Job Posting

The Disability Policy Consortium (DPC) is a cross-disability civil rights organization in Massachusetts. DPC seeks to empower people with disabilities to have greater voice and involvement in policymaking and the political process to advance the civil rights of people with disabilities. We seek to foster the involvement of people with disabilities into the life of the community.

Healthcare is a primary focus of DPC. For many people with disabilities healthcare, particularly Long-Term Service and Supports (LTSS) are essential to living quality life in the community. Healthcare advocacy is urgently needed at this time with the threatened dismantling of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and cutting away of dollars in Medicaid and Medicare that will result in direct harm to people with disabilities.

DPC is seeking a program coordinator to support and expand the Participatory Action Research (PAR) activities of DPC. The program coordinator will help engage the disability community in research activities, including identifying policy concerns and research questions, carrying out research and identifying/implementing interventions, as well as evaluate the PAR processes. Below are two prongs of DPC PAR activities:

1. “YESHealth”-YESHealth is a PAR initiative by and for people with disabilities, piloted over three years with funding from the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute in consultation with the Mongan Institute at Mass General Hospital. YESHealth engaged with a subset of Massachusetts residents on both Medicaid and Medicare. Activities carried out in YESHealth include:
   a. Better understanding the problems/challenges for YESHealth members and accessing healthcare.
   b. Investigating the challenges through surveys and interviews as well as other methods as necessary.
   c. Taking action by educating YESHealth members their rights and offering specific recommendations for them to take to be in more involved in healthcare and educating providers about the experiences of YESHealth members in healthcare and how, as providers they can improve their services.

2. Urgent care project-DPC is involved in innovative PAR project with the Mongan Institute and Commonwealth Care Alliance. As a partner in the research, DPC is responsible for conducting interviews of
   a. CCA members that have received urgent care through CCA to better understand their experiences.
   b. Care providers, family members and/or others who may have been present at the time of the CCA member receiving services to better understand their perceptions of how care was provided.

Applicant shall have experience in carrying out Participatory Action Research and direct involvement in the Mental Health Recovery Movement. This is a part-time grant funded 20 hour per week position. Compensation is $22 per hour plus sick and vacation time.

Please send cover letter and resume to Amy Kalogeropoulos at DPC, at 11 Dartmouth Street #301, Malden, MA 02148 or at akalogeropoulos@dpcma.org.