

**Susan Johnson**

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## **Education**

June 2017

### **Masters of Social Work**

University of Denver-Glenwood Springs

- Western Colorado MSW program focused on rural practice
- Conducted research showing the effectiveness of providing navigators in rural primary care offices to improve access to behavioral health care and overall treatment outcomes

May 2002

### **Bachelor of Science, Aerospace Engineering,**

The University of Texas at Austin

May 2000

### **Bachelor of Arts, History with Mathematics Minor,**

The University of Texas at Austin

## **Experience**

Aug 2022-Present

### **Behavioral Health Clinician, PeaceHealth, Internal Medicine**

Integrated Behavioral Health manager: Rebecca Springs, [REDACTED]

- Provide brief therapy to adults with anxiety and depression symptoms
- Coordinate with Primary Care Providers to provide integrated care
- Supervise MSW intern
- Roll out the Suicide Prevention pilot project for PeaceHealth's Northwest Network with a variety of partners and stakeholders

Jan 2020-Present

### **Behavioral Health Navigator, Middle Park Health, Grand County**

Clinic Practice Director: Christina Lockhart, [REDACTED]

- Employment change only due to grant funding ending on 12/31/2019
- Local hospital district found value in program and provided sustainability
- Remove barriers to behavioral healthcare for rural residents of Grand County
- Provide brief therapy and bridge services to those seeking long term mental health care
- Provide long term therapy to rural residents who lack transportation, insurance, and/or financial resources to access limited available mental health care in a rural community
- Coordinate with Primary Care Providers county-wide to provide integrated care for Grand County residents

- Lead MPH's Zero Suicide Committee
- Planned and executed Grand County's first Suicide Awareness Event

Jan 2016-Present

**Behavioral Health Navigator, Mind Springs Health, Granby  
Emergency Clinician**

Program Director: Makena Line, [REDACTED]

- Direct client care focused on removing barriers to BH care in a rural county
- Created accessibility for over 15,000 rural Colorado residents for their mental health care needs
- Outreached over 3% of the county's population after referrals from primary care providers and community service agencies
- Provided community education and outreach for primary care providers, community partners, large employers, and residents
- Provide direct supervision to program intern, MSW student
- Provide emergency/crisis mental health care for Grand County
- Provide grief counseling after sudden loss in Grand County

Sept 2015-May 2017 **MSW Intern/Health Coverage Guide, Grand County Rural Health Network**

Executive Director: Jen Fanning, [REDACTED]

- Program development of the Mental Health Navigator program
- Assist in writing grant to obtain Mental Health Navigator program seed funding
- Interview clients to assess health care needs
- Assist clients with accessing health insurance, removing barriers to health care

Jun 2011-July 2015

**Senior Route Manager, Waste Management, Grand County**

District Manager: Kevin Richards, [REDACTED]

- Manage trash and recycling services for Grand County
- Train and guide drivers to complete all routes safely
- Insure OSHA and FMSCA compliance
- Interview and hire drivers

**Community**

May 2019-Aug 22

**Board Member, *Grand County Rural Health Network***

- Support the GCRHN mission of advocating and supporting the health of our community
- Support advocacy at the local and state level to insure policies support the needs of our community
- Work together with community partners to identify and understand community issues and resolve them together
- Educate community partners on social determinants of health

- March 2020-Aug 22 **Mental Health Branch Leader, *Grand County Incident Management***
- Chosen to lead the Mental Health Branch of Grand County's Incident Management Response Team to COVID
  - Organized mental health providers, peer support for first responders, and the county's faith and spiritual community in unified response to support our residents during the COVID pandemic
  - Pivoted to Fire disaster response team during the East Troublesome Fire in October 2020
- September 11, 2022 **Speaker at the East Troublesome Fire Festival**
- Chosen to speak to attendees regarding mental health following a traumatic event
  - Volunteered to support residents with mental health resources
- September 12, 2022 **Organizer of the first Suicide Awareness Event for Grand County**
- Lead multiple agencies to organize a Suicide Awareness Hike and Event for Grand County after a record number of suicide losses in 2020
  - Coordinated event planning including location and sponsors
  - Event was attended by over 200 residents
- July 17-19, 2019 **Presenter at The 44th Annual National Institute on Social Work and Human Services in Rural Areas, *Murray State University, Paducah, KY***
- Presented research on the Mental Health Navigation program
  - Highlighted the unique scalable model developed to meet rural needs
  - Discussed program successes to reach vulnerable populations through their primary care offices and rural large employers
- Sept 2018-Jun 2019 **Guest Lecturer and Field Internship Supervisor, *University of Denver***
- Presentation on rural program sustainability for Professor Jae McQueen
  - Provide clinical supervision for intern/MSW student
- 2009-2011 **Founding Board Member, *Grand Resource & Recycle Coalition***
- Establish a subsidized recycling location for Grand County Residents
  - Increase recycling rates in Grand County through partnerships with public and private entities
  - Created a 501(c)3 non-profit as the first treasurer
- Awards**
- 2019 **The 2019 Award for Excellence in Health Service**
- Grand County Rural Health Network's annual award
  - Grand County's highest award for health care providers
- 2019 **Above & Beyond the Call of Duty**

- Mind Springs Health & West Springs Hospital Quarterly Award
- Peer nominated award for being “a true change agent who has had a huge positive impact in her community”

## **References**

**Makena Line**, Mind Springs Health, [REDACTED]

**Jen Fanning**, Grand County Rural Health Network, [REDACTED]

**Kaitey Davidson**, MSW, Former coworker and intern, [REDACTED]