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Title: Community Health Worker/Peer Navigator for Colon Cancer Screening

Organization: New York University School of Medicine

Location: Manhattan; Field work in all 5 boroughs

Salary: \$35,000 FTE + fringe benefits and all associated NYU School of Medicine employee benefits

- ☒ **Passionate about health education?**
- ☒ **Interested in community-based research?**
- ☒ **Love working with your neighborhood organizations?**
- ☒ **Angry that cardiovascular disease and colon cancer hit African-Americans hardest?**
- ☒ **Want to learn new counseling techniques to help older men make better health decisions?**

PROJECT INFORMATION:

The Multi-behavior Intervention to Increase Screening and to Enhance Risk Reduction in Black Men (MISTER-B) is a two-year research study in its second year and funded, in part, by the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities and the Centers for Disease Control.

The goal of the project is to test counseling strategies to improve the health of older African-American/Black men (50+ years) identified through health screenings in community settings (barbershops and churches/mosques). One of these strategies is culturally-tailored peer patient navigation. Patient navigation is used to increase access to healthcare and, more specifically, to increase colon cancer screening (colonoscopy).

We're seeking applicants who can demonstrate a connection to a specific community through:

1. familiarity with common barriers to healthcare and cancer screening in that community
2. extensive knowledge of that community's culture, challenges, and strengths

Community health workers will:

- Attend community health screenings 3-4 times (including a Saturday and/or Sunday) per week.
- Assist team members with event preparation, blood pressure screening, participant recruitment, and baseline/six-month interviews.
- Conduct culturally-tailored navigation counseling sessions in-person and by phone, including on evenings.
- Provide education about colon cancer and colonoscopy, and address participant concerns and barriers.
- Ensure participants are properly prepared for colonoscopy appointments.
- Communicate regularly with hospital staff about colonoscopy referrals, participants' ability to schedule and keep colonoscopy appointments, as well as to obtain copy of colonoscopy reports.
- Follow each assigned participant for duration of study period and arrange in-person visit at 6 months.
- Maintain paper files, databases and audio recordings to track activities, communication, and progress of participants.
- Develop and maintain a database of resources for no-cost/low-cost colorectal cancer screening, and of other health and community resources.
- Communicate regularly with study investigators about navigation activities and progress of participants. Attend project bi-weekly meetings with investigators and staff.
- Participate in regular supervision sessions with Study Coordinator and study investigators.
- Lead the barbershop site recruitment effort.
 - Visit potential shops and explain the study.
 - Refer potentially interested shops to the principal investigator and the project manager.
 - Complete follow-up reports on recruitment efforts.
- Maintain positive relationships in the community.
 - Create and maintain meaningful and positive relationships with participants, barbers, church/mosque leaders and community partners.

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- Perform other tasks as required.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Attend all trainings and pass all competency exams.
- Implement navigation and study protocol as directed by study investigators.
- Document all study-related activities using database tracking systems.

SUPERVISION:

- Reports to, and receives ongoing supervision from, Study Coordinator and study investigators.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Previous experience working/volunteering with programs or organizations that tackle health or social issues in Black communities.
- Knowledge of community resources and organizations in Brooklyn, Bronx, Queens and/or Staten Island.
- Available to work evenings and weekends regularly.
- Ability to juggle priorities and manage time productively.
- Effective oral and written communication skills.
- Energetic open-minded people-person.
- Flexible; ability to change gears at a moment's notice and "go with the flow."
- Thrives in fast-paced environment.
- Highly organized, pays attention to detail and can follow strict protocols.
- Creative problem-solver.
- Comfortable using a computer: Word, Excel, Access, Outlook.
- A minimum of a high school education or GED required.

TO APPLY:

Email your resume and cover letter to Helen Cole at helen.cole@nyumc.org or mail your cover letter and resume to:

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