

Title: Community Health Worker/Representative for Prostate Cancer Screening

Organization: New York University School of Medicine

Location: Manhattan; Field work in Brooklyn

- ☒ **Passionate about health education?**
- ☒ **Interested in community-based research?**
- ☒ **Love working with your neighborhood organizations?**
- ☒ **Want to learn new counseling techniques to help older men make better health decisions?**

PROJECT INFORMATION:

This study is a 5 year research study funded by the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities.

The goal of the project is to test *decision coaching* to improve health decision-making of African-American/Black men (40-69 years) seeking care at a Family Health Center at NYU Langone in Brooklyn, NY. Decision coaching is designed to encourage Black men to be well-informed of the risks and benefits of prostate cancer screening and to promote a balanced discussion with health providers during their appointment.

We are seeking applicants who can demonstrate a connection to the African-American/Black community in Brooklyn through:

1. familiarity with common difficulties involved in making healthcare decisions in the community
2. extensive knowledge of that community's culture, challenges, and strengths

Community health workers will:

Participant Recruitment

- Plan and participate in determining eligible patients using electronic medical records
- Conduct participant screening interviews, guide patients through informed consent, and perform baseline/pre-appointment/post-appointment/six-month follow-up assessments.
- Participate in recruitment efforts by mail and phone prior to clinical appointments.
- Mail decision aids to patients interested in participating prior to their appointment.
- Prepare and transport consent and assessment materials.
- Manage participant screening flow, collaborate with site staff, and trouble shoot any problems in the clinic.
- Make strategic recommendations for future participant recruitment strategies.

Decision Coaching Intervention

- Conduct culturally-tailored, in-person coaching sessions at the Family Health Center prior to clinical appointments, including reviewing a decision aid and values clarification role play exercise.
- Provide education about prostate cancer and PSA screening, and address participant concerns.
- Ensure participants are properly prepared for appointments and follow-up if participants do not show for their appointments.
- Conduct all study-related assessments with participants before and after the appointment.
- Attend the appointment (with participants' permission) and record detailed field notes.
- Follow each assigned participant for duration of study period and ensure completion of 6-month follow-up mailed assessments.
- Communicate regularly with Flatbush Family Health Center Local Clinical Champion about important study updates, progress, and potential issues.
- Distribute surveys and assessments to providers following participant appointments.
- Maintain paper files, databases and audio recordings to track activities, communication, and progress of participants.
- Develop and maintain a database of resources for PSA screening and other health related topics specific to the local community.
- Communicate regularly with study investigators about decision coaching activities and participant progress.

Other

- Maintain positive relationships in the community.
 - Create and maintain meaningful, positive relationships with participants, health providers, office staff and community partners.
- Attend weekly project meetings with investigators and staff.
- Participate in regular supervision sessions with project staff and investigators.
- Perform other tasks as required.

REQUIREMENTS:

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

SUPERVISION:

- Report to, and receive ongoing supervision from, study staff and study investigators.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Previous experience working/volunteering with programs or organizations that tackle health or social issues
- Knowledge of community resources and organizations in Brooklyn.
- Ability to juggle priorities and manage time productively.
- Effective oral and written communication skills.
- Energetic, open-minded, and empathetic “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.
- High school education or GED is preferred.

TO APPLY:

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