

SOLICITATION OF INTEREST
Office of Refugee Resettlement
Unaccompanied Children (UC) Programs
Division of Health for Unaccompanied Children (DHUC)
Lead, Tuberculosis (TB) Control
Medical Officer-CO O-5 to O-6 (One Position)

This solicitation of interest is for a medical officer to lead tuberculosis management and control activities for the Division of Health for Unaccompanied Children (DHUC) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services/Administration for Children and Families/Office of Refugee Resettlement/Unaccompanied Children Programs (HHS/ACF/ORR/UCP).

The mission of ORR/DHUC is to ensure the health and safety of unaccompanied children (UC) in ORR care. ORR/DHUC oversees medical and public health services for children in ORR care, working with a network of ORR-funded programs; medical, dental, and mental health providers; and federal, state, and local public health officials. The Division also conducts surveillance, manages communicable diseases of public health importance, and reports public health information to the appropriate public health authorities. The medical officer will serve as a resource on health data collection and surveillance coordination pertaining to tuberculosis (TB) infection and disease among UC.

Read more about Unaccompanied Children Programs here:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/programs/ucs>

This position meets PHS Mission Priority Buckets 1 and 3:

1. Assignment to an organization that primarily serves underserved and vulnerable populations.
3. Serve in a difficult to retain discipline (physician).

Duty Location (Negotiable):

Administration for Children and Families
Office of Refugee Resettlement
Mary E Switzer Building
330 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20201

Close Date: June 24, 2022

Major Duties/Responsibilities:

The incumbent serves as medical officer within DHUC, providing public health and medical expertise to ORR staff and grantees caring for UC in ORR custody. The officer will work with DHUC's team of epidemiologists, clinical staff, and quality assurance specialists. Key responsibilities include:

- Maintain and manage TB disease and latent TB infection (LTBI) surveillance data in multiple data systems including MS Excel, Access, and the UC database.
- Conduct basic, descriptive epidemiologic analyses.
- Coordinate and manage TB contact investigations in collaboration with UC shelter staff and local, state, and federal partners, as needed.
- Provide technical consultation and trainings to UC shelters (ORR-funded grantees caring for the children) on TB, LTBI, case reporting through the UC database, and other health topics.

- Conduct reviews and assess grantee compliance with TB protocols, which may include onsite visits.
- Provide recommendations to improve TB data collection and surveillance activities.
- Represent DHUC in TB surveillance and response discussions with internal and external stakeholders, as needed.
- Assist with infectious disease control and response activities (e.g., contact investigations, isolation and quarantine recommendations) for other diseases of public health significance, as needed.
- Deploy at the direction of the agency head or designee to support UC Program field operations.
- Limited domestic travel not to exceed 5-10% of time.
- Other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION:

Required

- Current active-duty U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps Officer.
- Current basic readiness.
- Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree and licensure to practice medicine in a state or the District of Columbia.
- Strong writing, organization, and communication skills.
- Public health experience or formal public health training (e.g., Masters of Public Health and/or Epidemic Intelligence Service training).
- Knowledge and understanding of public health surveillance, communicable disease control, and applied epidemiology.
- High productivity, sound judgement, and resilience under conditions of pressure, external scrutiny, and uncertainty.
- Commitment to serving at-risk individuals and communities, to the core values of the Commissioned Corps, and to high standards of Officership.

Desired

- Experience or expertise in immigrant health or work with underserved populations.
- Experience working with state and local health departments.
- Experience with Microsoft Office software suite (i.e., Excel, Word, Access).
- Experience training or providing technical assistance to grantees or stakeholders.
- Knowledge of pediatric health issues.
- Professional experience in Commissioned Corps or other uniformed service deployments or emergency responses.

POINT OF CONTACT & EMAIL:

Interested candidates submit **Letter of Interest, curriculum vitae (CV), and 3 professional references** to: CDR Lara Misegades, Acting Director, Division of Health for Unaccompanied Children, Office of Refugee Resettlement, at lara.misegades@acf.hhs.gov.