Work Experience in Public Administration, Community Health Administration, Social Services / Criminal Justice Program Management, Project Management and Community Development and Senior Executive Nonprofit Management.

Dynamic and results oriented leadership with nearly 20 years of progressively responsible management experiences within , social services, community health, criminal justice and community development organizations.

**Career Experiences:**

**Albany Park Community Center**

**1945 West Wilson, Suite 300**

**Chicago, Il 60640**

[**rwalker@apcc-chgo.org**](mailto:rwalker@apcc-chgo.org)

**773-433-3270 Office**

**October 2010 – Present**

**Executive Director: (October 2014) – (Promoted to present position)**

**Assigned to Interim CEO from Chief Operations Officer: (July 2014)**

Senior Executive of a 7 million dollar non- for – profit that provides childcare, adult education, workforce development, counseling, housing , community violence prevention and small business development programs in the Albany Park community on the northwest side of Chicago. APCC has about 160 employees and a mixture of governmental funding and private foundation support. As Executive Director I have 7 direct reports and I report to the Board of Directors.

**Promoted to Chief Operations Officers from Director of Social Services: (March 2014)**

Reporting to the CEO, COO works closely with the leadership team to provide direction, support and management of various programs and operational functions of the Albany Park Community Center. Programs include, Adult Education, child Care, Work force, Community Development, Housing, counseling and Business Development. Program development, management and evaluation human resources, Facilities management, and employee supervision – five direct senior level reports. Fiscal management of a 7 million dollar budget and 160 employees’

**Director of Social Services**

**Community Violence Prevention Programs – October 2010**

Responsible for the overall management and implementation of a $1,225,000 NRI – Neighborhood Recovery Initiative Violence Prevention program, Safety Net Works Youth Violence Prevention Program ($250,000) and Cease Fire Violence Prevention programs ($80,000). The Neighborhood Recovery Initiative is a collaboration of 8 agencies within the Albany Park Community which provides comprehensive services such as: Mentoring – Plus Jobs – a summer youth jobs program, PLAN – A summer Parent Leadership program, School Base Counseling – a in house Chicago Public School counseling program (Trauma – CBITS Model) and Reentry Case Management Services – for at- risk reentry youth between the ages of 14yrs – 24yrs. I also managed the subcontracts between the lead agency – Albany Park Community Center and eight community-based service organizations that work in partnership to implement the violence prevention programs. I supervised 5 direct reports and I am responsible for all budgetary management, vouchering and resource development (grant & proposal writing for additional funding). I also manage a community advisory violence prevention council and all program implementation for all violence prevention programs in the Albany Park community.

**North River Commission**

**Executive Director**

**3403 West Lawrence Avenue, Suite 201**

**Chicago, Il 60625**

**rwalker@northrivercommission.org**

**Jan 2010 – October 2010**

Responsible for 48th year old community based- organization founded in 1962 by concern residents and neighborhood institutions within the Albany Park community on the North West side of Chicago. Provide leadership and guidance to continue NRC’s legacy of leveraging over $350 million in economic investment and creating or retaining 3,500 jobs through the work of Lawrence Avenue Development Corporation and the Albany Park Chamber of Commerce, as well as packaging renovations or construction of 1,800 affordable housing units through the North River Housing Development Corporation. Supervise a small staff of direct reports and managed the agency operational budget. Engage community Board of Director’s in agency financial planning and fundraising. Manage an agency operational budget of $500,000 and create and manage agency fundraising program which includes grant writing, special event management and securing state and federal grants. Program oversights include education, small business development, art & cultural and the creation of affordable housing within the North river community.

**Teamwork Englewood**

**815 West 63rd Street**

**2nd Floor**

**Chicago, Illinois 60621**

**Executive Director**

**September 2007 – December 2009**

I severed as Executive Director of Teamwork Englewood a community-based non-for-profit organization founded in 2003.Reported to a community Board of Directors and I was responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the organization which included, fundraising, fiscal oversight, human resources and program development. Teamwork Englewood is a New Communities Program lead agency, which is a ten year initiative created by the Local Initiatives Supportive Corporation (LISC) that aims to assist selected community-based organizations in rebuilding their neighborhoods through a bottom – up, comprehensive community building effort. I was responsible for developing partnerships, program implementation, organizational capacity building and financial budgets, community capacity building and developing cooperative arrangements with community organizations. I also completed detail reports for the board of directors and external funders as well. The organization had a staff of 8 personnel and an operating budget of $800,000 dollars. I created and managed agency fundraising programs which included, special events management, securing state and federal grants. Program oversight included health & fitness, sports, affordable new home development and education.

**Illinois Health Connect (Medicaid)**

**Automated Health Systems**

**1375 East Wood field Road**

**Suite 600**

**Schaumburg, Ill 60173**

**Project Manager**

**August 2006 – September 2007**

Illinois Health Connect, A statewide Medicaid primary care case management program for 1.7 million Medicaid patients. Managed the implementation of several program departments such; client services, medical services and outreach in local DHS offices statewide. I operated a six day a week call center operations and community outreach education program within 102 counties statewide working in partnership with DHS and HFS. The implementation included hiring over 200 hundred staff, a Medical Director, Quality Nurse Managers, Call Center Manager and 100 Customer Service staff members, along with 52 Outreach and Education workers employed within the local DHS offices in 52 communities throughout the State of Illinois. I prepared monthly data reporting tools for the State of Illinois’ HFS Medical Division senior staff. Work on several key subs – committee groups which focused on the quality of patient care for the Medicaid patients of the State of Illinois. I also worked very closely with privately owned managed –care insurance companies and medical associations throughout the State of Illinois to improve the health care service delivery system for Medicaid patients.

**Access Community Health Network**

**Director of Practice Management**

**1501 South California Avenue**

**Chicago, Illinois 60608**

**Director of Practice Management / Interim Chief Operations Officer**

**January 2000 – August 2006**

**Promoted to this position from Director of Social Services**

Served as Interim COO from August 2004 through July 2005, returned to duties as a Practice Director for 15 Community Health Centers with overall operational duties which included, profit & loss monitoring, human resources, day to day clinical operations, social marketing and program management of grant funded public health projects. I was responsible for an $18 million dollar operational budget. Exceeded budgeted expectations and closed out three fiscal years with a budget surplus. Health Center operations included sites in Cook County and Du Page County.

**Director of Social Services**

Provided project management of public / private grants funded programs. Day to day direct project management of social service programs in order to reach grant deliverables in all agencies’ grant funded programs which included over 10 different grants totaling over $5 million dollars’ worth of funding. Programs included HIV/AIDS Prevention, Treatment and Outreach, Healthy Start Child Maternal Health, Deaf Access, Behavioral Health, Substance Abuse, Senior Wellness, and Tattoo Removal Services. Social marketing outreach was also a large part of my work along with serving on internal agency’s task forces such as, CQI, Program Planning committees and the Ethics Committee.

**Religious and Faith Base Professional Ministry Experiences**

1. Greater Open Door Missionary Baptist Church of Chicago

Associate Pastor

1985 – 1994

2. Berea Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill

Asst. Pastor

1989 – 1999

3. York Field Presbyterian Church of Elmhurst, Ill

Youth Pastor

1989 – 1999

4. Greater Englewood Parish United Methodist Church

Associate Pastor

1999-2005

5. Burnside Community Baptist Church

Associate Pastor

2005 – 2009

6. Grace Calvary United Methodist Church

Senior Pastor – Appointed Since August 9th, 2009 - Present

Grace Calvary currently operates a Cook County Juvenile

Court Probation Mentoring program for youth whom are currently on Juvenile

Probation, and a Summer Youth Free Summer Lunch Program and several others

Community focused ministries; such as, Operation Change Chicago, Spanish as a

Second Language courses. The congregation has an active membership of 100.

**Education:**

1. Chicago State University

B.A. Political Science

1990

1. Chicago Theological Seminary

Master of Divinity, M. DIV

1997

1. Northern Seminary: Doctors of Ministry - Christian

Community Development – D.MIN

2016

**Community Service:**

Chicago Asthma Consortium Advisory Board Member – 2014 – Present

Awards and Community Honors

1. Kenilworth Union Church – Urban Scholar Award 1997
2. Afrique Community Service Award – 1999
3. Blacks in Development Award – 1999
4. Samaritan Housing Services, INC – Good Sheppard Award 2000
5. Victim Services Award , Cook County State Attorney Office -2009
6. Bureau of Prison US Office of Probation and Pre-Trail Services-2009
7. Teamwork Englewood Community Service Award – 2009
8. Northern Illinois Conference – The United Methodist Church – Peace With Justice Award 2014 – Ministry of The Year
9. Voice for Illinois Children – Child Worker of the Year – Northern Illinois Conference of The United Methodist Church - 2014
10. Vanguard Award – State of Illinois – 2016

**Medical Mission Trips Organized:**

I have lead several medical mission trips to provide direct medical services to individuals in developing counties whom lacked personal resource to afford healthcare. I have organized volunteer medical providers and collected donated medical supplies which were used in providing direct care to individuals in developing countries around the world; such as, Ghana, Haiti, Philippines, Kenya, South Korea, Mexico, and the Dominican Republic.