‘82 Upper Valley Community Impact Fellowship
2019-20 Project Option

Public Health Council:

The Public Health Council of the Upper Valley (PHC) is comprised of community leaders and representatives from many community sectors. PHC members work together to set regional health priorities, provide guidance to regional public health activities, and ensure coordination of health improvement efforts.

The Public Health Council is seeking a UVCI Fellow to expand our capacity to conduct public policy research, legislative outreach and education, and build a network of policymakers and advocates in the Upper Valley region. Our goal is to promote public policy strategies that would allow us to make real progress addressing the community health priorities emerging from the most recent Community Health Needs Assessment. The Fellow would:

- Lead the execution of the PHC’s first legislative educational event in the fall of 2019;
- Work with the PHC Executive Director to develop and implement strategies to remain engaged with legislators after the event;
- Identify potential policy initiatives emerging from the event and working with appropriate partners (e.g. Partners for Community Wellness, New Futures, Dartmouth College’s Policy Research Shop) to create public policy proposals available for legislators in New Hampshire and Vermont;
- Work with the PHC Executive Director to create a plan for sustaining public policy leadership capacity within the PHC.

PCH would be seeking a student with:

- Experience in public policy research or advocacy, with an interest in public health issues such as: mental health care, substance misuse services, access to primary care, supports for seniors, child abuse and neglect, and domestic violence
- Outgoing personality with a proven ability to work independently
- Ability to interact professionally and confidently with various stakeholders

Proven ability to manage a project and follow agreed upon timelines