



**REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS:
National Health Policy Advisor and Monrovia Liaison**

Organization: Tiyatien Health (<http://www.JusticeInHealth.org>)

Location: Monrovia, Liberia

Application Deadline & Process: Accepted from January 16th, 2012, on a rolling basis, until the position is filled. For details, please visit <http://www.tiyatienhealth.org/>

Please submit a curriculum vitae (C.V.) and cover letter, by email to jobs@tiyatienhealth.org. Write "Health Policy Advisor Application" in the subject.

Anticipated Start Date: June 1, 2012 or earlier. Flexible with earlier dates preferred.

Structure:

- Full-time volunteer position with living stipend. Potential for salary, pending funding, commensurate with experience pending availability of funds.
- Minimum 3-month commitment (12 months preferred)
- Based in Tiyatien Health Monrovia sub-office with regular travel to Zwedru office

Reports to: Medical Director

Organizational Profile

Founded by survivors of Liberia's civil war, Tiyatien Health (TH) is an innovative Liberia-based non-governmental organization partnering with rural communities and the Liberian Government to advance health care and the fundamental rights of the poor. Through services, research, advocacy, and training, we are working to improve access to HIV and mental health treatment, care, and support; build models that deliver primary health care fairly and for all; and bolster social justice in rural Liberia – one of Africa's poorest war-torn countries. TH is led by a dynamic team of rural Liberians and U.S. volunteer professionals based at major universities including Harvard, Johns Hopkins, and Georgetown. For more information, please visit: <http://www.tiyatienhealth.org/>.

In 2010-2011, TH initiated five new partnerships, resulting in a 10-fold growth in revenues, a doubling in both U.S.-based and Liberian staff members, and new national- and county-level responsibilities in the program areas of HIV and mental health. Despite this striking growth, TH remains committed to operating lean, effective, and high impact programs that advance its core mission of accompanying the Liberian Government and delivering justice in health to the rural poor. This is a critical period for TH as the organization responds to significant internal growth while seeking to support Liberia's efforts to rebuild its shattered health system and accommodate a massive influx of refugees from neighboring Ivory Coast.



Overview – National Health Policy Advisor and Monrovia Liaison

The National Health Policy Advisor will represent Tiyatien in its efforts to support the Liberian Government in the development and implementation of the 2011-2021 National Health Policy and Plan. Since 2007, Tiyatien has provided policy support to the Liberian Ministry of Health's National AIDS Control Program, National Tuberculosis Program and the National Mental Health Policy Committee. Tiyatien has served as a primary national NGO representative to the Steering Committee drafting Liberia's 2011-2021 National Health Plan. This position will include elements of advocacy, writing, workshop facilitation and coordination, and donor relations. The policy advisor will liaise with program staff, ensuring efficient communication among the service, research, advocacy and training divisions.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Lead the coordination and implementation of TH's advocacy agenda in community health, health services provision and rural health systems strengthening
- Lead preparation of all position briefs to advice policy initiatives
- Communicate regularly with TH staff, including operations, programs, and administrative teams; facilitate communication between these teams to ensure efficient implementation of advocacy activities
- Support the Program Coordinator in managing donor relations with TH's main in-country donors, including the Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria and the United Nations
- Support the Program Coordinator in managing stakeholder relations with TH's main in-country partners, including holding regular meetings with senior Ministry of Health leadership
- Perform additional duties as determined by the TH Executive Director and program management staff
- Conduct regular trainings for local program leaders and management staff in areas of communications and advocacy.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree and relevant experience with international policy or health systems required; Master's degree in public health or policy preferred
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office (particularly, Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Word)
- Demonstrated ability to work and communicate effectively with government officials, persons at all levels of the public health system, those in different organizations, those with different cultural or linguistic backgrounds, and those in civil society
- Demonstrated skills in program design and management.
- Ability to work independently and take initiative
- Strong communication, organizational, and writing skills
- Ability to work with a diverse team and in austere, complicated settings
- Commitment to social justice and health care issues