

# COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

## Virtual Professional Networking Event

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### ACR HOMES

ACR provides high-quality residential health care and assistance for people with disabilities in over 50 locations throughout the Twin Cities. We hire caring and dependable people to work with us in bringing the best quality of life possible to those we support. ACR is committed to ensuring exceptional care for the people with disabilities we support and we are also committed to ensuring an exceptional work experience for ALL employees. We commit to be a workplace free of racism and discrimination where all employees feel safe at work. We commit to ensuring the needs of all employees are being addressed and that diversity and inclusion is celebrated throughout our organization for both staff and residents.

### AQUITY SOLUTIONS

Aquity Solutions delivers measurable healthcare business improvements through industry-leading Fluency HIM, RCM, and CDI technology. Our virtual scribe, medical coding, interim management, and medical transcription services accurately capture the complete patient story. Seamlessly integrating with your EHR and documentation workflow, Aquity delivers better data and better services to achieve better clinical and financial results.

### CARDNO CHEMRISK

Cardno ChemRisk, a scientific consulting company, provides state-of-the-art toxicology, industrial hygiene, epidemiology, and risk assessment services to organizations that confront public health, occupational health, and environmental challenges. Professionals on the Cardno ChemRisk team have a long-standing reputation for thorough scientific analysis and for sharing results in the peer-reviewed scientific literature. Many of the hundreds of papers published by Cardno ChemRisk scientists are frequently referenced in both litigation and regulatory decision-making. Our mission is to provide creative and scientifically rigorous approaches to answering questions about the human health hazards posed by chemical, biological, pharmaceutical, and radiological agents.

### CERRO GORDO (CG) COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

CG Public Health supports healthy communities through prevention, promotion, and protection. Our vision is a safer and healthier tomorrow and we work to bring our vision to reality through disease prevention, health promotion, community planning, home care and environmental health programs.

While located in a rural area, CG Public Health is one of the larger local health departments in the state employing around 50 individuals as well as offering internship opportunities and working with multiple Iowa colleges and universities to provide students with on-site and remote project-based and career shadowing experiences.

## **COMMUNITY CRISIS SERVICES AND FOOD BANK**

CommUnity Crisis Services and Food Bank is a volunteer-driven organization that provides immediate and non-judgmental support for individuals facing emotional, food, or financial crisis.

## **COUNCIL OF STATE AND TERRITORIAL EPIDEMIOLOGISTS (CSTE)**

CSTE works to advance public health policy and epidemiologic capacity. We also provide information, education, and developmental support of practicing epidemiologists in a wide range of areas as well as expertise for program and surveillance efforts.

CSTE is an organization of member states and territories representing public health epidemiologists. CSTE works to establish more effective relationships among state and other health agencies. It also provides technical advice and assistance to partner organizations and to federal public health agencies such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). CSTE members have surveillance and epidemiology expertise in a broad range of areas including occupational health, infectious diseases, environmental health, chronic diseases, injury control, maternal and child health, and more. CSTE supports effective public health surveillance and good epidemiologic practice through training, capacity development, and peer consultation.

## **GLOBAL HEALTH TECHNICAL PROFESSIONALS**

Global Health Technical Professionals (GHTP) offers early- to mid-career global health professionals the opportunity to advance their careers supporting the US Agency for International Development (USAID) Global Health Bureau and partners. GHTP helps USAID improve global health outcomes in communities around the world by tapping into a talent pool that reflects the diversity of the American people and providing them with essential opportunities for professional and career development. GHTP also provides all technical professionals with \$3,000 in professional development funds annually.

## **IOWA CHRONIC CARE CONSORTIUM**

ICCC was formed as a non-profit in 2002 with the vision of reducing the burden of chronic conditions in populations through collaborations with health systems, health plans, and primary care practices. Iowa Chronic Care Consortium's mission is to build capacity with partner organizations to bring effective, personalized health improvement and chronic care strategies to individuals where they live. Following a number of successful chronic disease management demonstration projects, ICCC found the secret to success was in fully engaging with patients. Thus, the Clinical Health Coach training program was established and is now offered throughout the US and internationally. This training program is for health care professionals, including physicians, nurses, care managers, social workers, and other allied health professionals. The skill-building course results in a whole new way of interacting with patients which results in a more meaningful and satisfying experience for both patient and practitioner.

## **IOWA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

Public health is a partnership of local public health, the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH), non-profit organizations, health care providers, policymakers, businesses, and many others working together to promote and protect the health of Iowans. Public health strives to improve the quality of life for all Iowans by assuring access to quality population-based health services related to the following goals: Preventing injuries; Promoting healthy behaviors; Protecting against environmental hazards; Strengthening the public health infrastructure; Preventing epidemics and the spread of disease; and Preparing for, responding to, and recovering from public health emergencies.

## **IOWA PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION**

We are a network of working professionals, retirees, and student dedicated to public health and health equity. Our mission is to unite and strengthen the voice for public health in Iowa. IPHA is the state affiliate of the American Public Health Association. We are an independent nonpartisan, nonprofit organization with members across the state of Iowa.

## **IOWA STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY**

In its early years, the Hygienic Laboratory tested for typhoid, diphtheria, rabies and tuberculosis. Today, the Laboratory also quickly responds to other infectious disease threats, including mumps, whooping cough, Salmonella, and global threats such as HIV and tuberculosis. The Lab's mission has also expanded to address bioterrorism and chemical terrorism response and readiness. An Environmental Protection Agency-certified facility, the Hygienic Laboratory conducts testing of drinking water as mandated by the Safe Drinking Water Act. The staff also works with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to monitor waterways throughout the state for contaminants and to assess air quality in real-time and through lab testing. The Hygienic Laboratory provides potentially life-saving newborn screening for every child born in Iowa as the laboratory designated by the Iowa Department of Public Health through the Center for Congenital and Inherited Disorders. This highly specialized screening also is provided for babies born in North Dakota and South Dakota.

## **PEACE CORPS**

In the Peace Corps, we take a different approach to making a difference. Our Volunteers are inspired by impact that is hands-on, grassroots-driven, and lasting. By immersing ourselves in communities abroad, the Peace Corps works side-by-side with local leaders to tackle the most pressing challenges of our generation. From leading health campaigns to boosting local entrepreneurship to teaching digital literacy, the Peace Corps offers a range of opportunities for our Volunteers to take on new challenges. Are you ready to work for the world? Find your new path at <https://www.peacecorps.gov/>.

## **SHELTER HOUSE**

Since 1983, Shelter House has provided safe shelter and helped people improve the quality of their lives. We began in an old home in Iowa City with a capacity of 29 sleeping spaces including beds, couches, and mats on the floor. Today, Shelter House runs a 70-bed shelter facility and three homes through which we provide permanent supportive housing. We focus on programs and support services including housing, employment, and mental health recovery that help hundreds of men, women, and children each year to get back on their feet. With you by our side, we are the catalyst and voice for systemic community change through excellence in service, financial stewardship, and development of strong community partnerships.

## **ST. JOSEPH WORKER PROGRAM**

The St. Joseph Worker Program is a faith-based volunteer program for women 21-30 who want to commit one year of service working directly with those on the margins of society. During the year of service, each Worker develops in 4 key areas: leadership, social justice, spirituality and community/simple living. Workers receive many benefits including room and board, transportation to service site, health insurance if needed, a monthly stipend, mentoring and training for personal and professional development.

Programs are operating in Los Angeles and Orange, California, Minnesota, and New York. Visit the website and select your location of interest for more specific information on the opportunities. We are AmeriCorps affiliated.

## U.S. EPA CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

EPA's criminal enforcement program focuses on criminal conduct that threatens people's health and the environment. It was established in 1982 and granted full law enforcement authority by congress in 1988. We enforce the nations laws by investigating cases, collecting evidence, conducting forensic analyses and providing legal guidance to assist with prosecutions.

## UNIVERSITY OF IOWA HEALTH CARE DEPARTMENT OF STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

UI Health Care is Iowa's comprehensive academic medical center located in Iowa City, Iowa. It serves all Iowans and individuals from across the region. UI Health Care is part of the University of Iowa. It is comprised of the state's leading medical school (the Carver College of Medicine) and a fully-integrated health system (University of Iowa Physicians, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, and affiliated entities).

## WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & INDUSTRIES

L&I is a diverse state agency dedicated to the safety, health and security of Washington's 3.3 million workers. We help employers meet safety and health standards and we inspect workplaces when alerted to hazards. As administrators of the state's workers' compensation system, we are similar to a large insurance company, providing medical and limited wage-replacement coverage to workers who suffer job-related injuries and illness. Our rules and enforcement programs also help ensure workers are paid what they are owed, that children's and teens' work hours are limited, and that consumers are protected from unsound building practices.

We serve customers in 19 offices throughout Washington, and have approximately 2,800 skilled employees, including safety inspectors, claims specialists, nurses, researchers, accountants, labor experts and support staff.

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## ALUMNI & FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The following individuals are participating in the networking event as friends and alumni of the College of Public Health. They are available for short networking sessions and can speak with students about a multitude of professional experiences and career development topics.

**ALFONZA BROWN | MPH EPIDEMIOLOGY '16** | Al Brown graduated with an MPH in Epidemiology in 2015. Since then, he has assumed the roles of Program Evaluator, Epidemiologist, and more recently, Social Science Research Analyst. Despite the different titles, he considers himself an Epidemiologist at heart and in principle. He has also worked as an ORISE fellow, a government contractor, and a Federal Civilian employee. In the past five years, Al Brown has worked on several interesting projects such as the Performance Triad Pilot Program, a health program for Active-Duty Army Soldiers, Army MOVE! Program, a weight loss program for the Army, several iterations of the Health of the Force report, an analysis of health indicators across Army installations, and many more ad hoc projects. He also led an investigation for Group A Strep outbreak in the recruit trainee population in 2020.

**AUTUMN MOEN | BA PUBLIC HEALTH '20** | Autumn was a member of the first class to graduate from the College of Public Health Undergraduate Program. She now works as a program specialist for the Greater Chicago Food Depository in Chicago - a position she began as a placement with AmeriCorps.

**ERIN TABER | MPH EPIDEMIOLOGY '20** | Erin is a young public health professional with training in epidemiology, program evaluation and health promotion. She is an Evaluation Research Specialist with the University of Wisconsin's Population Health Institute, where she works on evaluation teams that perform applied public health research for various entities around Wisconsin. She graduated with her MPH in Epidemiology in 2020 and BA in Health Promotion in 2019, both from Iowa, and holds her Certified Health Education Specialist certification (CHES).

**HALKENO TURA | PhD COMMUNITY AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH** | Halkeno obtained his BA in Development, MBA in Non-Profit Religious Organization Management, M.A. in Community Health Education, and Ph.D. in Community and Behavioral Health. Originally from Ethiopia, Halkeno has spent over 10 years managing community health and development programs in Africa. He recently served as the Deputy Director of Black Hawk County Health Department and now works with the Minnesota Department of Public Health.

**JOHN VANBUREN | PhD BIOSTATISTICS '16** | Dr. John VanBuren grew up in Sycamore, Illinois and then attended Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois where he graduated in 2011 with majors in Mathematics and Biology. After that, he attended the University of Iowa for Biostatistics where he received his Master's degree in 2013 and Ph.D. in 2016. In his thesis, he created a model that analyzed replications of infectious disease spread for a population of participants with glaucoma. He joined the Data Coordinating Center in the Department of Pediatric – Division of Critical Care as a Faculty Statistician. John specializes in Bayesian adaptive design. He currently works on several networks and projects including the Pediatric Emergency Care Applied Research Network (PECARN), the Collaborative Pediatric Critical Care Applied Research Network (CPCCRN), the Trial Innovation Network (TIN), the Collaborative, National Quality and Efficacy Registry (CONQUER), and other industry projects. When not working, John enjoys all the nature opportunities offered at Utah.