

CAREER OPPORTUNITY:

Vice President and Head of Community Outreach to the Medically Underserved (COMU)

Austen BioInnovation Institute in Akron (ABIA)

Position Summary:

Reporting to the ABIA President/CEO, the Vice President and Head of Community Outreach to the Medically Underserved (COMU) will provide leadership and vision to elevate the Austen BioInnovation Institute in Akron's Community Outreach to the Medically Underserved center to national recognition within five years through development of - The Akron Model of Care. Paramount to the success of the Vice President and Head of COMU will be to personally interact and engage within the Community, spending the majority of their time in a public facing, non-office capacity.

Responsibilities include overseeing ABIA's initial \$10 million commitment to support and grow the 10 year old Access to Care (ATC) program of the Healthy Connections Network. The Director will serve as a senior liaison with the ABIA President/CEO, administrative personnel of ABIA partners, ATC leadership, HCN leadership, university faculty, staff and other external constituents.

Opportunities exist for adjunct and research professorship appointments at the University of Akron and the Northeastern Ohio Universities Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy.

Position Responsibilities:

- LEAD the strategic planning process for COMU including the development of COMU's vision, mission, values, goals, and strategies. Will be accountable and responsible for successfully developing, promoting, implementing and achieving COMU's strategic plan;
- CHAMPION the building of an integrated health care delivery system in Akron which is responsive to the medically-underserved;
- BUILD relationships and negotiate with the leadership of partner centers, community leaders and the ABIA Board of Directors to achieve collaborative vision and execute goals;
- OVERSEE COMU resource allocation – \$1 million initial operating budget, 3 to 5 to-be-hired employees, and technology - to assure effective and efficient operations;
- FACILITATE inter-institutional and collaborative research outcomes;
- UTILIZE professional affiliations to direct strategic and entrepreneurial activities associated with community health initiatives;
- ENGAGE with and develop an understanding of the needs of the Akron area's medically underserved population;
- OVERSEE ABIA's COMU-related scholarship agenda nationally and internationally, including coordination of presentations, publications, grant submission and administration, as well as collaborations in multi-site studies as appropriate;
- DIRECT professional & support staff and operations to ensure sustainability;
- WORK with ABIA Development Team to cultivate and solicit gifts, grants, and bequests from individuals, corporations, foundations, and organizations in support of COMU initiatives;

- WORK with ABIA Marketing and Public Relations to champion the partner institutions' strengths and accomplishments, including responding to requests from media, and internal and external communication of positive image;
- COORDINATE and prepare reports and other documentation for ABIA quarterly Board meetings;
- MANAGE and/or executes special projects and represents the Institute internally and externally as requested;
- PERFORM additional duties as required.

Required Candidate Qualifications and Experience:

Education/Degrees: Strongly prefer a Master's degree in a health-related field

Experience: A minimum of ten years related professional experience as a senior manager or administrator of a multi-department/community-wide health program is strongly preferred.

Leadership in design and conduct of outcomes-based community research required.

Required Professional Characteristics:

- High ethical values with strength of character and commitment to ABIA's mission, vision, and values;
- Excellent leadership skills and ability to function as both team leader and team player;
- Working knowledge of research process, HIPAA, IRB protocols, protection and safety of human subjects;
- Ability to form and maintain positive working relationships with diverse stakeholders;
- Effective oversight of information systems, including data bases;
- Ability to work effectively, collaboratively, and tactfully with ABIA Center Directors, faculty, community leaders and representatives of underserved communities;
- Ability to think creatively, exercise critical judgments and make judicious decisions;
- Excellent oral & written communication skills and the ability to present and speak to both internal & external audiences;
- Understand & appreciate diverse academic, institutional and community health environments;
- Passionate and committed to improving community health;
- Motivated, committed to diversity and to maintaining confidentiality;
- Excellent computer skills including MS Office and Internet research.

To apply, please email your resume to:

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