Host Site Name: Bureau of Brooklyn Neighborhood Health, NYC Health Department

Position Title: Community Health Member

Location: 485 Throop Ave, Brooklyn NY 11221

Tentative Schedule: 9am-5pm Mon-Fri with occasional evenings and weekends

# of member Slots in this Position: 2

Need for the specific project on which AmeriCorps Member is serving:

The Bureau of Brooklyn Office of Neighborhood Health is a part of the New York City Health Department’s Center for Health Equity. Our mission is to eliminate health disparities caused by structural racism and underinvestment in communities of color.

This position will be part of the Capacity Building and Health Equity team. Currently our work is aimed at closing the COVID-19 vaccination gap between Black and Hispanic communities, and white communities. We do this by systematically approaching every barbershop, bodega, hair salon and laundromat within a zip code and providing face masks, home test, and information on how and where to get vaccinated. Additionally, we reach out to schools, daycares, NYCHA developments, and other community-based organizations. At the start of 2023 the work will expand beyond COVID to include chronic disease and cancer screening.

The neighborhoods we serve have a high concentration of NYCHA housing that we believe that we could more effectively partner with. We are currently planning an immersive public health initiative that focuses on increasing COVID vaccination rates and decreasing rates of chronic disease one zip code at a time. Having people who are familiar with NYCHA and can focus on public housing developments will be hugely important to ensuring that our health equity goals have been met.

Expectations and Goals for the specific project on which AmeriCorps Member is serving:

The NYCHA Health Corps member will help play a key role by visiting stores and organizations in the community. The member will interface with the public and will share feedback with the health department. The member is encouraged to offer suggestions as to how the health department can better meet the community’s needs. Daily data entry will be required as we are an evidenced-based organization. Opportunities for data analysis, data visualization, and writing reports will be available for interested service members.
• Expectations
  o Growth mindset- come to the job prepared to learn new skills and be willing to try new things even if they don’t turn out as expected.
  o Willingness to engage with community members, business owners, and leaders.
  o Understanding that community engagement happens in all weather. When reasonable, our team will be outside at least a couple of days a week.
  o Actively participate in planning meetings, sharing insights and opinions as to how better serve the community.

To best serve NYCHA residents and meet DOHMH goals the members will work to:

• Approach all bodegas, barbershops, beauty salons and laundromats across three zip codes
• Support the Capacity Building and Health Equity team mission of reducing the vaccination gap between Community District and Citywide Vaccination rate by 50%
• Support the Capacity Building and Health Equity team goal of Increasing the number of people connected with a program addressing chronic disease (either Take the Pressure Off, Diabetes Prevention, or Diabetes Management) by 30%.
• Conduct preventative chronic disease screenings on 10% (8,500) members of the adult population

Member Position Summary:

NYCHA Health Corps members will visit stores, schools, community-based organizations to promote public health messaging, increase the number of people vaccinated against COVID-19 and promote screening for chronic disease.

Detailed Tasks:

• With support, reach out to resident and tenant associations, attend tenant meeting and NYCHA events to understand resident concerns, share health department messaging, and support NYCHA residents getting connected to resources
• Visit local businesses such as barbershops, hair salons, bodegas, and laundromats to share resources and share public health messaging
• Survey community residents and leaders as needed
• Accurately collect and enter data to track progress

Required Skills for AmeriCorps Members (set for all program members):

• Strong commitment to national service and the mission of the host site
• Desire to work in the non-profit sector
• Desire to serve with diverse communities
• Excellent organizational and communication skills
• Ability to conduct community outreach and make presentations to community groups
• Willingness to take initiative to achieve goals
• Strong foundation in project management/multi-tasking abilities
• A clear plan for living on the AmeriCorps stipend in New York City
• Availability to lead and/or attend events during evening and weekend hours (frequency varies by position)
• Minimum high school diploma or equivalency
• Ability to pass a criminal background check
• US Citizen or lawful permanent resident (AmeriCorps regulations)

Preferred Academic or Experience Qualifications, Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

• Experience in public facing work
• Passion for health and community engagement
• Commitment to addressing racial inequities
• Interest in data
• Spanish-speaking strongly preferred

* Please note: The duties and responsibilities in this service position description may be subject to change. In the rare event that there are any changes, members will be notified prior to beginning the service year and the position description will be amended. All changes will be reviewed and approved in advance by NYC Service.