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**Health Officer**  
**Prince George's County, MD**  
**\$169,136 – \$279,053**

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The Prince George's County Department of Health seeks a visionary executive to lead its public health programs, including Behavioral Health, Environmental Health, Communicable Disease Prevention and Control, Family Health Services, and Health and Wellness. The individual selected will serve as the County Health Officer under the authority of the Maryland Department of Health and the Prince George's County Executive.

The Prince George's County Department of Health is a comprehensive local health department with a staff of more than 500 employees and an annual budget of approximately \$75 million. The Health Officer will advise and/or consult with the County Executive, the Prince George's County Council, and the State Department of Health. The Health Officer will play a critical role in protecting and improving the health of Prince George's County and positioning the county as one of the healthiest places to live in the United States.

## **POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Health Officer is responsible for the formulation, development, and execution of public health programs reflecting State and local needs and application and/or enforcement of appropriate State laws and regulations of the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health and Prince George's County.

Essential job functions and assigned duties include the following:

- Administers public health programs for Prince George's County, including management of personnel, funds, facilities, and all assets of the Department.
- Administers the Department's nearly \$75,000,000 operating budget comprised of Core Public Health Funding; County, Federal, and State grant funding; and

revenues derived from fee collections. Reallocate budgetary and department resources within the Department to maximize service output.

- Responsible for development, promotion, and management of public health programs for Prince George's County, including evaluating community needs and initiating new programs as deemed necessary to meet State and County objectives and to achieve a healthy population.
- Enforces Federal, State, and County laws, rules, and regulations to protect the public health and safety of the population, including environmental health rules.
- Executes policies and procedures established by the State and County as they relate to health matters applicable to Prince George's County. Directs the development and revision of Departmental policies and procedures in accordance with these rules and regulations.
- Coordinates or combines the resources of health care institutions, social service organizations, public safety personnel, or other agencies to enhance community health.
- Responsible for the monitoring of mortality, morbidity, and other disease trends.
- Investigates and controls disease outbreaks and informs County officials regarding urgent and emerging health concerns.
- Proposes Federal, State, and County laws, rules and regulations pertaining to administration of health services. Provides testimony to the State Legislature and County Council as appropriate concerning new or amended legislation affecting the Department.
- Designs or use monitoring tools, such as screening, lab records, and vital information to identify health risks.
- Develops tools to address behavioral causes of diseases.
- Decides retention, expansion, or abolition of program services and other departmental resources.
- Integrates the plans, activities and staffing of Department Divisions and Programs.

#### Additional clinical, research, and strategic responsibilities:

- Provides clinical oversight of public health programs in the Department.
- Addresses the root causes of health disparities, beyond healthcare and health behaviors, by supporting projects, policies, and research that will enable every resident to achieve their optimal level of health by informing, educating, and empowering people about health issues and facilitating multi-sector partnerships to identify and solve community health problems related to the social determinants of health.

- Directs and implements a wide range of communication strategies for a large, complex County health department to help residents live longer and better lives and build trust with and ensure a successful flow of information with key stakeholders.

## POSITION QUALIFICATIONS

The Health Officer position is the ideal role for a driven, highly competitive health professional eager to play a key role and have a large impact within a dynamic community.

Qualified candidates must possess:

- A doctorate in medicine from an accredited college or university,
- A master's degree in public health,
- two years of experience as a licensed physician working in the field of public health.

Applicants may substitute five years of experience as a licensed physician working in the field of public health for the requirement of a master's degree in public health and two years as a licensed physician working in the field of public health. The candidate must be licensed by the Maryland Board of Physicians.

Employees in this classification are subject to substance abuse testing in accordance with Code of Maryland Regulations 17.04.09, Testing for Illegal Use of Drugs.

## TO APPLY

Prince George's County is partnering with POLIHIRE to identify its next Health Officer. Interested individuals should submit a cover letter and resume to [PGCO\\_HealthOfficer@polihire.com](mailto:PGCO_HealthOfficer@polihire.com). Please include only your name (Last, First) in the subject line when submitting these materials.