

Board of Health for Madison and Dane County
Resolution #2015-05

Authorization to enter into agreement with the CDC to receive a Public Health Associate Program Intern

The Public Health Associate Program (PHAP) is a competitive, two-year, paid training program with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). PHAP associates, employed by the CDC, are assigned to public health agencies and work alongside other professionals across a variety of public health settings.

Throughout the two-year training program, associates gain hands-on experience that will serve as a foundation for their public health careers. After completing the program, PHAP graduates are qualified to apply for jobs with public health agencies and organizations.

Health departments wishing to host a PHAP association must apply to the CDC through a competitive process and PHMDC has been selected as a host of a two-year PHAP associate. This individual will be working with the Tobacco Free Columbia Dane County Coalition (TFCDCC) to support youth engagement activities related to tobacco control and prevention in Columbia and Dane Counties.

The CDC requires the host agency to sign an agreement governing the placement of the PHAP associate. PHMDC is seeking authorization from the Board of Health to enter into an agreement with the CDC to host a PHAP associate for a two year term starting in October 2015 and ending October 2017. The CDC PHAP Associate will be considered a full time federal employee of the CDC. CDC will pay all wages and benefits and the PHAP associate will follow all federal holidays.

Because this associate will be working with the Tobacco Free Columbia Dane County Coalition, PHMDC also seeks authorization to renew and amend our existing MOU with Columbia County, to include details regarding the placement of the PHAP associate in the Columbia County office.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Health for Madison and Dane County, on behalf of Public Health—Madison and Dane County authorizes the Director of Public Health, or his/her designee, to enter into an agreement with the CDC to house a PHAP associate for a a two-year term starting in October 2015 and ending in October 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Health for Madison and Dane County authorizes the Director to sign a renewal and amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with Columbia County Department of Health and Human Services to add responsibilities regarding the PHAP associate's work for the Dane County/Columbia County Multi Jurisdictional Tobacco Control Coalition, commonly known as Tobacco Free Columbia Dane County Coalition.

Submitted by: Janel Heinrich
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