Title: Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS)

Classification: non-exempt
Salary Grade: 7
HIPAA Classification: III

Reports to: DIS Coordinator

Work Environment: Requires prolonged sitting or standing, and occasional stooping, bending and reaching. Must work in a busy office environment with ability to perform skills such as computer, telephone, copiers and calculator. May require travel. Hearing ability sufficient enough to communicate with others effectively in person or over phone. Visual ability must be sufficient enough to read typewritten documents, computer screen and drive a car. Exert 30 pounds of force occasionally, and/or a negligible amount of force consistently to move objects. Must be comfortable with STD topics, examination of male and female clients, specimen lab collection with venipuncture techniques

Duties/Responsibilities:

- Field Work: A DIS is to ensure treatment of all reported chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis infections and HIV test result notification as well as offer partner services to named contacts. This is done by telephone, mail, Internet, and visiting the person at home or work.*
- Interviewing: Persons infected with an STD or HIV are interviewed to assure comprehension of the infection and to offer partner services.*
- Partner Elicitation: State regulations require DIS to follow all clients reported to the department of health with a known or suspected STD, including HIV, regardless of the permission of the health care provider.*
- Client examination for potential disease
- Lab Specimen collection to include venipuncture skills.
- Educational Presentations: A DIS is expected to be a resource for HIV and STD information for their clients and community. Sullivan County DIS’s are expected to perform Educational Presentations to key community stakeholders and providers on a systematic basis throughout the year.*
- Provider Visits: DIS are to visit hospitals and private medical doctors in the area at least annually in order to build rapport to expedite reporting and intervention efforts.*
- Laboratory Visits: DIS are to visit reference laboratories within Sullivan County that perform HIV/STD testing at least annually.*

- Represents SCRHD professionally on committees & meetings pertaining to HIV/STD prevention.
- Patient Reporting Investigating Surveillance Manager (PRISM) is an application designed for the management, surveillance, and reporting of STD’s. PRISM will be accurately maintained with cases and contacts being entered as the program requires.
- Conduct DOT for the TB Program on an as needed basis.
- Maintains proficiency for Emergency Preparedness response and assists with outbreak investigations as needed.
- Maintains a basic understanding of SCRHD’s performance excellence objectives and how the goals identified by the STD/HIV Program align with the Mission, Vision, and Values of SCRHD.
- Must be available to respond to public health emergencies and disasters.
- Maintain updated alerting profile in Tennessee Health Alerting Network (TnHAN) and respond appropriately to all alerts.
- Demonstrates a team oriented effort in operation and growth of SCRHD.
- Completes all required trainings.
- Adheres to all Sullivan County employment policies.
- Performs any other duties as assigned by supervisor.

* Extracted from the Tennessee Department of Health HIV/STD Prevention Program Guidelines: May 2012

Qualifications/ Skills/ Abilities:

- Bachelors degree in public health or related field
- Venapuncture skills or willingness to learn

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Signature                                      Date

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Supervisor Signature                            Date