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EDUCATION

Eastern Virginia Medical School, Norfolk, Virginia

Master of Public Health with a concentration in Global Environmental Health

May 2018

Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia

Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences with a Minor in Public Health

December 2015

Relevant Courses: Health Management & Policy, Statistical Reasoning/Biostatistics, Principles of Public Health, Epidemiology, Environmental Health Law & Policy, Risk Assessment & Decision Analysis, Social and Behavioral Sciences for Public Health, and Communicable Diseases & Their Control

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Virginia State University

Program Manager, Wright Regional Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences & VSU Honors College May 2024-Present

- Serves as the point of contact and liaison for Virginia State University (VSU) trainees and investigators with the Wright Regional Center for Clinical & Translational Sciences.
- Provides information and coordination of training programs to VSU undergraduate and graduate students.
- Assists faculty in connecting to Wright Center resources, including the different cores and research staff.
- Manages & coordinates pre-health initiatives for VSU's Honors College TROYALS Medical Scholars living learning community.
- Develops and implements assessment activities for the Honors College programs.
- Serves as the point of contact & liaison for the VSU undergraduate students with the VCU Massey Cancer Center visits and research programs/internships.
- Manages reporting and grant deliverables for the PAR-21-293 Clinical and Translational Science Award for VSU as a partner institution to the Wright Regional Center's NIH grant.
- Creates and implements training and outreach activities for undergraduate students with a clinical and translational science focus.
- Adjunct Professor for Center of Academic Excellence at VSU

Virginia Department of Health, Suffolk, VA

District Health Emergency Coordinator

June 2021-May 2024

- Served as district coordinator for All-Hazards Public Health Emergency Preparedness activities, including ensuring all jurisdictions (City of Franklin, City of Suffolk, Isle of Wight County, and Southampton County) develop and maintain up-to-date plans for response to bioterrorism, infectious disease outbreaks, and other public health emergencies.

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- Coordinated receipt and distribution of the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) supplies. Ensured state and regional guidelines are incorporated into district planning for the receipt of SNS inventory.
- Successfully implemented & led efforts to secure re-accreditation of Western Tidewater Health District through the National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) Project Public Health Ready (PPHR) recognition program for 2024-2028.
- Researched, developed, and maintained expertise in Public Health Needs assessment through Community Health Assessments & Health Improvement Plans, Hazard Vulnerability Assessments, and Emergency Preparedness Training Needs Assessment. Conducted exercises and training that align with the Project Public Health Ready measures.
- Actively collaborated with Public Health Emergency Preparedness team & community stakeholders to strategically develop health emergency communications & programs. Serves as the Everbridge Mass Notification System Group Manager for the health district.
- Managed various databases and health informatic systems in response to public health emergencies such as Virginia Healthcare and Alert Status System, CDC Inventory Management and Tracking System, Vaccine Management Exchange (VAXMAX), Virginia Immunization Information System (VIIS), REDCap, Tableau, and the STARS Radio system.
- Exercised emergency response plans through annual flu exercises which test mass prophylaxis capabilities, and various table-top exercises (water contamination, continuity of operations, food-borne Illness outbreak, and infectious diseases) with community partners throughout the health district.
- Managed and coordinated Population Health outreach initiatives and events for all 4 health departments in the health district. This includes but is not limited to immunizations, COVID-19 testing, health education & promotion, and special medical needs services.
- Created and managed media platforms for the health district such as Facebook, Western Tidewater Health District website, outreach flyers, and billboard campaigns.
- Provided oversight and direction to the health district's Emergency Preparedness and Response (EP&R) Department which consisted of 324 Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers and a MRC Coordinator.

Virginia Department of Health, Lynchburg, VA

District Health Emergency Coordinator

November 2018-June 2021

- Served as district coordinator for All-Hazards Public Health Emergency Preparedness activities, including ensuring all jurisdictions (Appomattox, Amherst, Bedford, Campbell counties and City of Lynchburg) developed and maintained up-to-date plans for response to bioterrorism, infectious disease outbreaks, and other public health emergencies.
- Coordinated receipt and distribution of the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) supplies. Ensured state and regional guidelines are incorporated into district planning for the receipt of SNS inventory.
- Researched, developed, and maintained expertise in public health needs assessment through Hazard Vulnerability Assessments and Emergency Preparedness Training Needs Assessment. Conducted exercises and trainings that aligned with the Project Public Health Ready measures.

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- Actively collaborated with Public Health Emergency Preparedness team to strategically develop emergency communications. Served as the Everbridge Mass Notification System Group Manager for the health district.
- Served as the Safety Officer; assisted with Security Site Assessments, updated Building Evacuation Maps, created Emergency guides, and developed emergency preparedness training for 90-95 employees.
- Managed various methods of communication and inventory in response to public health emergencies such as Virginia Healthcare and Alert Status System, CDC Inventory Management and Tracking System, and STARS Radio system.
- Exercised emergency response plans through annual flu exercises which test mass prophylaxis capabilities, and various table-top exercises (water contamination, continuity of operations, food-borne Illness outbreak, and infectious diseases) with community partners throughout the health district.
- Collaborated with Public Health Nurses to prepare and present materials at Community Outreach Events (Senior Health Day, annual flu clinics, health fairs, etc.) that educate participants on public health and emergency preparedness; coordinated COVID-19 testing & point prevalence surveys within the community.
- Avidly worked with Pharmacy Partners to coordinate COVID-19 vaccination orders, receipt/storage of vaccine, CDC Agreement/MOA verification to ensure vaccinations are equitably dispensed to the community.
- Served as the health district's Fit-Tester and Trainer for the Respiratory Protection Program.
- Supervised 4 Contact Tracers and 2 Case Investigators to support the district's epidemiological response to COVID-19; assigned case & contact investigations; reviewed and approved timesheets; collaborated with Nurse Manager to create thorough and engaging training plans for each position.

Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA

Emergency Management & Preparedness Intern

September 2017-May 2018

- Created Mass Prophylaxis Closed Point of Dispensing Plan for Student Health Services
- Drafted Public Health Incident Annex for the ODU Emergency Action and Continuity Plan
- Completed FEMA 100, 200, 700, and 800 National Incident Management System (NIMS) training
- Attended Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) annual meetings on behalf of ODU
- Assisted in planning and creating materials for participates at ODU's Operation Alfriend Tabletop Exercise

Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA

Assistant Hall Director, University Village & Nusbaum Apartments

July 2016-May 2018

- Supervised, trained, and evaluated the performance of a staff of 21 undergraduate Resident Assistants and 4 undergraduate Desk Receptionists
- Managed housekeeping and maintenance issues for 2 apartment complexes consisting of 950 residents
- Provided on-call crisis response for approximately 4,500 students living on campus

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- Coordinated check-in, check-out, room change processes, and conducted key audits as necessary throughout the year
- Charged, adjudicated, and applied appropriate sanctions for campus disciplinary hearings
- Served as a Front Desk Manager and Residence Hall Association Advisor (RHA) for Community Councils

Virginia Cooperative Extension, Emporia, VA

May 2016–July 2016

4-H Youth Development Intern

- Worked with Unit Extension Agents to coordinate and implement program events/activities such as the Eat Smart, Move More Virginia at the Farmer's Market, Community Youth Center Therapeutic Garden, and 4-H Youth Summer Camp
- Participated in meetings where local issues are identified and prioritized such as youth development initiatives and promotion of physical activity and nutrition among different age groups which program results/plans were discussed
- Assisted in preparations for planned events and activities by gathering information, assembling materials, contacting participants, and soliciting support from external sources. As appropriate, conducted the teaching, training, or other program presentations such 4-H Summer Camp Counselor training, 4-H Camp Parent Night and Eat Smart, Move More Virginia.

Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA

Health Promotion Intern

August 2015–December 2015

- Accurately and precisely interpreted results from Health questionnaires (Sexual Health, Alcohol/Drug Awareness, Wellness, and Nutrition programs) given to students and developed Excel spreadsheets for data records.
- Assisted in planning and implementing interactive programs that educated from the five dimensions of wellness such as Health Promotion Bingo, Fuel your Finals, and the Monarch Wellness Color Run
- Promptly completed health-related tasks in a timely and efficient manner such as data spreadsheets, forming health questionnaires for post-assessment of programs, and assisted with Peer Health educator interviews.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

The North Face Outlet, Norfolk, VA

Sales Associate

June 2017–March 2018

- Arranged new merchandise with signage and appealing displays that encouraged customer sales and reduction of overstock items.
- Delivered excellent customer service with floor sales and assisted customers with purchases.
- Accurately completed cash register transactions & answered the phone in a professional manner.

Family YMCA of Emporia/Greenville, Emporia, VA

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Lead Youth Counselor

June 2011-May 2016

- Supervised 3-4 staff members while assisting and teaching 40-50 children the core values of leadership
- Provided a positive and interactive environment for fellow staff and school-age campers
- Planned academic based curriculum activities for ages ranging 5 to 12
- Created and planned a Parent Night along with a visual picture slideshow

Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA

Resident Assistant

August 2014-December 2015

- Facilitated social, academic, and personal adjustment of 296 students through interactive and educational programming within the residence hall
- Provided positive mentorship through civility and leadership to 40-50 residents and 10 fellow staff members
- Developed a sense of community and engagement among residents as members of a shared floor, residents of a hall, and active participants in residence life initiatives.

Pemberton's Dental Office, Richmond, VA

Dental Clinic Student Worker

Spring 2010-June 2011

- Sterilized oral instruments and sanitized dental rooms
- Seated and dismissed dental patients in a professional manner

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Early Childhood Western Tidewater, Western Tidewater, VA

Board of Directors, Member

July 2023-Present

- Effectively implements budgeting processes to facilitate greater financial competency and grant funding profitability for the organization.
- Serves as a convener and coalition builder for collaboration amongst various agencies and organizations that impact local early childhood development.
- Coordinates and assists with early childhood initiatives such as training workshops, community outreach events, and researching funding opportunities.

Franklin City Public Schools, Franklin, VA

School Board Member, Ward 5

July 2022-May 2024

- Creates & implements SMART goals, determines policies, provides oversight to the superintendent, and manages the budget for the school district.
- Ensures the school district is responsive to the values, beliefs, and priorities of the community.

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- Serves as an advocate for an inclusive & quality public education as well as a community liaison to Ward 5 and the public.

CERTIFICATIONS/TRAINING

IS-100.b (September 2017-present)

IS-120.c (December 2018-present)

IS-139.a (December 2018-present)

IS-200.b (September 2018-present)

IS-300 (April 2019-present)

IS-400 (December 2019-present)

IS700.b (September 2018-present)

IS-800.c (September 2018-present)

Basic Disaster Life Support (BDLS) certification (February 2019-present)

HHS empower Program certification (April 2019-present)

DHRM – Road to Cultural Competency Training (July 2021)

MVP HR Policy & Law - Fundamentals of EEO Law (November 2021)

VDH Basic Level Public Health Preparedness Certificate (July 2021-present)

Certified Healthcare Emergency Coordinator Level II (February 2024-present)

