

EDUCATION

University of Houston, Graduate School of Social Work

Master of Social Work - *May 2003*,

University of Texas at Austin

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Minor in Biological Sciences - August 1998

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

- Cultural Competence
- Structural Injustice and Oppression
- Leadership & Communication
- Administrative Practice
- Empowerment

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Houston – Graduate College of Social Work

Clinical Assistant Professor – September 2014 to Present

Adjunct Faculty – January 2013 to May 2013

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Administrative Practice in Social Work (MSW Fall 2014)
- Assessment in Social Work (MSW Fall 2014, Spring 2015)
- Empowerment (MSW Spring 2015)
- Foundation Policy (MSW Fall 2014)
- Multicultural Practice in Social Work (MSW Spring 2015)
- Social Work and Global Justice Issues (MSW Fall 2014)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

American Heart Association (AHA)

Senior Director Health Equity – October 2011 - present

Regional Health Equity Director – July 2010 to September 2011

Director of Cultural Health Initiatives – December 2005 to June 2010

- Provide internal and external training on issues of Health Equity, Cultural Competence and Social Justice
- Develop collateral, proposals and grants to support local, regional and national Health Equity team
- Represent AHA at meetings, conferences and through multiple forms of media
- Managed local launch of national hypertension program which led the country on enrollment indicators established Houston model as a best practice
- Establish AHA brand identity in African American & Hispanic communities in Houston
- Oversee national pilot programs designed to attain 2020 Impact Goal
- Maintain and cultivate over 40 alliances with foundation, community & corporate entities
- Exceeded excellent ratings six consecutive years for Health Equity, *formerly Cultural Health Initiatives*, Goal Acquisition

- Collaborate with other team members in Fundraising, Marketing and Health Strategies on multiple projects and campaigns
- Train colleagues and community members in *Friends and Family CPR*
- Manage relationships with over 200 volunteers & stakeholders from various industries to implement health programs
- Successfully secured and stewarded over \$320,000 through corporate sponsorships, foundation grant awards and special event giving
- Supervise two GCSW field students

Children at Risk (CAR)

Public Policy Analyst – November 2004 to October 2005

- Served as lead author & researcher for bi-annual publication tracking issues of child well-being
- Conducted multiple advocacy training and empirically based community education sessions
- Authored and distributed over 30 media alerts, issue briefs, & policy analyses
- Recruited and managed high level volunteers for the Public Policy Council
- Trained volunteers for Lobby Days at the state capitol and city council
- Researched, monitored and analyzed policies affecting children and low-income families
- Supervised 7 social work and public health graduate interns
- Represented CAR on various councils, collaborations and community advisory groups
- Co-designed CAR website with graphic artist and web developer
- Successfully authored and managed a \$25,000 grant application

Neighborhood Centers Inc., SUNNY FUTURES Healthy Start

Direct Services Coordinator – October 2003 to November 2004

- Primary author of successful application for \$750,000 federal Healthy Start grant
- Created and implemented service delivery model resulting in a 50% increase in productivity
- Advocated with local, state & federal legislators for appropriations related to infant mortality
- Facilitated more than 15 partnership agreements with social service entities in the community
- Created Staff Manual, Case Manager Training Program and all associated documentation
- Supervised 5 case management staff and conducted home visits when necessary

PROFESSIONAL LICENSE & CERTIFICATIONS

Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) - *Licensed June 2003*
HeartSaver CPR, First Aid and AED Instructor, *American Heart Association*

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS & FACILITATED TRAININGS

“Diversity, Equity and Inclusion”, Leadership Houston
“The Power of Advocacy to Increase Health Equity”, Texas Society for Public Health Education
“Understanding the Need for Health Equity”, “Understanding the Impact of Food Insecurity”,
“Understanding the Causes of the Causes of Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke in Marginalized Communities”, “Chronic Health Concerns in the Fifth Ward Community” – presentations to American Heart Association staff and volunteers
“Growing Up in Houston 2005”, Children at Risk

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AFFILIATIONS

Leadership Houston - *Graduate Class XXIV*, Diversity Day Committee Chair
Texas Area Health Education Center East – *Board Member*
Opportunity Network Houston Galveston – *Steering Committee Co-Chair*
Super Neighborhood 12 – *Representative*

AWARDS

2012-2013 Outstanding Collaboration, *American Heart Association*
2012-2013 Outstanding Achievement in Health Equity, *American Heart Association*
2011-2012 Cass Wheeler Integration Team Award (National Award), *American Heart Association*
2011-2012 Outstanding Collaboration, *American Heart Association*
2010-2011 Outstanding Achievement in Health Equity, *American Heart Association*
2010-2011 Outstanding Collaboration, *American Heart Association*
2007 Award of Excellence for Mission Related Initiatives, *American Heart Association*