The Pew Charitable Trusts is driven by the power of knowledge to solve today's most challenging problems. Pew applies a rigorous, analytical approach to improve public policy, inform the public and invigorate civic life.

We are an independent nonprofit organization – the sole beneficiary of seven individual trusts established between 1948 and 1979 by two sons and two daughters of Sun Oil Company founder Joseph N. Pew and his wife, Mary Anderson Pew.

Our work lays the foundation for effective policy solutions by informing and engaging citizens, linking diverse interests to pursue common cause and insisting on tangible results. Our projects encourage efficient, responsive governments – at the local, state, national and international levels – serving the public interests.

With offices in Philadelphia, Washington, DC, Brussels and London and staff in other regions of the United States as well as Australia, Pew provides an exciting learning environment and the opportunity to work with highly talented individuals. We are a dynamic, rapidly evolving organization that values creativity and innovative thinking and fosters strong teamwork with mutual respect.

Project Description
The substance use prevention and treatment initiative works to develop and support policies that (1) reduce the inappropriate use of prescription drugs while ensuring that patients have access to effective pain management and (2) expand access to effective treatment for substance use disorders including through increased use of medication-assisted treatment.

Position Overview
This position, based in Pew's Washington, DC, office, will report to the Director, Substance Use Prevention and Treatment Initiative. Working closely with the Project Director, State Strategy Group, Government Relations and Communications staff, and other Pew colleagues, the Officer will be responsible for ensuring that Pew's state campaigns to expand access to effective treatment for substance use disorders are well-planned, strategic and effectively implemented. It is expected that this position is for a term period through March 31, 2020.

Job Requirements

- Serve as the project expert on Medicaid and other state-level coverage and reimbursement policies for substance abuse treatment and related services; provide the director and other team members with strategic advice regarding changes to state-level policies that could improve access to effective substance abuse treatment and related services.
- Work collaboratively with state-based government and stakeholders to implement regulatory and legislative reforms that improve the provision of substance use disorder treatment, including issues related to prescription drugs, behavioral health, parity, and reimbursement.
• Participate in identifying, evaluating, and implementing targeted state issue campaigns and initiatives, including assessing the readiness of selected states for reforms, developing strategies, setting measurable goals and deadlines for campaigns, identifying and engaging partners and other stakeholders, implementing and monitoring the progress of campaigns and, for those that are at risk of not meeting their goals, identifying the cause and taking appropriate steps to remedy the problem and keep the campaign on course.

• In collaboration with the Director and Manager, evaluate project budgets, identify and vet consultants and firms, and negotiate contracts that clearly achieve program objective and are cost effective.

• Help to manage national and state partners to advance the goals of the state campaigns. Where appropriate, assist in the development of plans and materials to integrate state and national partners in project work.

• Participate in the development of plans for research, communication strategies, lobbying and public education efforts.

• Coordinate with Pew communications staff on messaging and media strategy to help ensure that communication and outreach are well-designed components of the campaigns and serve broader institutional goals, including drafting of selected press releases, op-eds, memos, publications, and speeches.

• Facilitate cross-project communication on state policy development and advocacy strategies with project staff and partners and, where appropriate, with other Pew initiatives.

• Contribute to and participate in tasks of the project, as well as, broader Pew projects and activities, as assigned.

Requirements

• Bachelor's degree required; advanced degree in public policy or other relevant field preferred.

• A minimum of eight years directly related professional experience, including demonstrated analytical skills and previous experience implementing complex projects aimed at informing and advancing effective public policy.

• Detailed knowledge of the state-level landscape, including Medicaid, for substance-use disorder treatment, including coverage policies for medications and behavioral health care services in fee-for-service and managed care plans.

• Experience analyzing the impact of federal legislation, funding regulations, and guidance on the structure and provision of services in states.

• Previous work experience with state-based initiatives to improve access to, or the quality of, substance use disorder treatment or other health care services is preferred.

• Able to use effective marketing techniques and media exposure to communicate a campaign message. Strong oral, presentation, facilitation, and written communication skills and an ability to convey complex ideas, thoughts, and concepts clearly and appropriately depending upon the audience.
• Strong analytical skills applied to public policy issues, including an ability to synthesize and summarize large amounts of information and to focus quickly on the essence of an issue. A working knowledge of political climate in the states is preferred.
• Demonstrated problem-solving skills. Ability to think strategically and creatively, adjust to changing circumstances, organize time, remain attentive to details and identify resources for projects.
• Ability to move complex projects forward with a high degree of independence and to ensure project completion on deadline.
• Ability to develop and manage productive relationships with a range of constituencies who represent different perspectives. A demonstrated ability to work as part of a team, foster consensus, and collaborate with national partners and others to advance pragmatic solutions. Ability to thrive in a creative, fast-paced, and highly professional corporate culture that emphasizes excellence, collegiality and teamwork.

Travel
Moderate overnight travel as required for meetings and conferences.

Compensation
We offer a competitive salary and excellent benefits package. Pew is an equal opportunity employer.

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