

# Community Health Project 2011 Intern Application

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## What is the Community Health Project?

The Community Health Project is a student-run internship program for health professional students at the KU Medical Center. Founded in 1992, the Community Health Project is a unique and exciting opportunity for KUMC students to expand their horizons by immersing themselves in a public health or social service organization.

### The Community Health Project Internship

#### Interns:

A Community Health Project intern works during the summer for one non-profit organization. The intern works an average of 32 hours each week for eight weeks, totaling at least 256 hours (note: interns are given an 8-hour holiday for July 4; however, interns must have this approved by their mentors). Each intern's weekly schedule is agreed upon by the intern and his/her mentor. **The internship MUST be completed between May 20 and July 29, 2011. Interns completing remedial coursework during any part of the summer will not be allowed to participate in the Community Health Project.** In order to fulfill the academic requirements of CHP, interns must complete weekly journals, attend CHP educational conferences, present their summer experience at a CHP Showcase and turn in a final report. Additionally, interns must develop and complete a project that will leave a lasting impact on their agency.

The internship experience is divided between learning the various aspects of the organization, collaborating with agency professionals as they complete their daily work, working directly with agency clientele and completing a designated project. Each intern placed at an agency is paid a **\$2,500 scholarship**. All interns are responsible for making their own living and transportation arrangements, regardless the location of their internship. Interns who successfully complete all CHP course requirements are eligible to receive **four hours of elective credit** through the Department of Internal Medicine. Interns must enroll in the appropriate course (ex. MED 925) to receive scholarship funds and academic credit. **Scholarship funds will not be distributed unless the student is enrolled.** In addition, up to three Excellence Scholarships, each worth \$250, will be awarded to outstanding interns at the end of the summer.

#### Directors:

The Community Health Project is administered by three directors: the Executive Director, Program Director, and Education & Evaluation Director. Each director serves a **one-year position** (March 2011 – March 2012), receives a **\$4,500 scholarship** and is eligible for **four hours of elective credit** through the Department of Internal Medicine. While there are specific job descriptions and criteria for each director, the three directors often work as a team to accomplish mutual goals.

**Executive Director:** The Executive Director is responsible for the overall operation of the Community Health Project. Specific responsibilities include managing the financial, recruitment, and public relations interests of CHP. The Executive Director represents the Community Health Project at KUMC events and serves as liaison to the Community Health Project Advisory Board.

**Program Director:** The Program Director is responsible for the administration of the Community Health Project internship program. Examples of duties include approving project proposals, conducting agency visits, and reviewing weekly journals.

**Education & Evaluation Director:** The Education & Evaluation Director works directly with the faculty advisors on all evaluations and educational conferences. A variety of evaluation strategies, such as surveys and phone interviews, are employed. Literature review, data collection and analysis, and results summarization are included in this director's responsibilities. In addition, the Education & Evaluation Director is responsible for gathering educational materials and planning educational conferences for the interns.

## **2011 CHP Timeline**

Friday, February 4

**Director application deadline, 5:00 pm, [chealth@kumc.edu](mailto:chealth@kumc.edu)**

Monday, February 7 – Friday, February 11

Director interviews

Friday, February 18

**Intern application deadline, 5:00 pm, [chealth@kumc.edu](mailto:chealth@kumc.edu)**

Tuesday, March 1

2011 Directors' first day

Friday, March 4

Interns notified of agency interview assignments

Monday, March 7 – Friday, April 1

Intern-Agency interviews

Monday, April 4

**Intern preference form deadline, 5:00pm, [chealth@kumc.edu](mailto:chealth@kumc.edu)**

2010 and 2011 Directors begin match process

Wednesday, April 6

Interns notified of agency match by 5:00 pm

Friday, April 8

**Deadline for interns to accept or decline match, 5:00pm, [chealth@kumc.edu](mailto:chealth@kumc.edu)**

Monday, April 11

Non-matched interns notified of agency interview assignments for 2<sup>nd</sup> match process

Wednesday, April 13 – Friday, April 22

Intern-Agency interviews for 2<sup>nd</sup> match process

Monday, April 25

**Intern preference form deadline for 2<sup>nd</sup> match process, 5:00pm, [chealth@kumc.edu](mailto:chealth@kumc.edu)**

2011 Directors begin 2<sup>nd</sup> match process

Friday, April 29

Interns notified of 2<sup>nd</sup> agency match by 5:00pm

Monday, May 2

**Deadline for interns to accept or decline 2<sup>nd</sup> match, 5:00pm, [chealth@kumc.edu](mailto:chealth@kumc.edu)**

Monday, May 30 – Friday, July 29

CHP Internship

Early June – CHP Orientation (mandatory)

Early August – CHP Showcase (mandatory)

## Intern Application Coversheet

Please electronically submit this coversheet, accompanied by your typed, double-spaced application, to [chealth@kumc.edu](mailto:chealth@kumc.edu) by **Friday, February 18th at 5:00 p.m.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ KUID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ This verifies that I am in good academic standing. I understand that if this standing changes I must immediately contact the Faculty Advisor, Mrs. Wendy Hildenbrand (588-7195).

**Your answers to the following questions should be typed, double-spaced and attached to this cover letter. Please type your name on each additional sheet of paper.**

1. Restate and answer the following:

a. Provide a personal statement outlining why you would be a qualified and successful Community Health Project intern. In your statement, include your expectations of a summer spent as a CHP intern. Please limit your statement to no more than one page.

b. Describe briefly the single best experience you have obtained through employment, school, or volunteer work that qualifies you for a CHP internship. Please limit your answer to no more than one page.

c. How does the Community Health Project fit into your educational goals? Please limit your answer to no more than one page.

2. Please include at least one letter of recommendation.

3. Are you able to complete the internship between May 30 and July 29, 2011? Also, are you able to spend an average of 32 hours per week each week at your agency? Please explain any need to take time off during this period.

4. List five agencies at which you would most like to be assigned. See list on next page.

**5. OPTIONAL:** In addition to the answers to the above, feel free to attach your resume.

**Please direct questions to:**

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The following is a list of agencies who participated in 2010. This list may not be all inclusive for 2011.

**Association of Community of Mental Health Centers of Kansas**

**Cottonwood, Inc.**

**Cross-Lines Community Outreach**

**Jewish Vocational Services**

**Johnson County Health Department**

**Kansas City Design Center**

**Kansas City Free Health Clinic**

**Kansas City Hospice and Palliative Care**

**KC Healthy Kids**

**Marian Clinic**

**Medical Society of Johnson and Wyandotte Counties**

**Rose Brooks Center**

**Rosedale Healthy Kids Initiative**

**Rosedale Ministerial Alliance**

**Sedgwick County Health Department**

**Silver City Health Center**

**Swope Health Services**

## **2010 Agency Descriptions**

### **Greater Kansas City Agencies**

#### **Cross-Lines Cooperative Council, Inc.**

Cross-Lines' mission is to help vulnerable people avoid slipping into poverty, alleviate the suffering of people in poverty, help people lift themselves out of poverty and educate unaffected people about what they can do to combat poverty in the community. Services provided by Cross-Lines include emergency aid, transitional living, home repair, family advocacy and guidance services and a thrift store. Interns assist in these services/programs as well as educational programming.

#### **Jewish Vocational Services**

Jewish Vocational Services was established in 1949 to assist survivors of the Holocaust, refugees and other displaced persons as they resettled in the United States. Since then, it has extended its services to any person in need of assistance in becoming more self-reliant, including seniors and individuals with physical and/or mental disabilities. The agency offers a wide range of services, including immigration services, language and cultural services, interpretation, cultural competency training and employment services. Interns are involved in providing services and patient education.

#### **Johnson County Health Department**

The health department offers services for preventing the spread of disease, encouraging healthy lifestyles and providing a safe environment for the citizens of Johnson County. Clinic hours are usually Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Interns are involved in clinical experiences as well as patient and community education.

#### **Kansas City Free Health Clinic**

The KC Free Health Clinic is a private, not-profit organization founded in 1971 to serve youth in the Westport area. Its mission is to promote health and wellness by providing quality services, at no charge, to people without access to basic health care. Services provided include general medicine clinics, dental, HIV primary care, HIV prevention and HIV case management. Interns can expect to be involved in clinical experiences and patient education.

**Kansas City Hospice**

Kansas City Hospice provides comprehensive palliative care services for terminally ill patients and their families. Staff members include nurses, home health aides, therapists, social workers, chaplains and bereavement counselors. As interns may assist in providing services at patients' homes, access to a personal vehicle is recommended.

**Kansas City Design Center**

The Kansas City Design Center was established to coordinate and facilitate undergraduate and graduate professional education, conduct urban related design research, provide professional development and public education programs, and conduct community-wide public service activities. The facility features a working studio, classroom and conference space, a display gallery and review space, as well as a workroom, lounge and faculty office space.

**KC Healthy Kids**

The mission of KC Healthy Kids is to reduce obesity and improve the health of Greater Kansas City's children by informing, advocating, and mobilizing the resources and talents of our community.

**Medical Society of Johnson & Wyandotte Counties**

The Medical Society is an organization designed to aid physicians in their practice of medicine. Services include educating physicians about the non-medical aspects of operating a clinic, advocating physicians' interests to insurance companies and government officials, and operating the Wy/Jo Care Program, which facilitates referrals between primary and specialty care clinics. Interns can expect to assist in such services and see what goes on behind the scenes to maintain health care in the community.

**Rose Brooks Center for Battered Women**

Rose Brooks provides temporary lodging, education and counseling for women and children escaping domestic violence. Other services include a 24-hour crisis line, legal and medical referrals, court advocacy, therapy and support, individual and group counseling, transitional housing and children's programs. Interns are involved in patient education and support. Female interns only, please.

**Rosedale Healthy Kids Initiative**

The Initiative is a community advocacy project that combats childhood obesity through healthy eating and active living. The community of target is Rosedale, a Kansas City, KS neighborhood which can be described as low-income, diverse, and connected.

**Rosedale Ministerial Alliance**

Rosedale Ministerial Alliance is an alliance of churches in Rosedale working for the betterment of the community. The intern will work partially with senior programming, one facet of the Alliance, and with young programming through the Healthy Kids Initiative, a childhood obesity prevention project. Interns should expect to work with residents of diverse backgrounds and ages.

**Silver City Clinic**

Silver City Clinic, developed by the departments of Pediatrics and Internal Medicine at the University of Kansas Hospital, provides primary care in the Argentine district of Kansas City, KS. The philosophy of the clinic is a commitment to health care availability and affordability for everyone. The Clinic is staffed by two double-boarded Med/Peds faculty. There is also an on-site pharmacist who provides medication counseling and assists qualified patients in obtaining medications at reduced or no cost. Interns can expect a variety of clinical experiences as well as opportunities to assist in patient education.

**Swope Health Services**

Swope Health Services is a large, federally qualified health center and non-profit safety-net clinic. It oversees six clinics in both Kansas and Missouri. The clinics provide a wide array of services, including primary care for children and adults, OB/GYN, dentistry, optometry and behavioral medicine. Interns are involved in clinical experiences as well as patient education.

## **Lawrence/Topeka Agencies:**

### **Cottonwood, Inc. (Lawrence)**

Cottonwood, Inc. is the "Community Developmental Disabilities Organization" for Douglas and Jefferson Counties. Interns can expect to observe and assist nurses in the on-site clinic and provide companionship to residents.

### **Marian Clinic (Topeka)**

The Marian Clinic serves a patient population living at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. The patients have no insurance or other means to obtain care. The clinic delivers general medical care on-site, with referrals as needed for specialists' consultations and treatments, health education, medications, and medical supplies and equipment. Marian Clinic employs full-time physicians and nurse practitioners and also relies strongly on volunteer providers. Marian Clinic collaborates with other area agencies and hospitals to provide the best possible care for patients.

### **Association of Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas (Topeka)**

The Association represents 27 licensed Community Mental Health Centers who serve over 131,000 Kansans each year with mental health issues. The Community Mental Health Centers serve all Kansans regardless of ability to pay, age, or diagnosis. Nearly 70% of clients are uninsured or underinsured.

## **Wichita Agencies:**

### **Sedgwick County Health Department**

The health department aims to "promote and protect the health of Sedgwick County residents through education, prevention, surveillance and treatment, using public health functions of assessment, assurance and policy development." Its vision is to create a healthy community with healthy people. Services include immunizations, TB control, mother and infant services, education and epidemiology information. Interns are involved in data analysis and patient education.