

## RESUME

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February, 1999 to Present

Responsible for coordinating all aspects of service provision for UH students who have disabilities, including recommending accommodations, interpreting assessments, service planning, consultation, advocacy, and follow-up services. Administrative responsibilities include supervising full-time staff, overseeing a \$350,000 budget, overseeing construction of a new facility for the department and building management, faculty and staff training and relations, serving on various UH committees, and fundraising activities.

### **PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

#### ***The Mental Health Association of Greater Houston***

##### ***Director of Education & Training***

1994 to 1999

Responsible for coordinating and implementing numerous training and collaborative educational programs, coordinating and providing information and referral services, recruiting, training, and supervising staff and volunteers, writing curriculum and conducting training, coordinating the Media & Training Network, proposal writing and other fundraising, producing several resource directories, coordinating all aspects of the Self-Help Clearinghouse, including staffing the Self-Help Coalition, producing two quarterly newsletters, coordinating all Depression Campaign activities, and consumer advocacy functions.

#### ***MHMRA of Harris County 1987-1994***

##### ***Unit Director, Consumer Education Services***

1992 to 1994

Responsible for overseeing all Adult Mental Health consumer training programs, counseling persons with mental illness and brain injuries, budgetary duties, facilitating support groups, writing curriculum, instruction, coordinating training with collaborating agencies, supervising staff, obtaining internship placements and supervising interns, training supervisors and direct care staff, and creating, maintaining, and chairing the TBI Network.

##### ***Coordinator, Consumer Education Services***

1990 to 1992

Responsible for developing and implementing all Supported Education programming, providing direct services to program participants, facilitating support groups, coordinating and conducting training, coordinating classroom activities, coordinating and supervising internship activities, and coordinating all facets of this interagency collaborative program.

***Coordinator, In-Home and Family Support Program***

1988 to 1990

Responsible for program development, implementation, and coordination of grants for consumers; assessing their needs; and monitoring services received. Responsible for training all Adult Mental Health staff about the program.

***Adult Mental Health Case Manager II***

1986 to 1988

Responsible for coordinating services for adults with severe mental illness, providing services to them in their homes, coordinating services with their families and other service providers, crisis intervention and 24-hour call, developing and monitoring service plans, support group facilitation, and advocacy services.

***Brookwood Recovery Center***

1984 to 1986

Responsible for patient orientation, psychosocial assessments, continuing care orientation, facilitating and co-facilitating group therapy and family groups, coordinating treatment with family members, documentation, and maintaining positive community relations.

**EDUCATION & LICENSURES**

University of Houston, Houston, Texas

MSW Program, 1998

GPA- 3.72

Licensed Social Worker, 1999

University of Houston, Houston, Texas

CADAC, 1989, LCDC, 1991

Western Illinois University, Macomb, Illinois

Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology, 1983

**PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

- Brain Injury Association of Texas Board of Directors: Board President, 1999-2001, State Conference Chair, 1999, past Treasurer, Chair of Operations, and Education Chair
- Texas Brain Injury Network- Houston, President & Founder, since 1993
- National Traumatic Brain Injury-Technical Assistance Center Advisory Board, 1992-2006
- Texas Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Council Board Member, 1999-2004
- Houston Community College Human Service Technology Advisory Board President since 2000
- Commissioner, Houston Mayor's Commission on Disability, 2005- currently serving
- Houston Mayor's Committee on Employment of Persons with Disabilities Board member since 2000
- Association of Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD) and Texas AHEAD member- since 1999
- National Alliance for the Mentally Ill- Houston Member

**AWARDS RECEIVED**

1995- Brain Injury Association of Texas "Extra Mile Award"

1998- United Way Interagency Information & Referral "Member of the Year" award

