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SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS

Harm Reduction Counselor *10 years* | Project Management *5 years* | Budget Management *5 years* | Media Relations *5 years* | Supervisor *6 years* | Program Evaluation *5 years* | Program Planning *5 years* | Proposal writing, reporting *5 years* | Presenter *7 years* | Overdose Prevention Trainer *5 years* | HIV/HCV/STI Testing and Counseling *5 years* | Conference and Meeting Planning *5 years* | Community Organizing *10 years* | Columnist *2 years* | Advanced Spanish

EDUCATION

MPH Global Health
Boston University School of Public Health
Boston, MA | 2014

BA Environmental Studies and
Global Development
American University
Washington, DC | 2009

Relevant Coursework

- Research Proposal Development
 - Implementing Programs in Developing Countries; Making Programs Work
 - Financial Management for Global Health
 - International Consulting for Public Health
 - Evidence Based Writing for Public Health
 - Biostatistics
 - Intro to SAS
 - Epidemiology
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CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE **Cambridge, MA**
City Manager's Opioid Working Group | April 2018 - July 2019

FENWAY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER **Cambridge, MA**
Harm Reduction Outreach Implementation | July 2019 - September, 2019

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, OFFICE OF HIV/AIDS **Boston, MA**
Harm Reduction eLMS Training Module | September, 2019

AIDS SUPPORT GROUP OF CAPE COD **Provincetown, MA**
HIV, HCV, STI Testing and Counseling | Carnival Week, 2019

CENTER FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION **Waltham, MA**
Video Series, Safer Overdose Response During Covid19 | April—September, 2020

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PRESENTATIONS

HARM REDUCTION 101 | Ongoing

Cambridge Multi-Service Center, Fenway Health, Simmons School of Social Work, Northeastern University, Boston University School of Public Health, Cambridge Police Department, NAMI Massachusetts State Conference 2019

SKILLS FOR WORKING ALONGSIDE PEOPLE WHO USE DRUGS | Ongoing

Cambridge Multi-Service Center, Fenway Health, Simmons School of Social Work, Bureau of Substance Addiction Recovery Home Certification

UNDERSTANDING YOUR OPTIONS: PREGNANT OPIOID USERS AND THEIR ALLIES | Oct 2016

Harvard School of Public Health

HARM REDUCTION INFORMATION SESSION | May 2016

Massachusetts State Senate Informational Hearing

INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC, EXPERT TESTIMONY | Oct, 2015

Massachusetts State Senate Joint Committees on Public Health & Substance Use and Social Welfare

PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL OF GLOBAL HEALTH | April 2015

Sex Work and the Law in South Africa, Sweden, and New Zealand: an evidence-based argument for decriminalization

<http://www.ghjournal.org/sex-work-and-the-law-in-south-africa-sweden-and-new-zealand-an-evidence-based-argument-for-decriminalization/>

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EMPLOYMENT

FACENTE CONSULTING

Senior Consultant | October 2020—

San Francisco Bay Area

- Take a lead role in the implementation of multiple projects of varying sizes and topics, with a focus on projects related to HIV, hepatitis C, and harm reduction
- Work closely with community partners to improve or pilot services that benefit members of the community who have been most underserved and disenfranchised by health, legal, and other systems (i.e., Black/African Americans, Latinx folks, trans and gender non-conforming people, people who use drugs, and undocumented immigrants)
- Conduct quantitative and qualitative research, including instrument design, data collection, analysis, and report writing (e.g., literature reviews, key informant interviews, focus groups, surveys, epidemiologic data analysis)
- Manage, analyze, and use quantitative data to tell a story and inform program or policy decisions
- Support the implementation of strategic planning and program evaluation projects, including designing and facilitating meetings, preparing materials, and writing reports
- Manage projects "end-to-end" as well as providing ad hoc project support
- Modify and negotiate changes in project scope or direction based on strategic considerations
- Engage collaboratively and maintain communication with project stakeholders
- Develop and maintain positive working relationships with coworkers, clients, and potential clients
- Apply health equity principles and a racial justice lens in project implementation

EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Technical Advisor, Post-Overdose Support Teams | Dec 2019 - Sept 2020

Waltham, MA

- Developed best practices for post-overdose follow-up interventions
- Used data from state-wide needs assessment to inform trainings
- Provided technical support and troubleshooting to grantees
- Facilitated communication between harm reduction programs in the state
- Created presentation to encourage new communities to join cohort
- Co-facilitated monthly phone calls with first responders and harm reduction programs
- Created best practice guidelines for conducting post-overdose follow-up during COVID19

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FENWAY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER/AIDS ACTION

Cambridge, MA

Director | Drug User Health Programs | Nov 2017 - July, 2019

Associate Director | Drug User Health Programs | May 2017 - Nov 2017

Manager | Needle Exchange & Overdose Prevention | Nov 2014 - May 2017

- Managed syringe exchange, overdose prevention services, two drop-in centers, HIV/HCV/STI testing and education, mobile outreach in Cambridge, Boston and surrounding cities
- Orchestrated federal, state, and private grant proposals and reports
- Supervised staff, interns, and volunteers
- Oversaw QA and managed client records
- Utilized epidemiological data to inform outreach and program planning
- Liaised with state laboratory and department of public health
- Oversaw development and implementation of mobile outreach program
- Interfaced with funders, public officials, and media
- Managed laboratory for phlebotomy, rapid testing, and wound care
- Provided technical assistance to city and state officials, medical professionals, students, and new syringe exchange providers in the state
- Conducted overdose prevention train-the-trainer sessions
- Worked in conjunction with program members to form a community advisory board and restorative justice guidelines
- Participated in Cambridge Opioid Working Group, EndHepCMA Coalition, Massachusetts Opioid Addiction Prevention Collaborative, and MA4SCS
- Used trauma-informed framework to conduct person-centered counseling
- Responded to client crises including overdoses, physical altercations, mental health emergencies, and suicidal ideation using a trauma-informed framework.
- Campaigned for Massachusetts for Supervised Consumption Sites Campaign (Aubri's Law)

NATIONAL ABORTION FEDERATION

Washington, DC

Case Manager | March 2011 - July 2012

Assistant Case Manager | November 2010 - March 2011

Hotline Operator | March 2010 - November 2011

- Case Manager for women who qualified for subsidized abortion services.
- Provided abortion counseling, financial counseling, crisis counseling, and suicide prevention.
- Represented over thirty member clinics and coordinated daily exchange of funds.
- Cultivated relationships with national funds and local organizations.
- Trained and supervised hotline operators.
- Assisted in administrative tasks, trainings, database management, and hotline management.
- Held a caseload of up to fifty clients at a time.

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RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

KENYA FIELD PRACTICUM IN GLOBAL HEALTH

Kimana, Kenya

Research Assistant | June - July 2013

- Conducted literature review to assess health infrastructure and set study objectives
- Collaborated with team to design survey on household health interventions
- Calculated sample size, mapped location of communities, and delegated daily itineraries for 14 data collection groups as member of logistics team
- Administered household survey to seventy members of local Masai tribe
- Entered data using CSpro and analyzed data using EpiInfo statistical software
- Collaborated on report, *An Evaluation of Community Health Workers' Promotion of Household Level Interventions in Rombo, Entonnet, and Central Divisions in Loitokitok District, Kenya*
- Presented findings with implementable recommendations to community and Ministry of Health

HIPS

Washington, DC

Volunteer Outreach Worker and Proposal Writer | August 2010 - August 2012

- Conducted overnight, mobile harm reduction outreach with sex workers and drug users.
- Provided trauma-informed peer counseling
- Provided education on HIV, HCV, and STI prevention
- Collected data and contributed to grant-writing efforts.
- Organized a three-day benefit conference and event that raised \$9000.

VISIONS IN FEMINISM CONFERENCE: *Feminists Confront State Violence*

Washington, DC

Collective Member | November 2008 – April 2010

- Managed hospitality and logistics for presenters from ten organizations
- Assisted in outreach, community mobilization and grassroots fundraising
- Organized itinerary for keynote speaker Andrea Smith, cofounder of Incite! Women of Color against Violence

VISITOR'S SERVICE CENTER

Washington, DC

Case Management Intern | August 2008 - November 2009

- Visited incarcerated individuals in Central Detention Facility to provide legal information and documents, re-entry counseling, and general client advocacy.
- Facilitated community reunification by helping individuals communicate with families.
- Connected over one hundred clients with lawyers and healthcare providers.
- Created and maintained libraries on all 18 units of the jail.