

**PRESENTATION OF QUALIFICATIONS**

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### **SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS**

- *Co-Chair of the Training Committee for the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office and Tampa Police Department in handling the mentally ill*
- *Grant Application reviewer for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) under the Federal Dept. of Health & Human Services*
- *Nationally, responsible for the 11<sup>th</sup> Suicide Prevention/Crisis Intervention Center to be certified by the American Association of Suicidology*
- *30 years' experience in mental health administration; eighteen years were with the Louisiana Office of Mental Health and Law Enforcement*
- *Qualified expert witness in Federal Court with the Mentally Ill and Law Enforcement*
- *Unique perspective on employee/employer relationships within private non-profit agencies by knowing how to have successful, efficient, and effective service delivery systems*

### **SELECTED ACHIEVEMENTS**

- *Designed and developed a program bringing together law enforcement and mental health professionals resulting in the "Presidential Thousand Points of Light" Award*
- *Designed and developed a crisis intervention system that was given the "Safety Net" award by the National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems*
- *Participated at the request of Tipper Gore as one of seven people on a task force to provide mental health information for the debates on the Health Care Reform Act*
- *Charles Dunbar Award (Honorable Mention) for commitment to public service, Louisiana Civil Service League, 1991*
- *American Planning Association - Innovations Award (Southeast Region) for creative alignment of two different professions that resulted in a program involving law enforcement and mental health*
- *Ruth P. Brudney Award from the National Mental Health Association for contributions made by a mental health professional who improved care and treatment of the mentally ill, 1995*

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### **EDUCATION**

**Master of Urban and Regional Planning**, University of New Orleans, 1991  
Concentrations in Public Administration and Urban Planning Law

**Master of Social Work**, Tulane University, 1976  
Concentrations in Community Organization and Social Planning

**BS in Behavioral Sciences**, York College of Pennsylvania, 1972

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### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **August 2018 to June 2019**

- Managed a DOJ, grant via Meridian Behavior Health Services, to divert those suffering with mental illness and substance abuse from jail and into treatment. Required coordination and consensus-building among law enforcement agencies, jail administrators, social services agencies and other community decision-makers. Grant achieved its measureable outcomes in June 2019

#### **September 2015 to Present**

- Continue to volunteer professionally with four state organizations
- Serve on the executive Citizen Review Board for the City of Key West, FL.

#### **December 2010 to August 2015**

##### **Law Enforcement Liaison**

UF Health & Shands Florida Recovery Center

- Designed, developed and marketed a special track for Law Enforcement Officers and 1<sup>st</sup> Responders with alcohol and/or drug addiction problems
- Managed and coordinated treatment consistent with patients agency's medical leave requirements and UF Health & Shands Florida Recovery Center's clinical protocols
- Identified and participated in appropriate conferences to promote and develop referrals into the special track

#### **September 2007 to December 2010**

- Became a stay-at-home Dad with my son
- Professionally volunteered as President of the Mental Health Association of Greater Tampa Bay
- Professionally volunteered as co-chair for the Hillsborough County Crisis Intervention Training for law enforcement officers.

#### **April 2007 to September 2007**

##### **Community Liaison**

Hillsborough County Criminal Justice Department

- Charged with the administrative oversight of a collaborative effort with the U.S. Attorney's Office, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Local Law Enforcement jurisdictions and Gulf Coast Community Care for anti-gang activity

#### **July 2003 to April 2007**

##### **Consultant**

Mental Health Care, Inc., Tampa, FL.

- Developed and managed a program designed to provide interim services to people in a psychiatric emergency
- Train Law Enforcement Officers in the proper handling of mentally ill and substance abusers

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- Work with the Florida Legislature to assist the agency in securing funding for their community-based programs by writing Community Budget Requests

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### **April 2003 to July 2004**

#### **Corporate Compliance Officer**

Drug Abuse Comprehensive Coordinating Office (DACCO), Tampa, Fl.

- Assures the agency is compliant with its multiple funding streams, i.e. DCF, Medicare/Medicaid
- Developed policy and procedures consistent with American Healthcare Corporate Compliance Agency and CARF's Regulations

### **October 2002 to July 2003**

#### **Consultant**

State Office of Mental Health of Louisiana (OMH)

- Assembled decision-makers of OMH Area A to recommend implementing administrative and management strategies with accompanying corrective action procedures
- Provide recommended strategies resulting in effective communication linkages, organizational structure, program services and reporting practices to the Plaintiff's Attorneys consistent with the OMH Area A class action Consent Decree
- Identify training needs for the Medical Center of Louisiana at New Orleans within OMH Area A to maintain compliance with the Consent Decree, both from an administrative and programmatic perspective

### **May 2002 to September 2002**

#### **Consultant**

National Alliance of Mentally Ill of Louisiana

- Assessed resources to implement a Crisis Response System by engaging local public safety and the mental health systems in three different locales in Louisiana
- Identified existing fiscal, administrative and clinical resources to implement a Crisis Response System
- Facilitated consensus building, resulting in an implementation timetable

### **January 2001 to October 2001**

#### **Consultant**

Volunteers of America, Central Louisiana Chapter

- Conducted feasibility study for services to the Homeless Mentally Ill
- Directed consensus-building sessions with community agencies to identify the most efficient and effective service delivery system for the homeless
- Concluded with a grant proposal submitted to a private foundation

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### **January 2001 to November 2001**

#### **Administrator**

Operation PAR, Clearwater, Florida Director of a multi-program site providing outpatient and residential services in substance abuse including a Juvenile Addiction Receiving Facility, twenty-bed Adult Residential Detox Unit, Adult Outpatient Program, Drug Court, and Urinalysis Laboratory Services

- Responsible for maintaining Joint Commission of Accredited Healthcare Organizations standards
- Assured adherence to multiple funders' regulatory requirements

### **February 2000 to October 2000**

#### **Behavior Health Specialist**

James A. Haley V. A. Hospital, Tampa, Florida

- Anticipated redesigning the use of the Emergency Room for appropriate Psychiatric emergency presentations

### **November 1982 to March 2000**

#### **Program Manager/Director and Liaison**

Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals and the City of New Orleans

- Planned/monitored community support programs and negotiated contractual agreements with private providers totaling more than \$750,000 annually
- Designed and implemented a city-wide crisis services system with seven components, resulting in a self-contained continuum of care program
- Developed management policies and procedures requiring interdepartmental and interagency agreements, as well as implemented those agreements via in services to a staff of 105
- Responsible for an annual budget of \$3.5 million, with the agency having an \$11 million budget
- Negotiated for leased space to house an offsite, 17,000 square foot walk-in clinic, requiring an ability to work with contractors and professionals from various disciplines
- Designed a government funded program that was a cooperative effort between state/city governments and named a Point of Light by the President's Service Awards Program and the Points of Light Foundation
- Interpreted and implemented contractual policies for both city and state fulfilling interagency agreements, researched potential private and public funding sources and prepared grant proposals, 90% of which have been approved and funded.

### **October 1984 to August 1985**

#### **Consultant (Self Employed)**

- Served as Director of Visitor's Crisis Center for the 1984 World's Fair
- Planned the design and implementation of a comprehensive interagency networking of public and private agencies to minimize any social or psychological problems on the Fair site

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### **1979 to 1982**

#### **Owner/Manager**

Costa De Santa Rosa and Rick's Run-Aground, Santa Rosa Beach, Florida

### **1977 to 1980**

#### **Director of Crisis Line**

- Mental Health Association of Louisiana, New Orleans, Louisiana Administered suicide prevention and crisis intervention center
- Developed an executive board and sought funding, via contracts for service and United Way, to become an independent agency
- Nationally, became the 11<sup>th</sup> suicide prevention and crisis intervention center to be certified by the American Association of Suicidology

## **BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

- Advisory Board to the Assistant Secretary of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Department of Children and Families (2008 to Present)
- Mental Health Public Policy Council of Florida (Chair 2006 to Present)
- Managed Care Advisory Group---Prepaid Mental Health Plan for Area 5 of Department of Children and Families (Chair, 2005 to Present)
- Florida Partners in Crisis Board Member (2002 to Present)
- FACT Team and Baker Act Advisory Committees (2000 to 2004)
- Mental Health Association of Greater Tampa Bay (President 2002 to Present)
- Mental Health Association of Metropolitan New Orleans (Board of Directors 1992 to 2000; Vice-President 1996 to 2000; Secretary 1995)
- United Way (Planning and Governmental Committee 1989 to 1997; Allocations Committee 1997 to 2000)
- Mental Health Association of Louisiana (Secretary 1994 to 1995)
- National Mental Health Association (State Delegate since 1993 to Present)
- University of New Orleans Alumni Board (1993 to 2000)

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

- Tampa Theatre (Dual Member 2000 to Present)
- Krewe of Venus Social Club (2000 to Present)
- Algiers Economic Development Foundation (1991 to 1999)
- American Planning Association, Louisiana Chapter (1990 to 1999)
- Crisis Prevention Institute (Certified Instructor 1989 to 1996)