Highlights from Brown Bag Meeting #2
Wednesday, March 14th
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Farragut Inn OCB

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Benita McLarin, SM, MHA, AB
Executive Director
Ambulatory Health Care Services
Alameda County Medical Center

Robert Moore, MD, MPH
Chief Medical Officer
Partnership HealthPlan of California

Top themes covered by our guest speakers at Brown Bag Meeting #2:

- Skills in Quality Improvement (QI) Methodology are very useful for any MPH graduate in the current job market. More information on QI can be found at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement’s website: http://www.ihi.org, where MPH students can take advantage of FREE ONLINE Open School courses in all sections of QI methodology and complete courses for certification. The IHI Open School for Health Professions is an interprofessional educational community that gives students the skills to become change agents in health care improvement. These skills are quality improvement, patient safety, teamwork, leadership, and patient-centered care. There are no applications, no admissions requirements, and no deadlines. Dr. Moore recommended that Touro begin a IHI Chapter, which is a an interprofessional organizing group on campus providing opportunities for to lead like-minded students and our a school as a whole — to change health care for the better. Typically, Chapters are based on university campuses and are usually led by student Chapter Leaders and supported by faculty advisors. We have found the information on how to start a chapter and will pass it on to the Public Health Club. To learn about the many benefits to joining a chapter, log on at http://www.ihi.org/offerings/IHIOpenSchool/overview/Pages/FAQ.aspx#whatsachapter.

- Project Managers and Program Analysts are in high demand at the present time. Both ACMC and PHPC are seeking project managers and analysts. PHPC is also looking for public health nurses.

- Some great areas for public health professionals: Public Health Departments and Community Development Agencies

- There aren’t many project managers out there and they are difficult to find. While a Project Manager Professional (PMP) certification cannot guarantee you a position in project management, it may help get your foot in the door to a entry-level position after graduating from TUC. Find out more at the PMP certification at the Project Management Academy website: http://projectmanagementacademy.net/san-francisco/pmp-certification.php?gclid=CJP1Jfzy6a4CFWsaQgod-2MlIg. PMP Training can be done in San Francisco and San Jose.
Project Managers do not always work temporarily on projects. They can be employed within an organization and be handed project after project. They can also work on projects that are funded by grants for 2-5 years, which can also be renewed at the end of the funding period for another 2-5 years. Starting out on a project is a great way for recent MPH grads to gain entry to the profession field of public health, obtain experience, and can lead to a wide range of opportunities for a career public health.

Although some employers are looking for candidates with previous public health work experience, sometimes having a great personality, in lieu of, can get you the job. The inspiration and passion of a job seeker can sometimes be interpreted as the ideal qualities of an individual who can be easily trained, who can excel in the work environment as a team player, and who later prove themselves to be a true asset to an organization.

In interviews, be professional, on-time, courteous, and send thank you notes to interviewers.

Fully complete job applications as instructed; don’t just indicate to “see attached resume.” Make sure you read all job requirements before applying for public health jobs.