



Iowa e-Health Seeking State HIT Coordinator

Health information technology (HIT) has been increasingly recognized by public and private sector leaders as a key tool to support health reform across the nation. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) signed by President Barack Obama on February 17, 2009 will result in a \$19 billion investment in a HIT infrastructure for the United States. Recently, the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) submitted an ARRA grant application on behalf of the Iowa e-Health program to secure \$8,375,000 for HIT planning and implementation in Iowa. To execute program activities and provide leadership for the broad HIT initiative, IDPH is seeking a qualified candidate to serve as the State HIT Coordinator.

Responsibilities:

- Direct the Office for HIT in Iowa
- Lead and manage the planning and implementation of Iowa e-Health to improve patient centered health care and population health
- Oversee and direct the use of funding from ARRA Section 3013: State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program
- Assure coordination of other ARRA programs in Iowa (i.e., regional extension centers, broadband, and workforce)
- Provide high-level coordination across public and private sector stakeholders
- Execute financing strategies to secure additional funding needs and enable sustainability
- Convene and facilitate the Iowa e-Health Executive Committee and Advisory Council
- Represent Iowa e-Health at advisory councils, meetings, events, and conferences
- Serve as Iowa's point of contact to the Office of the National Coordinator for HIT, other federal and state agencies involved in HIT, and state HIT coordinators from other states

Qualifications:

- Minimum of 6 years professional experience and a 4-year degree
- Demonstrated leadership, financial management, decision-making, and problem solving skills
- Knowledge of health information technology, including experience in five HIT domains (governance, finance, technical infrastructure, business and technical operations, and policy)
- Ability to lead discussions and facilitate decision making with state government and private-sector leaders and stakeholders
- Ability to work effectively to manage and resolve difficult policy, political, and technical issues
- *Public health Selective:* Experience or education related to improving, maintaining, and protecting the general condition of health within society, either on a personal, institutional, organizational, or community basis. Experience may be gained from direct provision of health care or from other ancillary programs and support mechanisms such as government public health departments.

For a full job description, please visit <http://jobs.iowa.gov>. The position will close on January 17, 2010.

For more information about the position, please contact Martha Gelhaus, Bureau Chief of the IDPH Bureau of Communication and Planning, at (515) 242-5224. For more information about Iowa e-Health, visit www.idph.state.ia.us/hcr_committees/electronic_health_info.asp