

## **Philadelphia Unemployment Project** **Job Description**

### **TITLE: Eastern Pennsylvania Organizer**

The Philadelphia Unemployment Project has a long history of advocating for access for health care for the uninsured. We have joined with a large group of other organizations to form the Pennsylvania Health Access Network (PHAN). We are currently hiring an Eastern Regional Organizer to build coalitions of PHAN member organizations and individuals in cities throughout eastern and central Pennsylvania.

### **General Duties**

The Eastern Pennsylvania Organizer will develop a strong familiarity with communities in the eastern half of the state, with a strong emphasis on the Northeast and the Philadelphia suburbs. In selected community, he or she will seek to involve local organizations (such as churches, community groups and political organizations) in public education about healthcare reform. He or she will also do direct outreach to low-income individuals in these communities.

The Organizer will facilitate the building of local coalitions, facilitate setting agendas, turnout, follow-up and communications with the statewide coalition. He or she will also facilitate local activities, from press conferences and public events to educational meetings with legislators.

Help to involve specific groups in health reform efforts as directed, such as health care providers, businesses, hospitals, etc.

Assist with membership and coalition base in Philadelphia and statewide coalition as assigned.

Other duties as assigned.

### **Job requirements**

Extensive overnight travel within the state. Candidates should own a car.

Experience in organizing and doing outreach in unfamiliar areas.

Strong desire to work with low-income people from diverse backgrounds.

Basic understanding of Microsoft computer applications. Familiarity with relational contact databases (such as those based in Access or Filemaker) a strong plus.

**Desirable characteristics**

A foundation in the health policy or issues of economic equity.

Experience working on a statewide or national electoral, labor or issue campaign.

Conversational in Spanish.

A B.A. is desirable but not required.

Salary commensurate with experience and excellent benefits, including 403(b), full paid health insurance, liberal vacation and personal days, education and health club benefits.

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