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Objective:

To improve quality of care and conditions for elderly in senior living environments through maximizing interactions with groups and organizations within the community. Establish relationships within the surrounding area to promote healthy behaviors through positive affluence.

Biographical Data:

Birth Date: 28 May 1977
Home Town: Biloxi, Ms.

Education:

2000-2002
MBA & MPH with Emphasis in Health Policy & Administration
University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

1995-1999
Bachelor's of Science, Health Promotion
University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Experience:

2003-2005
Owner & Administrator, Twin Oaks @ Pass Christian
Purchased and opened 60 bed Assisted Living and Alzheimers/ Dementia Unit facility in November 2003. Promoted residents' quality of life and created environment conducive to good health. Ran at full occupancy while maintaining best practices for facility management and operations. Developed relationships within the community to make the facility a community where outside services including children and church groups, volunteer organizations, and various entertainment was introduced.

2003
Office Manager, Riverchase Village
Assist administrator in all aspects of running facility. Learn functions of various departments. Gain experience towards licensing as Nursing Home Administrator under direction of preceptor. Understand process of incoming residents from referral to caring of new patients and continued monitoring of health and chronic conditions.

2002
Health Educator, University of Southern Mississippi Student Health Services
Plan campus wide events for students including National Alcohol Screening Day, Sexual Responsibility Week, Great American Smoke Out, and World AIDS Day. Develop programs on Men's & Women's Health, STD's, and other health issues to give dorm-based programs to college students. Advisor for PACERS (Programs of Assistance, Counseling, Education, & Resources for Students). Helped organize meetings and advising event planning for campus programs in dorms and community.

2001

Administrative Assistant, Southern Bone & Joint

Work with the administration department of outpatient orthopedic clinic to maintain accounting and assist administration in daily functions. Prepare monthly MRI cost and case reports and patient reimbursement by provider and services. Cost accounting for outpatient surgery center to determine expenses and profits. Maintain inventory for doctors' supplies and medical equipment, including ordering.

1999-2001

Graduate Assistant, Center for Community Health

Teach course on Personal Wellness focusing on general health and wellness education. Help individuals in assessing and changing health behaviors based on knowledge and attitudes of behavior. Also assist professors in writing lectures and exams, grading, and research of topics. Help professor with research to get funding for grants.

1998-1999

Patient Account Assistant, Forrest General Hospital

Work directly under Business Office Director. Compile data and analyze reports on reimbursement and collection accounts. Manage accounts for collections and bad debt. Work with all departments of business office including patient accounts, registration, reimbursement, and collections. Learned and utilized various computer systems including SMS, SSI, and Ulticare.

Volunteer Experience:

2004-2005

George Ohr- O'Keefe Museum, **Board of Trustees**

2004-2005

Mississippi Healthcare Association, Assisted Living Board, **Vice-President**

2004-2005

Rotary International, Pass Christian, **Member**

2003-2005

Chamber of Commerce, Pass Christian, **Youth Leadership Committee**

2001-2002

Ambassador, College of Health & Human Sciences

Recruit students to college for various programs through personal contact during preview. Voice concerns and benefits of departments to dean of the college.

2000-2003

Student Member, American College of Healthcare Executives

Professional Society with credentialing and educational programs.

1999-2002

Eta Sigma Gamma

Public Health Honor Society; Member. Organize community service projects.

1995-1999

Peers Educating Peers (PEP)

Peer counseling group based out of the clinic to conduct programs on health topics and organize campus events. I helped establish contacts with professors and resident assistants to promote programming and arrange events. Conduct training for members on STD's, Exercise, Nutrition, and Alcohol & Drug use.

President 1997-1999