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Education

Master of Science, Community Health Education, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, 1992
Bachelor of Science, Sociology, Weber State College, Ogden, UT, 1988

Skills and Abilities

Capable of organizing time, activities and people. Able to evaluate a task to be accomplished in an efficient, timely manner. Highly motivated and energetic with strong interpersonal skills. Exceptional self-initiator and self-motivator. Able to negotiate well. Able to communicate effectively with high level government officials and other individuals at all levels. Understands explicit, as well as implicit, political organizations. Comfortable in front of an audience, has positive public speaking reviews.

Volunteer Experience

Member, Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board, January 2021-December 2023. Appointed by the Whatcom County Executive, Satpal Singh Sidhu. Provide input and develop recommendations to the Department of Developmental Disabilities Services. Reflect and represent community interests for developmentally disabled people and coordination of these services.

Citizen Member, President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities, May 2006-May 2008. Appointed by the President of the United States, George W. Bush. Provide advice to the President and the Secretary of Health and Human Services concerning a broad range of topics relating to people with intellectual disabilities. Primarily following President Bush's New Freedom Initiative to recognize and uphold the right of all people with intellectual disabilities to enjoy a quality of life that promotes independence, self-determination and full participation as productive members of society.

Chair, Utah Developmental Disabilities Council, June 2004-December 2006. Appointed by the Governor of Utah, Jon Huntsman, Jr. Preside at meetings of the Council and Executive Committee and see that all recommendations of the Council are duly transmitted. Spokesperson for the Council in relation to the public, press and the State Legislature. Appoint Committee Chairs and perform other duties assigned by the action of the Council to carry out the above responsibilities.

Member, Utah Developmental Disabilities Council, June 2001-June 2004. Appointed by the Governor of Utah, Olene S. Walker. Engage in advocacy, capacity building and systemic change activities. Contribute to coordinated consumer and family directed supports and any activities that promote self-determination for all persons.

Work Experience

Technical Assistance Specialist, National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD), Alexandria, VA. December 2006-September 2009. Identify, recruit, coordinate and link technical assistance to assigned State and Territorial Councils on Developmental Disabilities, annually based on the Council identified need(s) and evaluate effectiveness of technical assistance training. Disseminate information to State Councils using a variety of methods. Facilitate the development of a Guide to State Councils. Develop and moderate the technical assistance list serve. Facilitate and coordinate the annual Technical Assistance Institute, including making programmatic and logistical arrangements, coordinating program with Administration on Developmental Disabilities staff.

Director, Bureau of Health Promotion and Education, Salt Lake Valley Health Department, January 1993-April 1997. Assure the planning, development, implementation and assessment of resources, time, equipment and facilities. Implement policies and procedures, delegate responsibilities, prepare annual plans, budgets, coordinate activities and evaluate programs. Responsible for direct supervision of State, Federal and private contracts by reviewing and monitoring bureau and support staff, including coordinating staff schedules. Develop and implement Continuous Quality Improvement orientation and act as a Department group facilitator. Has knowledge of Federal, State and local laws and regulations related to medical, health care and public health; effective public relations principles, methods and techniques; grant and contract application methods; medical terminology and language.

Coordinator, Tobacco Prevention and Control, Salt Lake Valley Health Department, Bureau of Health Promotion. Aug 1991-June 1993. Plan, implement, direct and delegate the activities and responsibilities of county-wide tobacco risk reduction programs. Prepare program budgets, contracts, grant applications, reports and research studies related to these programs. Interface and coordinate with School District administrators, principals, nurses and staff, University faculty and students. Supervises program staff and activities.

Adjunct Faculty, Weber State College, College of Health, Ogden, Utah, Jan 1991-Mar 1991 & June 1991-Aug 1991. Responsible for the planning and instruction of a Personal Health course and a Human Sexuality course for undergraduate students.

Workforce/Marketing Specialist, Utah Department of Health, Office of Local and Rural Health, June 1990-Aug 1991. Coordinate the state health provider workforce clearing house on behalf of Utah's Migrant and Community Health Centers, Health Personnel Shortage Areas and other rural areas. Work with physicians, mid-level providers, hospital, medical centers and clinic administrators throughout Utah. Working knowledge of grant writing and sources of various funding.

Health Educator Weber Community Health Center, Ogden, UT Jan 1989-June 1990. Serve as a resource agent with broad in-depth knowledge of materials, aids literature and services available in the health field. Individual, private nutritional and lifestyle changes counseling for patients with diabetes, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, and obesity. Prenatal care coordinator for the Baby Your Baby program. Understand statistical procedures used to accurately interpret data.