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Dr. Tamika Ramsey  
Director  
Washington County Department of Public Health  
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**Dear Dr. Ramsey,**

Please accept this letter and my resume as an application for an Applied Practice Experience at the Washington County Department of Public Health and Environment to complete my Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) program requirements. I am advancing my education to enhance my skills as a public health leader, researcher, and community health advocate to make a broader impact in managing public health programs for underserved communities. I am reaching out to you because of your exceptional background as a director of a large government health department and your reputation as an effective leader of multiple public health programs.

I am currently pursuing my DrPH degree at Walden University, a CEPH accredited program at a regionally accredited institution with a mission of positive social change. I have a 3.8 GPA and I have completed coursework in leadership, system evaluation, intervention, policy and advocacy, financing public health systems, and analysis of public health data. Through rigorous academic work, my instructors have inspired and challenged me to examine the complexity of current issues impacting public health and gain a deeper understanding of the skills and competencies needed in public health leadership, management, and governance.

In addition to my academic background, my public health career has spanned seven years, leading up to my current position as a Senior Public Health Advisor where I manage operations, supervise staff, and create policies and processes for the Minnesota Covid-19 Contact Tracing Program. My prior roles included positions such as Public Health Program Supervisor, Health Information Specialist, and Community Health Worker. I am continuing to advance my public health career and engage in lifelong learning, while also participating in professional activities through the American Public Health Association.

I am looking forward to sharing more about how I can apply my experience and knowledge of public health to contribute to your organization through an Applied Practice Experience. My resume is attached for your review and information about Walden University's DrPH program can be found at this link: <https://academicguides.waldenu.edu/fieldexperience>. I would like to further discuss my qualifications and the possibility of completing my Applied Practice Experience with the Washington County Department of Public Health and Environment. I can be reached at 612-312-XXXX or fatima.abdi@xxxxxx.

Sincerely,

Fatima Abdi, MPH, CPH

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