

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Office Title: Investigator

Contract: \$80,000 – 95,000 annually

Division/Work Unit: NYC Office of Chief Medical Examiner, 520 First Avenue, New York, NY 10016

Schedule: 9:00am to 5:00pm

HIDTA Programs across the country focus on reducing drug trafficking and its harmful consequences, particularly drug abuse and drug-related crime. HIDTA programs invest in federal, state, and local partnerships to build safe and healthy communities. Each HIDTA serves as a force-multiplier in their region, leveraging resources and joining agencies toward a common goal. A key component of the HIDTA strategy is to identify trends related to drug trafficking patterns, drug use and abuse and formulating plans to address prevention and awareness initiatives. New York, like most of the nation, is facing an ever-growing crisis related to opioid drug misuse and abuse. Drug overdose deaths are the number one reason for unintentional deaths and continue to rise. The majority of these deaths involve opioids, prescription or illicit, with heroin increasingly more common.

The posted Investigator position will serve to complement the HIDTA Heroin Response Strategy by adding additional resources dedicated to addressing the opioid epidemic by conducting follow-up investigations into accidental opiate overdose deaths that have been reported to the Office of Chief Medical Examiner. The position will be supervised by the NY/NJ HIDTA but will report directly to the First Deputy Chief Medical Examiner, NYC Office of Chief Medical Examiner.

Job Description:

- Developing a standardized accidental drug overdose investigation protocol
- Performing follow-up in-depth death investigations of all accidental opiate deaths occurring in NYC
- Obtaining and examining medical records including laboratory reports
- Conducting interviews of family members, witnesses and contacts
- Facilitation of the collaboration between public health and public safety entities in New York and on the RxStat Work Group, including data sharing, joint initiatives, and policy options or considerations
- Gathering, organization, and maintenance of indicators of illicit and prescription drug use from public health and public safety sources such as hospital encounters, drug treatment records, birth records, survey data, emergency medical services files, Syringe Access Program data, death records and youth incarceration information

Qualifications & Skill Requirements:

- Bachelors or Master's degree in Science, Criminal Justice or Public Health
- Strength in Excel, Word, and PowerPoint, including expertise in formatting and design of reports, charts, graphs, and tables
- Possession of a Motor Vehicle Driver's License in the State of New York at the time of appointment

Preferred:

- Experience as a Medicolegal Death Scene Investigator
- Interest in drug policy/drug abuse prevention and treatment
- Diplomate of the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigation or board eligible at the time of hiring

Background Check: The individual hired for this position will require a full field background investigation. Continued employment is contingent upon the successful adjudication of the results of this investigation.

TO APPLY, PLEASE SUBMIT RESUME BY E-MAIL:

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