Vani Karun IT Program Manager

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE:

- A thoughtful servant leader in leading and supporting teams to deliver quality products for business and IT stakeholders
- Plan and execute multiple capital and operational projects simultaneously
- Experience in managing projects for both agile, non-agile, and hybrid methodology teams.
- Assist IT managers and product owners to create roadmaps to align with enterprise goals.

- Certified as Scrum Master and Product Owner
- Believe in continuous learning to be productive
- Motivate teams through autonomy and empathy
- Serve a non-profit organization, The Food Group as a member of Board of Directors to alleviate hunger in the community

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Medica

Program Manager

Oct 2021 - Present

- Oversee IT operations, infrastructure, and Risk projects to ensure prioritization aligns with organization goals.
- Program governance and maintenance throughout the program lifecycle.
- Assists scrum masters / Project managers and Product owners to follow demand and project management processes and coordinate interdependencies for project deliverables.
- Host leadership meetings to communicate program implementation status reports.
- Create and review Service Now dashboards with leadership to share status on budget and resources.

Medica

Project Manager/Scrum Master

June 2018 - Sep 2021

- Managing the migration of ServiceNow platform by working with the business stakeholders and
 IT teams to define and prioritize user stories for building and deploying in 2-week sprints
- Leading the integration of a paging & alerting tool (X-Matters) with ServiceNow by collaborating with vendors and keeping track of project milestones for meeting the go-live deadline
- Acting as the project manager for a company initiative to reduce the vended monitoring products and replace them with in-house tools by facilitating the meetings and tracking progress

- Managing an IT modernization project to implement high-availability of monitoring tools by defining accurate project scope, timeline, cost, and resource plans in ServiceNow to reflect current state
- Supporting teams on their continual efforts to maintain robust IT platforms by assigning upgrade efforts to sprints and communicating the changes to IT release manager
- Managing projects for multiple IT teams simultaneously to deliver business-critical applications and products.
- Utilize Agile and Scrum methodologies to ensure teams are successful in delivering projects and requests
- Reporting project status weekly to ensure team's progress is communicated to stakeholders and executives
- Creating and presenting IT metrics to executives for awareness on success rates of business and IT applications; to identify opportunities to improve performance and to make decisions on new initiatives.

Medica March 2018 – Dec 2019

Business Analyst

- Acted as a liaison between business teams and technology teams.
- Performed business analysis and defined business requirements.
- Looked for opportunities to improve processes and aided collaboration between multiple teams to develop, test, and deploy features.
- Coordinated business testing for approval to move software applications to production.
- Diligently worked with various business owners to fulfill business needs.

Blue Cross Blue Shield IT Project Coordinator

August 2017 – Dec 2017

- Facilitated meetings, took minutes, created action items, and tracked progress.
- Updated project documents and closed action items on SharePoint.
- Maintained action items log and weekly metrics using Excel.
- Maintained Risks and Issues log.
- Created detailed project plans using MS Project.
- Created organization charts on Visio.
- Created power point presentations for executive meetings.
- Updated project status and distributed to executives.
- Scheduled meetings and booked resources on Outlook.

York Solutions

Project Manager Trainee

May 2017 - August 2017

- Trained in agile and waterfall project management methodologies.
- Performed database management in Bullhorn (Staffing Management Application).
- Prescreened potential candidates for projects.

Park Nicollet Health Services Service Center Representative

Sep 2016 – May 2017

- Managed and responded to incoming calls through scheduling and phone messaging.
- Assessed patient symptoms and identified solutions for those in need of critical care.
- Generated and prepared confidential patient paperwork.
- Followed HIPAA guidelines to maintain patient confidentiality.
- Supported ongoing process improvement and organizational/department changes.

Venice Family Clinic

Patient Referral Associate

Sep 2015 - May 2016

- Facilitated communication between Venice Family Clinic, their patients, and partner medical specialists.
- Ensured referrals were processed, approved, and completed.
- Called specialist offices to request a consultation and/or test results.
- Followed up with patients who have not scheduled their specialty appointments and documented outcome.

EDUCATION:

Master's in Healthcare Management, GPA 3.93

California State University, Los Angeles, CA

Master's in science - Biochemistry, GPA 3.89

University of Madras, Chennai, India

Certificate in Financial Accounting

Harvard Business School Online

Certifications

- Scrum Master Certified
- Scrum Certified Product Owner

Awards & Honors

Special Recognition in Graduate Studies in Healthcare Management Outstanding Student Award in Biochemistry BETA GAMMA SIGMA member PHI KAPPA PHI member