

Associate Director, Arizona Health Futures

Position Description

Arizona Health Futures (AHF) is SLHI's health policy research, education and community engagement arm. It encompasses AHF research reports, surveys, issue briefs and policy primers on health care and community health issues; and community convening, engagement and leadership on implementing recommended actions to improve the health and resilience of individuals and communities in Arizona.

The Associate Director for Arizona Health Futures (AD/AHF) has primary responsibility for AHF research and health policy products (surveys, reports, issue briefs, policy primers, policy section of web site, etc.), and works closely with the Executive Director and other staff members to ensure strategic integration of the major projects and initiatives in both health care and community health by identifying emerging health and social policy issues, developing a coordinated research and policy agenda, convening and engaging communities in the implementation of that agenda, and ensuring the credibility and integrity of SLHI's policy and research products. To accomplish these goals, the objectives and tasks of the AD/AHF may include, but are not limited to:

- ❖ Identifying and analyzing local, state and national health and social policy issues related to furthering the mission of SLHI.
- ❖ Overseeing and/or producing content for research reports, surveys, issue briefs and related work.
- ❖ Designing and implementing forums/workshops/conferences on specific health care and community health topics related to SLHI program objectives.
- ❖ Informing and educating policy leaders and stakeholder groups through the dissemination of AHF content and activities through web-based and other media outlets.
- ❖ Convening and engaging individuals and organizations to facilitate development of strategic initiatives based on SLHI's policy work.
- ❖ Developing financial and human resources from other funders and potential program partners to leverage SLHI's work.
- ❖ Establishing and maintaining relationships with legislative, administrative, health policy, media and organizational staff to move issues.
- ❖ Collaborating with SLHI program staff, a wide range of community groups and other philanthropic organizations to further SLHI's mission.

The AD/AHF reports to, and is evaluated by, SLHI's Executive Director.

Qualifications:

- ❖ Bachelor's degree minimum. Advanced degree preferred.
- ❖ Significant experience in, and detailed knowledge of, health policy, community health and/or related areas. Highly skilled at researching, analyzing and framing complex health issues.
- ❖ Superb written, oral and listening skills.
- ❖ Ability to craft health and health care messages for maximum impact with selected audiences.
- ❖ Strategic thinker. Evidence of ability to identify opportunities to further the organization's mission, develop actionable goals and strategies to achieve selected ends, and execute plans in collaboration with others. High level of critical thinking skills.
- ❖ Ability to convene, engage and motivate others in a common pursuit.
- ❖ Self-starter. Possessing imagination, initiative, discipline, flexibility and accountability.
- ❖ Team builder and player. Ability to work in and across groups, including those with diverse and even divergent agendas.
- ❖ A sense of humor and significant tolerance for ambiguity.
- ❖ Full understanding of, and commitment to, the mission, values and principles of SLHI.

Compensation: Competitive. Commensurate with experience and qualifications. Generous benefit package.

How to Apply: Send a letter of interest and a current resume to AHFposition@slhi.org. Or you may send them to St. Luke's Health Initiatives, 2929 N. Central Ave., Suite 1550, Phoenix, AZ 85012.

Deadline for application: July 17, 2009.