

## **Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations Hepatitis B Policy Fellowship**

The Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO) is re-establishing a Hepatitis B Policy Fellowship in 2017.

In the United States, an estimated 2.2 million people are living with chronic hepatitis B, with a disproportionate impact on the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. It is thought that over 1.2 million AAPIs in total are living with the disease, comprising more than 50 percent of all cases in the United States. Without awareness, vaccination, screening and diagnosis, we cannot curb an epidemic that is preventable and treatable.

To address this, AAPCHO has been at the forefront of national hepatitis B policy issues, working with our partners on the ground and in practice, in policy advocacy, in federal agencies, and on the Hill to continue to make hepatitis B a priority.

**Position Description:** The fellowship is a year-long position, with the possibility of renewal, based in Washington D.C. It will be awarded to a medical, public health, or policy professional interested in strengthening the collaboration between key stakeholders and the federal government, highlighting key gaps in policy and service delivery, and working with partners to address the disparate impact of hepatitis B on Asian American and Pacific Islanders.

The fellow will continue AAPCHO's work to:

- 1) Strengthen collaboration among partners in health centers, community based organizations, and national coalitions to advance healthcare policy and practices that are designed to support effective screening, treatment and prevention initiatives for hepatitis B in Asian American and Pacific Islander communities;
- 2) Inform and support efforts by Members of Congress, including the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) and the Congressional Hepatitis Caucus to adopt a legislative agenda that effectively reduces the prevalence of hepatitis B and increases care and treatment programs in heavily impacted communities; and
- 3) Inform and support federal agencies in developing and expanding programs in hepatitis B, particularly within the health center context.

### **Eligibility:**

All applicants are required to meet the following criteria:

- Applicants must have at least three years of program management or policy analysis experience;
- Applicants should have experience in or knowledge of immigrant and underserved communities;
- Applicants must have completed a master's degree or the work experience equivalent thereof in health services research, clinical services, public health,

health administration, health law, health policy or a related discipline such as economics or political science;

- Applicants should have demonstrated expertise in health policy issues and track record of informing health policy through research, policy analysis or clinical leadership;
- Have significant interest in public policy and exemplify strong interest in applying hepatitis B field knowledge to crafting and driving targeted policies to reduce the burden of hepatitis B amongst Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders;
- Must be able to work in a fast-paced environment with the AAPCHO policy advocacy and other teams when needed, communicate effectively on a wide variety of topics, and be able to collaborate with a diverse group of individuals and organizations;
- Must reside/be able to relocate to the Washington, DC metropolitan area; and
- Is authorized to work in the United States.

### **Selection Process:**

- The deadline for receipt of applications for the 2017 Fellow is **August 31<sup>st</sup>**. Submit applications electronically to [hepbfellow@aapcho.org](mailto:hepbfellow@aapcho.org) and include the following materials:
  - A resume or curriculum vitae providing information about educational background, professional employment and activities, professional publications and presentations, and public policy experience, particularly when related to hepatitis B/infectious diseases;
  - A statement of no more than 750 words addressing the applicant's interests in the fellowship, career goals, contributions the applicant believes he or she can make as fellow in national policy, and what the applicant hopes to learn from the experience;
  - List two professional references from the applicant's previous institution(s) or organization(s) who can comment on the applicant's policy advocacy experience; and
  - Include desired salary (or range) for the position.

The fellowship will include benefits, including health insurance and dental insurance. For further questions regarding eligibility or to apply, please email [hepbfellow@aapcho.org](mailto:hepbfellow@aapcho.org).

### **About AAPCHO**

AAPCHO is a national association representing community health organizations dedicated to promoting advocacy, collaboration and leadership that improve the health status and access of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders in the United States. Since its inception in 1987, AAPCHO has advocated for policies and programs that improve the provision of health care services that are community driven, financially affordable, linguistically accessible, and culturally appropriate. As a unified voice of its membership, AAPCHO shares its collective knowledge and experiences with policy makers at the national, state, and local levels.