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☞ SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Twenty-eight years experience as a public health professional with an emphasis on health systems change, health and human services policy, community development, citizen engagement, and health behavior and health education.

Outstanding record as a public interest lobbyist and legislative staff leader building highly effective partnerships.

Extensive experience training and facilitating groups, coalitions and consortia on a wide variety of health-related topics.

Proven ability to build consensus among diverse communities, organizations, and decision-makers to successfully carry out innovative programs and policies.

Highly effective planner with skill in designing, implementing and evaluating strategic goals, objectives and activities.

Distinguished communicator with excellent interpersonal, writing and speaking abilities. Adept at media relations.

Accomplished mediator in both interpersonal and complex public policy disputes.

Comprehensive understanding of foundations, grant writing and fiscal management.

EDUCATION

1978 – 1980

**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
School of Public Health**

Master of Public Health
Recipient of Public Health Service Traineeship Award

1973 – 1977

Colby College, Waterville, Maine

Bachelor of Arts in Human Development
Graduated magna cum laude with special distinction in human development

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2000 – present

Drexel University School of Public Health

Philadelphia, PA

Associate Professor

- Facilitates problem-based learning curriculum for health behavior, health education and community health promotion and planning.
- Plans and develops health education programs related to children's oral health.
- Researched and authored *Aching Teeth and Vanishing Dreams: The Dental Problems of Philadelphia's At-Risk Children and Youth*, a citywide needs assessment and blueprint-for-action.
- Planned professional development series on maternal and child health focusing on working with faith-based organizations.
- Recipient of Drexel School of Public Health Golden Apple Teaching Award, 2002.

1998 – 2002

Center for Policy Alternatives

Washington, D.C.

2000-2002

Consultant

1998-2000

Director, Health Policy and Programs

- Provided ongoing policy and programmatic consultation to major national foundation and its grantees; provided consultation and technical assistance to diverse group of thirteen community health consortia across the nation. Consultation focused on access to health care for underserved communities, health insurance coverage, health care disparities, community health assessment, community engagement strategies, mental and behavioral health, oral health, outreach and enrollment, cultural competency and how to work effectively with elected officials.
- Directed health policy activities and provided consultation and technical assistance to progressive bi-partisan state legislators and legislative committee chairs across the country.
- Wrote, edited and published reports on health policy topics of strategic importance to disadvantaged and underserved communities.
- Planned national five-day conference on social determinants of health, community mobilization, racial disparities in health status, oral health, engaging the human and community spirit in public health, and informing health policy with model public health practice.

1991 – 1998

Disability Policy Consortium

Austin, Texas

Director

- Directed and coordinated health and human services legislative and policy activities for coalition comprised of 21 statewide consumer advocacy organizations. Focused on a wide range of issues including public health and prevention, managed care and patients' rights, long term and community-based care, special education, human and consumer rights, language and physical accessibility, and transportation.
- Organized and chaired statewide coalition of consumer organizations and provider associations that lobbied successfully for passage of comprehensive HMO patients' rights laws that served as model legislation for numerous other states.
- Provided testimony and served as expert resource witness to numerous state legislative committees.
- Wrote and edited weekly legislative newsletter with over 1000 subscriptions.

- Served on numerous statewide advisory committees and task forces including EPSDT, genetics, small business and health insurance, aging, and Medicaid managed care.
- Developed day-long consumer-focused legislative advocacy training program, including curriculum and trainer's guide. Training was conducted in communities across the State of Texas.
- Gave numerous presentations on a wide variety of public health and human services policy topics at state and national conferences.

1987 – 1991

Texas Department of Agriculture

Austin, Texas

Director, Special Programs

- Directed congressionally-recognized international relations program that became the prototype for more than 20 state exchanges with Israel. Focused on sustainable agriculture, water conservation, new crop development, integrated pest management, and related economic development strategies for small farm families.
- Designed and implemented fundraising initiatives for 501© (3) non-profit corporation. Raised \$750,000 to support new agricultural project demonstrating innovative and cutting edge water conservation techniques and new crop development, such as cut flowers.
- Planned, organized and led study tour to Israel for business, academic and government leaders.
- Designed and implemented agricultural and educational initiatives among Texas, Israel and Mexican leaders.
- Designed legislation to create the Texas-Israel Semi-Arid Fund, a bilateral grant program jointly funded by both Texas and Israel and supporting semi-arid applied research in both states.

1983 – 1987

Texas Legislature

Austin, Texas

Selected by Texas governmental leaders to spearhead the following two special projects:

1. Coordinator, Indigent Health Care (1985-1987)

- Provided legislative oversight and coordinated the successful implementation of landmark indigent health care programs across five state agencies. Programs included primary care, maternal and child health, disproportionate share payments to hospitals (the model for subsequent federal legislation that created the national DSH program), patient transfer regulation and county taxes and financial responsibilities to pay for indigent care. Assured inter-agency coordination, development of effective policies and procedures, and delivery of effective client services.
- Served as expert adviser and technical resource on indigent health care to offices of the Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker of the House, committees of the Texas Senate and House of Representatives, state agencies, health care provider associations, local governments, universities, professional associations, and advocacy groups.
- Staffed the House of Representatives Special Legislative Committee on Health Care Services for Low Income Texans.

2. Director, Senate Interim Committee on Hunger and Nutrition (1983-1985)

- Developed model policy initiatives, wrote legislation, and promoted bipartisan passage of, and funding for comprehensive hunger relief in Texas targeting pregnant women, new mothers and children, homebound elderly persons, and unemployed workers and their families.
- Authored Texas Senate report *Faces of Hunger in the Shadow of Plenty* summarizing research, data, findings and presenting legislative and policy recommendations for action.
- Conducted research including primary data collection. Designed three statewide surveys of hunger and nutrition needs among the elderly, the WIC population and 2000 church food pantries across the state. Surveys were implemented in conjunction with two state agencies and the statewide Texas Conference of Churches.
- Organized and conducted twelve public hearings across the state.
- Maintained extensive contact with state and local elected officials, health care providers, church-related and community groups across the state.
- Served as member of Governor's Interagency Panel on Nutrition and Fitness.

1982-83

Seton Medical Center. The Good Health School

Austin, Texas

Director

- Designed and coordinated extensive community-based health education program nationally recognized by the American Hospital Association.
- Initiated and served as chairperson of the East Austin Coalition for Health to improve delivery of public health and medical care services to low-income persons.
- Consulted with public and private agencies on employee wellness programs.

1980-82

Community Nutrition Institute

Washington, D.C.

Grant Manager and Training Coordinator

- Managed grant-funded national demonstration program on nutrition education.
- Coordinated training workshops in 20 states to improve administration of elderly home-delivered meals programs.
- Participated in development of national food policy conferences and food safety coalition.

1977-78

Office of the Prime Minister

Jerusalem, Israel.

Correspondent

- Wrote and managed correspondence for the Inter-ministerial Committee for the Thirtieth Anniversary of Israeli Independence.

☞ REFERENCES

Available on request