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WORK EXPERIENCE

Greater Cincinnati Foundation, Cincinnati, OH

05/2019 – Present

All-In Cincinnati Director

- Plan, staff and facilitate monthly meetings of All-In Core Team and Coalition
- Maintain effective communication with Core Team members to promote collaboration and efficient decision making
- Design, plan, coordinate and/or conduct educational trainings, convenings and other events
- Oversee fundraising, marketing and community outreach of All-In Cincinnati
- Develop (with GCF technical support) and maintain All-In website
- Serve as an official spokesperson and point person for All-In Cincinnati by being active and visible in the community and working closely with all sectors of the community
- Build strong relationships and collaborate with local non-profits, city officials, governmental agencies and other relevant partners on appropriate strategies
- Direct policy and advocacy actions that promote All-In Cincinnati's mission by developing position statements, reviewing and recommending endorsements of policies, and advocating for policies/legislation at the appropriate levels
- Continuously evaluate coalition effectiveness and document All-In Cincinnati major activities, accomplishments, progress, etc.
- Prepare strategic and action plan(s) for All-In Cincinnati
- Continuously broaden expertise in areas of diversity, equity and inclusion and serve as a resource person

Cincinnati Health Department, Cincinnati, OH

02/2010 – 05/2019

Director of Health Promotion and Worksite Wellness/Creating Healthy Communities Coalition

- Coordinated local Creating Healthy Communities (CHC) Coalition meetings including issuing meeting notices, agendas, and recording meeting minutes
 - Supervised project work plan of community initiatives necessary for meeting the goals, strategies, and outcomes of the CHC grant
 - Created, implemented, and promoted the CHC Strategic Plan using the Community Chief Health Strategist model
 - Developed and maintained over 100 collaborative relationships between public, civic, professional, worksite, church, and voluntary agencies in implementing population-based initiatives and policy changes to reduce the risk of chronic disease
 - Planned, implemented, and evaluated educational programs, conferences, and other associated grant activities to meet individual, group, and/or community needs
 - Persuaded United Dairy Farmers, a local chain of convenience stores (210 stores) to carry fresh fruits and vegetables to increase produce access in food deserts
 - Developed several policies within the City of Cincinnati including the Breastfeeding Friendly Policy with the Cincinnati Recreation Commission and the Tobacco 21 Ordinance
 - Implemented 400+ location specific policy, systems, and environmental changes in Ohio and Kentucky
- Prepared and submitted program-related reports to funding agencies
- Evaluated and reported successes to the ODH (Ohio Department of Health), the Cincinnati Board of Health, and the media
- Presented program initiatives and status to the Cincinnati Board of Health
- Served on the Health Impact Assessment (HIA) Committee to address health equity and social determinants of health

- Co-wrote health impact assessments addressing public housing, transportation, education, and employment
- Served as guest host for the Cincinnati Health Department's "We Know Health Matters" public television show
- Wrote grants
 - Successfully obtained over \$2.5 million to date in funding from local, state, and federal sources
- Managed the program budget (\$350K - \$400K) and other contract awards
 - BUILD Health Challenge
 - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health – Total Worker Health
 - National Association for County and City Officials
 - Association of State and Territorial Health Officials

Cincinnati Health Department, Cincinnati, OH

03/2007 – 02/2010

Registered Sanitarian

- Served as a member of the Hotel/Motel Regulation Committee and aided in the development of the protocol
- Co-coordinated the Bed Bug Conference and proactive member of the Bed Bug Committee
- Revised the Cincinnati Health Department Board of Health Regulations on nuisance complaints
- Conducted restaurant, nuisance, hotel/motel, and lead inspections
 - Inspected and evaluated sites that require Board of Health permits and licenses
 - Responded to complaints, referrals, and directives about unsanitary conditions from citizens, council members, board of health members, department officials, and the City Manager
 - Issued orders as necessary, advised violators, and enforced unabated issues by initiating court procedures or mediation against those found in violation
- Educated citizens, business proprietors, civic organizations, neighborhood groups, other health professionals and groups on sanitation policy
- Represented the Cincinnati Health Department at meetings with local, state, and federal agencies to coordinate efforts dealing with environmental issues

Americorp VISTA, Columbus, OH

07/2006 – 03/2007

Director of Program Development

- Designed and edited an elementary school cancer education curriculum and accompanying professional development series for distribution into the Columbus Public School system
 - Researched activities, techniques, trends and feedback from health professionals, educators and schools to enhance curriculum development
 - Supervised assistants in researching health education studies, articles, and periodicals used as evidence to support the health education curriculum
 - Conducted scientifically valid evaluation used to determine the effectiveness of the health education curriculum
 - Coordinated programs and assisted the Outreach Coordinator to identify appropriate resources and agencies to form highly effective collaborations
- Recruited and managed volunteer scientific advisory committee

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati, OH

10/2005 – 07/2006

Clinical Research Coordinator/Health Educator

- Organized and collaborated with clinical staff in soliciting, enrolling, and observing participants through clinical studies in accordance with regulatory requirements in a timely and efficient manner
 - Arranged visits, provided instructions, and conducted Dominance-Drive-Direct Influence Stability and Compliant (DISC) behavioral personality assessments and psychological exams while maintaining professional relationships with study subjects
- Effectively educated youth and their families about proper nutrition and physical fitness for after-school programs

Jewish Hospital, Cincinnati, OH
Health Unit Coordinator

08/2002 – 07/2006

- Implemented and coordinated ongoing staff educational programs
 - Created training materials and coordinated programs with clinical educator for staff development
- Served on the Champion's Committee to improve communication between nurses and other healthcare staff
- Provided clerical support to clinical team in carrying out daily functions of patient care including ordering vital tests and performing chart audits
 - Answered queries and directed family and inpatients to appropriate resources
 - Transcribed physician orders

EDUCATION

University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill, NC), **Certificate: Field Epidemiology**, August 2010
 Outbreak Investigations, Surveillance Systems, Infectious Disease Epidemiology, and Field Epidemiology Methods

Wright State University (Dayton, OH), **M.P.H., Health Promotion and Education**, June 2006
 Thesis: The Relationship between Gender, Primary Cancer Diagnosis, Secondary Diagnosis, Antidepressants, and Fatigue to Oncology Inpatient Falls.

Miami University (Oxford, OH), **B.A., Microbiology**, August 2003
 Minor in Medical Sociology

LEADERSHIP

- Board Member: The Center for Population Health at Xavier University (2019-Present)
- Northern Kentucky University Ecological Stewardship Institute Advisory Board (2018-Present)
- Health Policy Institute of Ohio Equity Advisory Group (2018-Present)
- All-In Cincinnati Equity Coalition Member (2018)
- Board Member: Interact for Health: Community and Systems Strategy Chair and Go Vibrant (2017-Present)
- Former Board Member: National Association of County and City Health Officials: Bylaws Committee (2017-2019)
- Board Member: Outdoor Adventure Club and Mill Creek Alliance: Communications Chair (2016-Present)
- Former Board Member: Mighty Vine Wellness Club (2008-2015)
- City Councilmember Simpson Youth Commission Committee (2012-2017)
- Mayor's Young Professional Kitchen Cabinet (2012)

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS AND ACTIVITIES

- 40 Under Forty Award (2019)
- Cincinnati Herald's Nefertiti Award (2018)
- Delta Omega Society: Honorary Society in Public Health (2016)
- Cincinnati Mayor's Employee of the Year Award (2015)
- National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Model Practice Award (2014 and 2016)
- Ohio Chronic Disease Collaborative: Leadership Team (2014-2015)
- Ohio Department of Health: Healthy Communities Award (2013, 2014, 2015, and 2017)

- National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Big Cities Community of Practice: Steering Team and Healthy Eating Chair (2011-2014)
- National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Workgroup Member: Environmental Public Health Tracking (2011-2017)
- Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) Environmental Public Health Tracking Fellow (2011 and 2012)
- Center for Clinical and Translational Science and Training Committee (2011-Present)
- Community Leadership Institute Award (2011)
- Ohio Society of Public Health Education (2010-2014)
- National Environmental Health Association Member (2009-Present)
- Ohio Environmental Health Association Member: Planning Committee (2007-2009)

PUBLICATIONS

- Ryan, P.H., Reponen, T., Simmons, M., Yermakov, M., Sharkey, K., Garland-Porter, D., Eghbalnia, C., Grinshpun, S.A. (2013) "The impact of an anti-idling campaign on outdoor air quality at four urban schools." Environmental Science, Process and Impacts. 2013 Oct;15(11):2030-7. DOI: 10.1039/C3EM00377A
- Eghbalnia, C., Sharkey, K., Garland-Porter, D., Alam, M., Crumpton, M., Jones, C., Ryan, P.H. (2013) "A community-based participatory research partnership to reduce vehicle idling near public schools." Journal of Environmental Health. 2013 May;75(9):14-9.