The Mississippi State Department of Health, Office of Preventive Health and Health Equity is recruiting to fill a Bureau Director II position, Healthy Aging Director. Under the supervision of the Director for the Office of Community Health Improvement, the Healthy Aging Director will utilize public health surveillance systems to develop a well-coordinated public health approach to healthy aging and health equity for older adults in Mississippi. The rapidly growing aging population will have a significant impact on both the public and private sectors that serve persons with chronic conditions, including Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias and their caregivers.

Responsibilities of the Healthy Aging Director include but are not limited to: Identify and align public health priorities for healthy aging and health equity actions among older adults. Use effective interventions to develop a public health program for prevention and risk management strategies for persons with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias and their caregivers. Oversee the implementation and updating of the State Alzheimer’s Disease Strategic Plan. Establish and maintain relationships with all relevant state agencies and community organizations to meet community needs and prevent duplication of services. Grow offerings and participation in the Lifestyle Management Programs through a mix of marketing, outreach, and strategic partnerships. Supervise and coordinate Healthy Aging staff including goal setting, performance reviews and recruitment activities. Oversee data surveillance, collection, and dissemination activities for older adult populations. Manage, monitor, and evaluate federal, state, and private grant programs; and submit annual federal application for continued project funding. Educate the public, state and local policy makers about the leading causes of death and disability pertaining to the older adult population.

A successful applicant for this position is a highly motivated and flexible individual that can think critically, work independently, is detail-oriented and multitasks well. Some overnight in-state and out-of-state travel is required.

QUALIFICATIONS: A Bachelor's Degree from an accredited four-year college or university; and nine (9) years in the special experience defined below, four (4) years of which must have included line or functional administrative or advanced technical supervision.

SPECIAL EXPERIENCE: Employment must have been in an administrative, professional capacity in an area of work related to the functional responsibility of the bureau in which the position exists. In those bureaus where registered specialists provide the primary source of functional and technical knowledge for planning and accomplishing the mission of the bureau, the incumbent must also be registered and experienced in that profession. Work experience must have included supervising and coordinating a variety of functions.

How to Apply: Interested applicants should submit a resume to:

recruitment@msdh.ms.gov with the position title: Preventive Health Bureau Director II Healthy Aging Director

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