2020 Viral Hepatitis Policy Fellowship

Position Title: Viral Hepatitis Policy Fellow

Reports to: Director, National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable

Location: Remote-Washington, D.C. Commutable

About NVHR: The National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable is a program of the Hepatitis Education Project, a 501c3 nonprofit organization based in Seattle, WA. NVHR is a national coalition of patients, providers, public health professionals, and industry partners, committed to eliminating viral hepatitis in the U.S. Its strategic priorities are to; Raise awareness about viral hepatitis among diverse stakeholders (community, clinical providers, public health, and policymakers) through a health equity lens; Center the voices of those impacted by viral hepatitis in the public health response; and, fight for universal access to care in prevention and response to viral hepatitis. www.nvhr.org | www.hepeducation.org Connect With NVHR on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram

The National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable seeks a Viral Hepatitis Policy Fellow to coordinate its policy work. It is estimated that more than 5 million people in the United States are living with viral hepatitis, yet most remain undiagnosed. New cases of viral hepatitis, driven primarily by unsafe injection drug use, are increasing rapidly amid significant policy hurdles hindering a comprehensive, harm reduction-oriented public health response. Despite availability of a cure, many persons living with hepatitis C, particularly those representing racial and ethnic minority populations, are being denied treatment. Though hepatitis A and B infections can be prevented with effective vaccines, adult vaccination levels remain below 25%. The downstream public health consequences of the nation’s inaction are becoming apparent, as liver cancer and vertical hepatitis C transmission are increasing rapidly. We cannot curb the viral hepatitis epidemics in the U.S. without a commitment from our federal lawmakers to eliminating viral hepatitis, and policies that support a comprehensive response to the infectious disease consequences of the opioid crisis. NVHR serves as a convener of stakeholders across the U.S. interested in addressing viral hepatitis, and those in adjacent advocacy spaces, including: harm reduction, cancer prevention, rural health, HIV, healthcare access, and reproductive health.

Position Description: The Viral Hepatitis Fellowship is a year-long remote position, with the possibility of renewal. Due to the need for meetings with federal lawmakers, the employee shall be based in commuting distance to Washington, D.C. The Fellowship will be awarded to a medical, public health, or policy professional interested in health equity; specifically in strengthening the collaboration between key stakeholders and government, highlighting key gaps in policy and service delivery, and working with partners to address the disparate impact of viral hepatitis among underserved populations.

Position Responsibilities: The Viral Hepatitis Policy Fellow will continue NVHR’s work to:

- Educate members of Congress and federal agency leaders about the impact of the ‘opioid epidemic’ on increasing viral hepatitis cases in the United States.
- Identify opportunities to coordinate efforts with the HIV ‘End the Epidemic’ initiative and other adjacent space policy priorities.
- Identify opportunities to engage NVHR members in advocacy actions through customer relationship management (CRM) software (e.g. EveryAction) & social media (e.g. Twitter/Slack)
- Coordinate in-person and/or virtual congressional visits for NVHR patient and provider members to meet with representatives, including annual Hep-On-The-Hill advocacy days,
- Develop and promote hepatitis-relevant report language, 5. Develop, with team & external partners, educational materials to increase policy-maker awareness of viral hepatitis public health needs.
- Promote viral hepatitis advocacy during Hepatitis Awareness Month (May) and Liver Cancer Awareness Month (October).
• Meet with leadership in federal agencies such as HHS, SAMHSA, DOJ, & CDC if warranted for administrative advocacy,
• Partner with advocacy leaders, including providers and those who have lived experience with viral hepatitis, to realize a policy agenda that strives to increase access to healthcare, harm reduction, viral hepatitis care, and vaccines for those at risk.

Eligibility: All applicants are required to meet the following criteria:

• Have at least three years of program management or policy analysis experience;
• Have experience in or knowledge of substance use and underserved communities;
• Have completed a master’s degree or work equivalent in health services research, clinical services, public health, health administration, health law, health policy, or a related discipline such as economics or political science;
• 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 field knowledge to crafting and driving targeted policies to reduce the burden of viral hepatitis;
• Be able to work in a fast-paced environment with NVHR and Hepatitis Education Project team members, communicate effectively on a wide variety of topics, and collaborate with a diverse group of individuals and organizations;
• Reside in/be able to relocate to the Washington, DC metropolitan area and be able to work remotely; and
• Is authorized to work in the United States.

Selection Process: Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled. Applicants should submit materials electronically to resumes@hepeducation.org with subject line ‘NVHR Policy Fellow’. Applications should include the following materials:

• A resume or CV providing information about educational background, professional employment and activities, professional publications and presentations, and public policy experience, particularly when related to viral hepatitis/infectious diseases/substance use/health equity;
• A statement of no more than 500 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 resumes@hepeducation.org. No phone calls please.

People of color, LGBTQ-identified folks, and individuals whose lived experience has been affected by drug use, viral hepatitis, HIV, homelessness or unstable housing, and/or incarceration are strongly encouraged to apply.

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Resumes or CVs sent without all the application support materials will not be considered.