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EDUCATION AND CREDENTIALS

B.S. in Biology, School of Arts and Sciences, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN August 1993-May 1997.

M.P.H. in Community Health Education, School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN May 1997-December 1998.

Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES), National Commission of Health Education Credentialing, April 1999. CHES #7081.

Currently a fourth year student in the Ph.D. program in Interdisciplinary Health Studies, College of Health and Human Services, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI July 2004 –present.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE/ SPECTRUM HEALTHCARE RESOURCES

Anchorage, AK

8/2006 – present

Health Education Program Manager

Plans, directs, and executes aspects of the installation Health Promotion Program and Health and Wellness Center activities and services in concert with Air Force Health Promotion Operations, Major Command and Department of Defense (DoD) strategic goals and objectives. . **Key Achievements:**

- Communicate, coordinate and market health promotion programs among local leadership and target customers/beneficiaries.
- Develop and coordinates local health promotion program policy to guide program execution.
- Provide expertise to deliver and evaluate training programs for professional staff and colleagues on health related topics.
- Write technical reports, manuscripts, and scientific articles on health promotion topics for staff, base leadership, and publication.
- Prepare PowerPoint presentations for leadership and conference presentations.
- Facilitate a social marketing subcommittee that address stress, fitness, and tobacco issues among base population.
- Create an Air Force best practice program that promotes healthy eating, fitness, and stress reduction for active duty members, civilians, and beneficiaries. Program result was 343 registered participants, 965 pounds lost, and 0.6% reduction in body mass index.
- Develop follow up surveys for tobacco cessation program. Maintain data for 3, 6, and 12 month follow up of program participants. Provide technical assistance to tobacco treatment specialists on class curriculum, customer evaluation, and program evaluation. Serve as a member of the Alaska Tobacco Free Coalition. Collaborate with Flight Commander on tobacco policies.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY & CITY HEALTH OFFICIALS

Washington D.C.

8/2005 – 8/2006

Program Manager

Responsible for management of Exploring Accreditation project, a 14 month venture working with highly visible public health officials and national public health agencies to develop definitive recommendations in establishing a voluntary accreditation system for state and local public health departments. Oversaw a \$750,000 budget while managing several contracts and grants, supervising staff, developing materials, planning and coordinating project activities, and collaborating with committees, workgroups, and organizations.

CALHOUN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Battle Creek, MI

10/2002-8/2005

Program Director, Minority Health Partnership (MHP)

Developed a unique health initiative with vested community buy-in, quantifiable goals, and various sources of national, state, and local funding. Served as director, educator, and consultant with responsibility for heightening awareness of emerging health issues. Built support through coalition development and the education of policymakers, industry experts, and community residents. Managed annual budget of \$150,000. Coordinated health seminars, conferences, and prevention workshops. Used quantitative and qualitative research and evaluation (logic models, CDC Framework of Evaluation) to measure and assess effectiveness. Acted as communication liaison to various health advisory committees. Supervised staff, interns, and volunteers. **Key**

Achievements:

- Effectively transitioned the MHP from the planning stage into a stable and growing environment with active programs and consistent community support from grassroots, health care, foundations, nonprofits, and public health organizations.
- Increased visibility and mobilized policymakers while simultaneously improving internal operations and resolving conflicting agendas on the Advisory Council.
- Successfully secured over \$100,000 from grants and sponsorships to support health programs.
- Produced and hosted **Health Matters**, a 30-minute broadcast addressing health issues that aired on an influential local radio station, and created a monthly health newspaper of the name.
- Coordinated the first-annual walkathon to raise funds for diabetes and drug education; achieved participation of 150 residents and government officials.
- Wrote and published the Color of Health, a 16-page health disparities report presented to senators, legislators, county/ city commissioners, corporations, and foundations.

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

Atlanta, GA and Alexandria LA

9/1999-10/2002

Public Health Prevention Specialist, Public Health Prevention Service

Participated in the planning, management, and evaluation of community health programs and coalitions to increase visibility and public awareness of health-related issues. Conducted field research and presented scientific and programmatic findings at national and state conferences. Authored and published articles on topics including heart disease, diabetes, access to care, and health disparities; work appeared in public health reports, newspapers, and peer-reviewed journals. **Key Achievements:**

- Organized conference featuring 100 public health and faith community leaders that focused on developing new approaches to reducing obesity and unhealthy lifestyles.
- Provided recommendations to public health officials and decision makers from academic / non-profit / grassroots organizations to help enhance community capacity and service delivery.
- Proactively investigated outbreaks of St. Louis Encephalitis, West Nile Virus, food borne illnesses, and mold in Northern Louisiana and North Dakota.
- Developed content for a mall walking kit used by national partners as part of the National Diabetes Education Program.

THE CARTER CENTER / INTERFAITH HEALTH PROGRAM

Atlanta, GA

9/1999-6/2000

Program Associate

Evaluated current programs in faith and health-based organizations to determine and analyze best practice models. Summarized and presented findings to 50+ leaders of public health and non-profit organizations. Participated in conferences and leadership development programs. Submitted grant proposals to gain support for youth development initiatives.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Affiliated Faculty Member – Department of Health Sciences, University of Alaska

Anchorage, Alaska

11/2006 - present

Adjunct Professor – Health and Human Performance, Marymount University

Arlington, VA

1/2006 – 6/2006

Taught public health/community health courses for a university that serves 4,000 undergraduate and graduate students. Develop course objectives and activities, enhance curriculum delivery by using innovative pedagogy, and evaluate student performance. Courses included:

- Introduction to Community Health/Public Health (one semester)
- Introduction to Public Health (summer session)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (cont.)

**Graduate Assistant- Health, Physical Education, & Recreation, Indiana University
Bloomington, IN** 8/1997- 5/1998

Responsible for lectures, examinations, and final evaluation. Courses included:

- Personal Health (one quarter)
- Stress and Resilience in the Family (one quarter)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Public health system and services research (PHSSR)
- Health education/promotion
- Faith and public health partnerships
- Health disparities

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Public Health Association (APHA)
- Alaska Health Education Consortium (AHEC)
- AcademyHealth
- Public Health Prevention Service Alumni Association (PHPSAA)
- Society of Public Health Education (SOPHE)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2008 Healthcare Innovation Program award recipient, January 2008
- Spectrum Healthcare Resources Health Educator of the Quarter, April 2007
- Substance Abuse Council Service Award. October 2003
- Peer Award, Public Health Prevention Service. June 2002

GRANTS RECEIVED

- University of Kentucky, College of Public Health Dissertation Grant. Awarded March 24, 2008. \$10,000.
Project Title: A Study of Local Public Health System Partnerships in the U.S.
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. New Connections Initiative. Awarded May 2007. \$42,551. Project Title:
Examination of local health department partnerships with non-governmental agencies in improving public health outcomes
- Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation Student Award Program. Awarded September 2005. \$3,000.
- Michigan Department of Community Health, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities. My Family Health Tree. – a community health program using genomics to teach African Americans about diabetes through family health history. Awarded April 2005. \$50,000.
- W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Expert in Residence Grant for a Back to School Event. Awarded June 2004. \$15,000.
- United Way of Battle Creek. Violence Prevention Partnership. Awarded July 2003. \$21,000.
- United Way of Battle Creek. Health Disparities Grant. Awarded July 2003. \$42,500.
- Project Safe Neighborhood. Addressing Violence through Community Partnerships. Awarded December 2002. \$42,000.

GRANTS AWARDED, BUT NOT FUNDED

- U.S. Air Force. Pacific Air Force (PACAF) Community Resilience Grant. Submitted November 12, 2007. Requested \$50,000 for primary and secondary prevention programs.

GRANTS REVIEWS

- Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Division of Independent Review (DIR). Poison Control Centers Stabilization and Enhancement Grant Program: Incentive Objective Review July 13-15, 2007.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed publication

- Turnock, B., MD, MPH & Barnes, P. MPH, CHES. History will be so kind.” *Journal of Public Health Management & Practice*. 13 (4): 337-341, July/August 2007.

Poster presentations

- Barnes, P., MPH CHES; Shock, D., BS, & Kelter, L., MS, HFI ACSM. Using CDCynergy to Address Personal Coping Among Air Force Members. Presenting at the 18th Annual American Journal of Health Promotion Conference, San Diego, CA. 5-8 March 2008.
- Barnes, P., MPH, CHES; Logan, C., RD; Kelter, L., MS, HFI ACSM; & Schuette, L., MS, RD. Soar into Shape: Eat Better, Move Better, and Live Healthier. Presenting at the 18th Annual American Journal of Health Promotion Conference, San Diego, CA. 5-8 March 2008.
- Barnes, P., MPH, CHES; Logan, C., RD; Kelter, L., MS, HFI ACSM; & Schuette, L., MS, RD. Soar into Shape: Eat Better, Move Better, and Live Healthier. Presented at the 2008 Military Healthcare System Conference, Washington D.C. 28-31 January 2008.
- Barnes, P., MPH, CHES & Curtis, A., PhD, MPH. Examination of local health department and faith community partnerships in the U.S. Presented at the 135th Annual American Public Health Association conference. Washington D.C., 9 November 2007.

Other Published Manuscripts

- The Color of Health, A Local Report on Health Disparities in Calhoun County, 2004, Tom Krol Typography, publisher.
- Take Charge of Your Health, Diabetes Prevention, 2005, Tom Krol Typography, publisher.

Non Juried Presentations at Professional Conferences

- “Lay Health Advisor Programs in Calhoun County”, Presented at First Annual Diabetes Outreach Network Conference, Ann Arbor, MI, 2004.
- “Identifying Risk Factors Associated with Bacterial Vaginosis in an Inner-City Obstetrical Population”, Presented at First Annual Public Health Prevention Service Conference, New Orleans, LA 2000.
- “Facilitating Communication Among Partners: The National Diabetes Education Program”, Presented at 128th Annual American Public Health Association’s Conference, Chicago, IL, 2000.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Member, Alaska Health Education Consortium, Continuing Education Chair (2008-present)
- Member, AcademyHealth Public Health System Research (PHSR) Committee (2007-present)
- Treasurer, Volunteer Action Council, Elmendorf AFB (2006- present)
- Secretary, Public Health Prevention Service Alumni Association (2006 – present)
- Board Member, LifeCare Ambulance Service (2005)
- Board Member, Family Y Center (2004-2005)
- Board Member, Washington Heights Community House (2003-2005)
- Board Member, Redemption Community Development Corporation (2003-2004)
- Chair, Cenla’s Interfaith Coalition for Healthy Living (2001-2002)
- Chair; Vice-Chair; Representative, Public Health Prevention Service Liaison Committee (2000-2002)

REFERENCES

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