The Division of Health Informatics and Surveillance (DHIS) in CDC’s Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services (CSELS) is recruiting candidates to fill three branch chief positions. A unique aspect of each branch chief’s duties is to manage the branch’s focus area while collaborating across branches on the divisions’ surveillance systems, data hub, and information systems. The three branch chief positions and general responsibilities are:

- **Branch Chief, Surveillance and Information Support Branch** - provide leadership, technical direction, and scientific expertise in collecting, analyzing, and disseminating DHIS public health data and information.
- **Branch Chief, Program Services Branch** - provide leadership, technical direction, and scientific and evaluation expertise in managing cross-cutting DHIS public health activities and programs in collaboration with partner organizations and state and local public health jurisdictions.
- **Branch Chief, Information Services Branch** - provide leadership, technical direction, and scientific expertise in developing DHIS systems for electronic transfer and exchange of public health data and information.

**Overview of DHIS-wide Activities**

DHIS operates the National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System (NNDSS) and the National Syndromic Surveillance Program (NSSP), formally known as BioSense. Modernizing these two surveillance programs represents two of the four key initiatives of CDC’s Surveillance Strategy. The division is modernizing NNDSS by upgrading the technology used to receive data from states, harmonizing data elements across diseases, and implementing HL7 standards for case reporting. For NSSP, the division is supporting syndromic surveillance activities at state and local health departments by improving a cloud-based data platform and offering analytic tools and services needed to improve the representativeness and quality of collected data.

The division’s data hub provides CDC scientists access to MarketScan data; Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) data sets; Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project data; American Hospital Association survey data; and many more data sources made available through CDC WONDER. The data hub provides access to and coordination of training and data use agreements (DUAs) and technical assistance and resources on how to use the data.

The division’s information systems work supports public health programs across CDC and outside of the agency. DHIS builds and maintains the Countermeasure Tracking Systems; systems that support data exchange for the Laboratory Response Network (LRN); PHIN MS, a messaging tool used by many public health programs; the NEDSS Base System, a surveillance system used by 20 states for disease reporting; PHIN VADS, a repository of public health data standards and vocabulary; the BioSense application; the new Messaging Validation and Processing System (MVPS) for case notification; and Epi Info, a suite of lightweight software tools for core ad-hoc epidemiologic functionality without the complexity or expense of large, enterprise applications.

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