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Dear Paul Wightman and UPHA:

I am humbly throwing my hat in the ring for the CHW COVID-19 coordinator position with UPHA. I believe what makes me an exceptional candidate is the well-rounded experience I have gained through the years. By doing clinical work as well as health education and outreach, I believe I have gained unique insight and have cultivated the skills listed in the position description.

Although I fell in love with public health from the moment I took my first course at BYU, I was thrown in to the outreach/community health worker world when I started working for the breast and cervical cancer screening program (UCCP) and the BeWise program on the local level in 2015. Since that time, we have really built a CHW program to be proud of. Through it all, I have been able to meet the needs of the various stakeholders and successfully kept up with the grant requirements as they change from year to year. I quickly realized how vital community health workers are in the success of public health. I don't think they can be overestimated.

I also have personality traits and characteristics that make me a good fit for the role. I am personable, organized, non-judgmental, and self-motivated. I can lead others and be led. I love working with others but I can thrive working independently, as well. Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, I believe one of the best things I do for myself is to learn from others—particularly from those who are different from me.

Thank you for your consideration,

Laura Nelson