Job title: Contract *Endorsement* (10 hours/week) \$20-\$25 per hour **Reports to:** Chief Executive Officer

Job purpose

This position is designed to support and advocate for professionals working with and on behalf of infants and young children o-6 years and their families and caregivers to earn the *Endorsement for Culturally Sensitive, Relationship-Focused Practice Promoting Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health* (IMH-E). The IMH-E) and the ECMH-E) are designed to establish and recognize competence in the infant and early childhood mental health field through experience, training, and academic preparation and reflective supervision as determined by the IMH-E) ECMH-E Competency Guidelines.

The role of the *Endorsement*® Coordinator involves the following major tasks:

- Communication with applicants, CoAIMH staff, and *Endorsement*® application reviewers in regard to timelines, status and review of applicants' portfolios.
- Participation in the Alliance for the Advancement of Infant Mental Health community to ensure consistency in the *Endorsement*® process across states.
- Outreach to statewide / community-based interest groups to promote the expansion of infant and early childhood mental health professional development, reflective supervision, and *IMH-E*® / *ECMH-E*® across Colorado.

Duties and responsibilities

The <code>Endorsement</code>® Coordinator serves as the point person for all Colorado <code>Endorsement</code>® efforts. As visibility and demand related to the <code>Endorsement</code>® has grown over the last 5 years and with the statewide introduction of the <code>ECMH-E</code>® which was released in January 2021, the needs of the position require an individual who can support the administrative duties of the <code>Endorsement</code>® process, as well as continue to provide leadership and vision for the <code>Endorsement</code>® moving forward.

The *Endorsement*® Coordinator is responsible for the following:

- 1. Provide support to *Endorsement*(R) applicants via the EASy (online portal) system:
 - Answer questions about the application process in monthly support calls and as they arise;
 - Upload transcripts:
 - Verify fees are paid, and CoAIMH membership is current;
 - Provide feedback on applicants prior to review;
 - Provide email, phone and mail feedback on Endorsement or Deferral, as appropriate;
 - Maintain confidentiality throughout application process;
 - Secure storage of application materials; and
 - Proctor exam, when appropriate.
- 2. Provide support to Advisors and Reviewers:
 - Train newly *Endorsed*® professionals into the roles of Advisor/ Reviewer;
 - Provide the group at large with *Endorsement*® Alliance updates;
 - Establish and maintain a timeline for review;
 - Assign roles of Advisor and Reviewer; and
 - Provide ongoing support to Reviewers and Advisors.



- 3. Coordinate with the Alliance for the Advancement of Infant Mental Health:
 - Participate in monthly meetings to ensure consistency and address issues (Leadership call & Holder's call);
 - Manage and communicate updates related to *Endorsement*® procedure with CoAIMH, Colorado Endorsement Partnership, applicants, and general public;
 - Clarify information and guidelines and ensure all policies and procedures are current and in accordance with Alliance standards; and
 - Attend annual Alliance Leadership Summit.
- 4. Coordinate with CoAIMH Staff
 - Plan for targeted group support;
 - Prepare information about *Endorsement*® to be disseminated through social media and CoAIMH website; and
 - Advise staff on the preparation of grants and programming related to *Endorsement* ®.
- 5. Facilitate bimonthly Colorado Endorsement Partnership (CEP) Meetings (advisory board):
 - Manage the schedule, agenda, keep minutes and communicate that information with the group;
 - Provide leadership on bringing *Endorsement*® to scale statewide; and
 - Delegate tasks to smaller work groups & coordinate progress, if necessary.
- 6. Maintain records for the following:
 - *Endorsement*® Registry;
 - Applicant and exam tracking statistics; and
 - Exam timelines and necessary updates.
- 7. Provide Outreach and Training:
 - Present to community groups on *Endorsement*(R);
 - Provide targeted group support: determining levels for *Endorsement*®, giving administrators the tools to identify gaps in training, answer group specific questions pertaining to *Endorsement*®; and
 - Prepare and execute biannual training for new Advisors and Reviewers with current information.

Preferred Qualifications

- Specialized knowledge: Familiarity with principles related to infant and early childhood mental health.
- Understanding of the early childhood mental health workforce landscape in Colorado.
- Demonstrated commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion in the infant and early childhood field.
- Bachelor's degree in early childhood education, social work, public health, psychology, counseling, or related field.

Required Qualifications

- *Infant Mental Health Endorsed*® OR eligible to be *Infant* or *Early Childhood Mental Health Endorsed*®.
- Strong organizational and communication skills (both verbal and written), comfort with public speaking and establishing new relationships with individuals, organizations, and communities.
 - Basic knowledge of word processing programs, email, comfort with web-based computer use, comfort with both autonomy and collaboration
- Availability: At a minimum, regular business hours in order to lead meetings, participate in outreach efforts, meet with others and flexibility in time commitments to be able to respond to inquiries and questions multiple times throughout any given week.

Working conditions

CoAIMH is a membership organization and does not having an office location; as such, this position does not have a designated workspace. The person filling this position will need to work from home or an existing workspace. The position requires access to a computer, phone, printer and scanner, internet service, secured storage for materials until they are scanned into electronic form. Additionally, the Coordinator needs to be able to travel to meetings and presentations, as public health orders allow. These will most often occur in the Denver Metro area but will occasionally take place in other regions of Colorado.

There are occasions when the Coordinator needs to be available to attend a conference on a weekend. The Alliance Leadership Summit takes place annually for approximately 3 days, which may include a weekend day, and the Coordinator is required to attend, at no cost to themselves.

The *Endorsement*® Coordinator will be hired on as contract (10 hours/week) CoAIMH staff. There is opportunity for growth as the organization continues to grow and diversify funding support.

If interested in applying for this position, please submit a resume/CV and cover letter to Dr. Patrice Brown, CEO at patrice@coaimh.org no later than 6/24/22