Your Name: Zach Stone

Your PIFP Organization: Colorado Consumer Health Initiative

Please give a brief description of what you do for your organization:
As CCHI’s Strategic Engagement Fellow, I am responsible for maintaining CCHI’s story bank. I collect stories illustrative of both successes and shortfalls in our healthcare system. I also field consumer calls, and connect consumers with available resources within the community. Additionally, I write, edit, and send CCHI’s bi-weekly newsletter out to our members.

What’s the most interesting thing you’ve learned in your fellowship so far?
How much I love working in a small office with a close-knit team!

Why did you want to become a PIFP Fellow?
While I love working intimately with people, I also feel passionate about working towards systematic change. I thought that made me a great fit for nonprofit work, as the non-profits’ on the ground approach to tackling structural issues gives it the ability to personalize structural problems. Once I realized I wanted to work within the non-profit sector, applying for PIFP was a no-brainer. There’s no better way to start my career than alongside a network of passionate CC graduates!

What activities outside of your work do you enjoy?
Exploring Denver and all it has to offer, window shopping at record stores and riding my bike downhill.

What is something most people would be surprised to know about you?
I started a hip-hop freestyle club in high school that is alive and well today.