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Good afternoon all,

If you are receiving this message it is because you are one of the awesome Health Departments that has either agreed or is very interested to host a Trainee for the Pathway to Local Public Health (PLPH) program starting this January!

This is an update on where we are at with recruitment of students and what you can expect in the coming months.

- *** We are actively in the process of recruiting students from community colleges throughout the state.** Since our program is still in its pilot phase, we are working closely with the college career services & advising staff to pick out students that have expressed interest in local public health.
- *** Current Trainees in the PLPH program will be attending the MHOA Conference,** so you are welcome to chat with me, Cindy (the program director), and the current students about the program. There will also be 6 community college students who are interested in local public health in attendance as well and could potentially end up being some of our Trainees!
- *** The application for our January cohort will be available starting on November 7th and close November 21st.** We are planning to conduct interviews the first week of December and plan to have students notified of being hired before the holidays. You will be contacted by me during this time frame to give you an update on if we found a candidate that will be a good geographical fit for your department.
- *** Students will be notified of being hired in mid-December.** If you agree to the placement, during this time we will have **an MOU (template version attached) between your town and MHOA** drafted and signed before the student officially starts.
- *** Our cohort will start on January 12th** with an orientation session presented by PLPH staff. I will also facilitate a virtual introduction between you and the student on this day and they will be responsible during that first week to set up a time to come into your department, meet everybody, and decide with you on their weekly schedule.
- *** Note:** If you want to meet a student before the January 12th start date to ensure it will be a good fit, that is certainly something that can be facilitated. I can talk more about this with you 1-on-1 as necessary. However, all of our candidates go through a formal application & interview process with us and only receive an application based on the recommendation of their school's faculty and staff, so we have full confidence in the students we hire!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out over email. If for whatever reason you are no longer interested in hosting a student, please let me know ASAP so I can find other placement options for applicants in your area (even better if you have another department you can recommend to me!).

Thank you for your support of the PLPH program! I'm really excited to work with you. More updates will come over the next couple of months, but I am looking forward to seeing most of you at the Conference in a couple of weeks!

Best wishes,

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