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I. EDUCATION

NOVA Southeastern University, Florida. Doctor in Health Sciences candidate. Estimated graduation date: Spring 2010
University of Kansas Medical Center. Degree: Master in Public Health, 1994-1996 (Conferred with honors).
Central University of Quito, Ecuador. Degree: Doctor in Dentistry, 1975-1980
CDC. Distance Learning Program. Public Health Practice Program Office: Self-Instructional Course in Principles of Epidemiology
University of Oklahoma. Health Agency Training: Certified Instructor for Introduction to Basic Epidemiology

II. EXPERIENCE

(Beginning August, 2009)

Nova Southeastern University
Adjunct Professor for the Department of Health Sciences

University of Kansas Medical Center
Adjunct Professor for the Department of Preventive Medicine

(March 2004-present)
Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved

Director of Clinical Services

1. Provides technical assistance to the Kansas primary care clinics in quality improvement (QI) activities. Clinics are trained on how to develop a baseline, select data collection methods, follow evidence based standards of care, and develop evaluation methods.
2. Provides direction to the AmeriCorps program. Wrote the first grant for the National Corporation to place 20 AmeriCorps members at safety net clinics in Kansas. Supervises and provides technical assistance and guidance to the AmeriCorps program coordinator at KAMU in planning and designing the program, as well as in evaluation activities. Helps in leveraging funds from foundations and state programs to support matching activities. Responsible for training AmeriCorps members serving in diabetes programs at the safety net

clinics. Training provided on how to help patients with diabetes select self-management goals to control their diabetes and how to help them overcome barriers.

3. Provides guidance and technical direction to the clinical area at KAMU. Plans and distributes work and tasks, monitors grant applications, reports submission, and answer questions staff have about the clinical programs.
4. Provides training to primary care clinics on random sampling techniques for chart reviews. Develops indicators and benchmarks to assess progress of programs, and procedures for quality assurance of the programs.
5. Conducts an annual strategic planning session with clinicians to provide direction to the clinical area.
6. Analyzes data submitted by the health centers in order to asses changes in health care outcomes, changes in productivity and revenue and to track progress of quality improvement initiatives.
7. Provides continuous training to staff on program development and implementation.
8. Responsible for management of four grants with the Department of Health and Environment and Kansas foundations.

Supervises 3 staff

(July 2002-February 2004)
Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Bureau of Epidemiology and Disease Prevention

Senior Epidemiologist

(July 2002-February 2004)
Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Bureau of Epidemiology and Disease Prevention

Senior Epidemiologist

Responsible for providing epidemiologic support to the Emergency Preparedness program as well as to the epidemiology section. Responsible for coordinating and providing training in epidemiology and public health surveillance to the public health and medical community in Kansas. Conducted 18 training sessions across Kansas on: public health surveillance, outbreak investigation, and basic epidemiology for the Kansas public health and medical community. Supervision of 3 staff

(June 1996-June 2002)
Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Bureau of Health Promotion

Chronic Disease Epidemiologist

Responsible for providing technical assistance to chronic disease programs, as

requested.
1) Assessing progress in achieving Healthy Kansans 2000 objectives: Using data from 1990-1998 from Vital Statistics, Cancer Registry, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System and, KDOT, identified the status of each Healthy Kansans objective and compared them to the baseline values to demonstrate changes in health status in the population. Primary author of the Healthy Kansans 2000 Mid-Course Review.
2) Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) 1998 data analysis and report preparation. Primary author of the report "Health Risk Behaviors of Kansans 1998".
3) Primary author of two chapters (Breast Cancer and Lack of Prenatal Care) of the book "Selected Topics in Women's Health and Review of Community Approaches to Intervention."
4) Data analysis and report preparation of Community Health Assessment (CHAP) survey
5) Backgrounder for the Cancer Control Plan, Breast Cancer Chapter
6) Technical assistance provided to the Breast Cancer program included: grant writing, program management and data management.

Breast and Cervical Cancer Epidemiologist.
Responsible for data analysis and dissemination of Kansas Breast and Cervical Cancer data. Responsible for identifying and using existing data sources such Vital Statistics, Cancer Registry, BRFSS, and Kansas Breast and Cervical Cancer data to assess the burden of breast and cervical cancer in the State. Liaison person with the Kansas Cancer Registry.

(1985-1994)
United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). Quito-Ecuador

Project Manager
Responsible for writing and monitoring grants provided by donors. Conducted community health assessments in rural communities and organized lay health volunteer networks for a bi-national project between Ecuador and Peru. Experience in conducting focus groups in communities. Responsible for conducting and supervising a needs assessment of the Amazon region in Ecuador and for subsequent grant writing.

III. AWARDS

Fulbright scholarship
Britannic Encyclopedia Award

IV. SKILLS

Fluent in English and Spanish
Experience with SAS, SPSS and Minitab (statistical packages), EPI Info2000, ArcView (map software), Microsoft programs (Access, Excel, Publisher, Word, Power Point) and PageMaker

V. PUBLICATIONS

Curtis D. *Evaluation of Community Health Assessment in Kansas* .Journal of Public Health Management. June, 2002.
Pickard S., Curtis D., Tasheff J. 2000. *Selected Topics in Women's Health and Review of Community Approaches to Intervention.*
Curtis D., Pickard S. 2000. *Healthy Kansans 2000. Mid-Course Review.*
Curtis D., Pickard S. 2000. *Outcomes of Community Health Assessment.*
Curtis D., Pickard S., Hunt C., Thompson B. 2001. Health Risk Behaviors of Kansans 1998

VI. PRESENTATIONS

- *Differences in Healthy Days among US,-and Foreign Born Hispanics in Kansas.* Paper presented at the 15th National Conference on Chronic Disease Prevention and Control. November 29-December 1, 2000. Washington D.C.
- *Cultural Competence: The patient, the culture and the clinical encounter.* The Midwest/Northeast Cluster Senior Leadership Meeting. Cincinnati, Ohio, 2004
- 18 presentations/trainings on Basic Epidemiology, Outbreak Investigation, and Public Health Surveillance. Kansas, 2003-2004
- *Why do Clinical Measures Matter?* KAMU annual conference. Wichita, Kansas, 2006
- *Data gathering and Analysis for Community Needs Assessment.* On-line class taught at the Community Health Center Executive online program offered by the University of Kansas Medical Center's Health Policy and Management Department. Kansas, June 2008
- Health Literacy for the Rural Patient. Tribune, KS. October 2008

VII. VOLUNTEER WORK

Translator for Stormont Vail Hospital
Spanish teacher at Wanamaker Woods Church of the Nazarene

VIII. ORGANIZATIONS

Kansas Public Health Association
Kansas Clinicians Network
Midwest Clinicians Network
Oral Health Kansas (Dental Champion)
NOVA Southeastern University- Student Council (Treasurer)

IX. REFERENCES

Upon request