



**CHICAGO
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Director of Advocacy

Position Description, Responsibilities, and Workflow

Position Description:

This individual in this role is the point person for Chicago Street Medicine's advocacy efforts. This position is responsible for advocating with and for those experiencing unsheltered homelessness and contributing to the establishment of CSM policies and protocols aimed at addressing harm reduction.

Position Term:

Two-year term with rolling start date, as agreed on by Board of Directors and qualified applicant

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Consulting and conversing with street run volunteers to influence cultural responsiveness in volunteer/ client interactions with the purpose of promoting health justice, racial equity, and trauma-informed service provision;
- Developing CSM's position on important community issues and working with other directors to determine appropriate course(s) of action;
- Collaborating with community partners involved in city-wide advocacy work as a representative of CSM;
- Overseeing the CSM Advocacy and Lived-experience workgroup;
- Developing and co-leading advocacy projects for CSM and its partners, including attempting to recruit support/involvement from interested chapters;
- Developing one advocacy project per quarter (3 months) to share with the board or community. Examples include:
 - developing an infographic focused on cultural responsiveness or advocacy needs
 - establishing a new program
 - Potential program topics could include: supervised consumption spaces, needle exchange/naloxone, Housing First
- Supporting the CSM Harm Reduction workgroup with projects that could include:
 - exploring methods of harm reduction that can be implemented to aid our population

- developing training materials for our clients, volunteers, and partners to implement successful harm reduction.
- Understanding the current political landscape and facilitating the education of the nonprofit board, the CSM student chapters, and the community.

Note: Chicago Street Medicine is a 501(c)3 organization, and thus advocacy cannot represent a “substantial” part of our operations. However, we are allowed to work to affect institutional change (policy and protocol in hospitals and health systems), as well as educate the city about opportunities to improve the health of our community.

Parties within CSM with whom this position works closely:

- President
- Vice President of Operations
- Vice President of Clinical Affairs
- Director of Education
- Director of Outreach Integration
- Director of Public Relations
- Chapter presidents + representatives

This role will also contribute as a member of the following CSM Committees/Workgroups:

- Advocacy and Lived Experience Workgroup
- Harm Reduction Workgroup
- Clinical Oversight Standing Committee

Requirements:

- Previous experiences and/or training in advocacy and/or harm reduction efforts
- Experience working with underserved and marginalized persons and communities
- Chicago residence or significant connection with the city
- An understanding that as a new nonprofit, this is a working Board of Directors that requires active participation and project development
- Ability to attend executive board meetings (as frequently as once per month for two hours)
- Commitment for 2 years

I have read and understood the position description, select responsibilities, and requirements of the Director of Advocacy and Harm Reduction position as described in this application:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name (print): _____

Application: Director of Advocacy and Harm Reduction

Applicant Contact Information

Applicant Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Application Questions

Please answer the following questions in no more than 750 words each.

1. Describe your previous experiences in advocacy and/or harm reduction?
2. What is the relationship between homelessness, health, and healing?
3. What is the root cause of homelessness?
4. Chicago Street Medicine is a young organization and as such, we are continually looking for new opportunities to broaden our perspective by bringing in leaders with diverse experiences, backgrounds, and approaches to public health. What do you feel you would bring to our organization to help us grow?
5. Respond to the following scenario: Many of our patients at Chicago Street Medicine are IV drug users. Outline (briefly) one policy that can make our communities safer and/or healthier for those struggling with substance-use disorders and describe no fewer than 2 but no more than 5 activities and/or initiatives that CSM can develop to support this policy.

References

Please list two references with contact information. At least one reference must be a professional relationship.

Name: _____

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone Number: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Submission Instructions

Deadline: Applications are reviewed on the 15th of every month for interview over the following month.

We would like this position to be filled by February, 2022 or sooner.

Please compile the following documents into a single PDF:

- Signed understanding of position description and requirements (Page 2)
- Application Questions
- References
- CV

Submit this PDF file to: ChicagoStreetMedicine@gmail.com with the subject line "(First Initial Last Name) Application for Director of Advocacy and Harm Reduction

If you have any questions, please contact us through our email or explore our website.

Email: ChicagoStreetMedicine@gmail.com

Website: www.ChicagoStreetMedicine.org