FIELD PLACEMENT DESCRIPTION

Health Care 4 All PA is a statewide, all volunteer organization that has been educating the public and advocating for single payer health care reform for the past decade. During that time the organization has established chapters and contacts throughout the state and developed model legislation that has been introduced in the State House and Senate each session since 2005. In addition, Health Care 4 All PA's Executive Director, Chuck Pennachio, Ph. D., who teaches history at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, was instrumental in the founding of a coalition of states—now 26—that are pursuing single payer models. With the support of Health Care 4 All PA, Dr. Pennacchio is working with other health care reform leaders to establish a Washington, DC office to promote federal legislation which would assist the states in taking advantage of a provision of the Affordable Care Act that fosters innovation beginning in 2017.

Below is a list of learning opportunities available with the organization:

1. Become familiar with the history of health care reform efforts in the US, Pennsylvania, and other countries;
2. Learn how health care reform relates to other economic and social reform in the US;
3. Develop an understanding of current models of reform;
4. Develop an understanding of the “players”—policy experts, advocates, lobbies, and politicians—and how they interact;
5. Learn about the politics of Pennsylvania and how that plays out in the legislature.

The student would engage in the following activities:

1. Work with the Communications Committee to develop print and electronic materials used to educate and advocate;
2. Schedule and help facilitate public events;
3. Work with local Health Care 4 All PA activists to develop and grow chapters and the grassroots;
4. Attend meetings with legislators, municipal officials, etc.;
5. Participate in quarterly Strategy Retreats and Board Meetings (C3/ C4);
6. Participate in Southwest Chapter monthly meetings.

Additional learning opportunities: Board Secretary, Walter Tsou, MD, MPH is a former Commissioner of Public Health for Philadelphia County and Past President of the American Public Health Association. State Rep. Pam DeLissio is revising the legislation.

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