



INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION

Agency: Mother & Child Health Coalition

Department name: Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) Program

Overview of the program:

Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) is an action-oriented community process that continually assesses, monitors, and works to improve service systems and community resources for women, infants, and families. Research shows FIMR is an effective perinatal systems intervention. The FIMR process brings a multi-disciplinary community team together to review de-identified infant and fetal deaths. Composed of health, social service and other experts, the FIMR Case Review Team examines the case summary, identifies issues, and makes recommendations for community change if appropriate. Community leaders representing government, consumers, key institutions, and health & human service organizations serve in the Community Action Team, which takes recommendations to action.

Overview of the internship: FIMR Intern

Assessing the accuracy of Kansas and Missouri Maternal Mortality Review processes in reviewing pregnancy related deaths. The intern would assess the effectiveness of using the current process for reviewing maternal mortality case reports in identifying pregnancy related deaths in Kansas and/or Missouri.

Proposed work plan:

- Review the Maternal Mortality Review Policy and Procedures Manual;
- Familiarize yourself with the program and committee members;
- Review the newly minted law surrounding the maternal mortality case review and pertinent literature;
- Learn how to input data in Epi Info;
- Attend a review committee meeting;
- Meet with data abstractors to be trained on how to review cases;
- Obtain pregnancy associated cases for select years and locate all supplemental reports (i.e. police reports, family interviews, autopsies, medical, psych records) that would help explain circumstances surrounding death;
- Continue collecting files related to pregnancy associated deaths;
- Input data into database using Epi Info;
- Contact Maternal Mortality Review Committees in other states and write a summary on their policies towards homicide reviews;

- Develop a standardized case review procedure for replication by data abstractors;
- Analyze data from abstracted cases to determine if additional maternal deaths were determined to be related to the current pregnancy using the new review procedure;
- Create a report of findings that will be used to revise the current case review policy and procedure manual;
- Create a PowerPoint presentation describing methods, data abstraction process and results; Finalize results and present findings to MCHC and local partners.

Knowledge and Skills

- Data or analytic tasks and activities involved.
- Employ a combination of approaches to collect data to understand the complexities of the program delivery and target groups.
- Collect, analyze and present findings to assess whether the MMRC's review criteria is accurately identifying all pregnancy related deaths throughout Missouri and/or Kansas.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint is required.
- Epi Info, SPSS, SAS experience is a plus.

When are these positions offered?

- Hours: (internships are typically arranged to accommodate intern's needs.)

Flexible; generally M-F 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. but some evening and weekends may be required.

Location: 1734 E. 63rd Street, Suite 301 Kansas City MO 64110

Pay/ Stipend: Unpaid

Travel: Limited travel within the 5-county metro KC area.

Transportation – is a car required? Yes

Application deadlines: Open

Contact information: Submit résumé and letter of interest via: info@mchc.net



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