, fire, law enforcement) or military leadership experience; **OR**
- (b) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered two-year college with an Associate's Degree in Public Health, Environmental Health, Health Education, Health Science, Nursing, Emergency Management, Human Services, Criminal Justice or field related to emergency planning **AND** four years of full-time paid (or the equivalent part-time and/or volunteer) experience planning, implementing, coordinating, organizing, supervising, or administering an emergency preparedness program or agency **OR** six years leadership experience as a first responder (EMS, emergency management, fire, law enforcement) or military leadership experience; **OR**
- (c) Any combination of training and experience equal to or greater than that described in (a) and (b) above.

Tompkins County is Committed to Equity and Inclusion. We encourage those with similar values to apply.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:

The candidate must possess a valid New York State driver's license at the time of appointment and maintain such license for the duration of employment.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

This position involves responsibility for assisting in the development and updating of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Plan and developing related jurisdictional programs. This is a unique position that affords the opportunity to apply public health preparedness principles and planning across a broad array of stakeholders. As the lead for public health emergency preparedness in Tompkins County this role will work across the Whole Health Department, and with government partners and the community to develop and exercise preparedness plans. This employee is responsible for assessing, developing and implementing emergency preparedness plans, infectious disease control and public health education needs. The incumbent may have frequent contact and collaborate with law enforcement, fire and emergency service providers, medical providers, colleges and universities, veterinarians, pharmacists as well as other community-based organizations. This position will also lead internal preparedness efforts at Whole Health and coordinate closely with the agency's division managers. This will include integrating preparedness across the whole department, including family and child health programs, environmental health, communicable disease, and mental health services. Under the general direction of the Deputy Public Health Director, the incumbent may play a leadership role in a Whole Health response in the event of a public health emergency. Considerable autonomy and independent judgment is exercised in the performance of these duties. The incumbent may serve as a lead worker over given groups, projects or activities or may supervise assigned personnel as directed by the Deputy Public Health Director. The work is performed under the general direction of the Deputy Public Health Director. The incumbent will perform all related duties as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Assists the Deputy Public Health Director in the development and on-going maintenance of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Plan;
Establishes common planning framework to build and enhance preparedness across the department and county implemented through an interdisciplinary and multi-jurisdictional approach;
Develops a variety of plans and reports to meet emergency preparedness objectives;
Develops plans for large scale Points of Dispensing or stockpiled supplies, medications, etc.;
Designs and participates in Public Health Emergency Preparedness planning exercises to test the efficiency of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Plan;
Collects, tabulates and analyzes data for use in meeting New York State Department of Health grant deliverables;
Coordinates grant and county-funded activities with other departments and agencies by participating in meetings with department and agency heads to discuss and evaluate county needs;
Serves as a resource to department staff and local community organizations regarding public health emergency preparedness;
Conducts educational programs and training sessions regarding public health and emergency preparedness procedures for a variety of audiences including schools, community service professionals, and agencies in the community;
Serves as a public health representative on various committees;
Attends training from the New York State Department of Health as required;
Reports orally and in writing to the Public Health Director.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of the modern principles and practices of public health;
Good knowledge of Federal, State and local laws, codes, rules and regulations that relate to public health issues;
Good knowledge of public information and public relations techniques;
Good knowledge of community organizations and service providers related to public health;
Working knowledge of the principles and practices of educating and interacting with the public;
Ability to deal effectively with the public;
Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing;
Ability to participate in assigned projects and lay out work for others;
Ability to analyze and organize data and prepare records and reports;
Ability to understand, interpret and carry to fruition complex oral and/or written instructions;
The employee's physical condition shall be commensurate with the demands of the position.

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