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Administrator, Macon-Bibb County Health Department North Central Health District, Georgia Department of Public Health

Transformative public health leader with extensive experience in academia and public health practice

A consummate professional with exceptional experiences in the areas of general family medicine, public health policy and administration (federal, district, and local level), minority health, and health equity issues. Known for forging strong community partnerships and initiating high-quality programs and services. Possesses a solutions-oriented and engaging spirit, yielding measurable returns on investment. Instrumental in constructively leveraging community resources and optimizing organizational operating structure. Strong advocacy skills in representing the organization's interests in policy discussions at the local, regional, and national levels.

CORE PROFICIENCIES

Strategic Partnership Development | Program Management | Budget Monitoring & Cost Control | Community Engagement
| Regional Collaboration | Academic Health Department Engagement |
Operational Excellence | Team Guidance & Leadership | Performance Monitoring

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Macon-Bibb County Health Department, Macon, GA
Administrator**

01/2021 to Present

Responsible for the strategic planning, direction, and implementation of public health practice in Macon-Bibb County, Georgia, including the administration of all legal obligations and managerial functions; additionally serves as the liaison to the Bibb County Board of Health, is responsible for all fiscal matters, and assumes responsibility for all health department initiatives.

- Earned recognition by the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as a Healthy People 2030 Champion, in April 2023. Our county health department is the first in Georgia to demonstrate a commitment to helping achieve the Healthy People 2030 vision of a society in which all people can achieve their full potential for health and well-being across the lifespan.
- Developed vision and 5- year strategic goals in consultation with Macon-Bibb County Board of Health
- Substantially increased public health service delivery during and post Covid-19 to providing an average of 1,000 clinical services/month
- Established an Academic Health Department in collaboration with Mercer University, College of Health Professions.
- Initiated a Vision Clinic (quarterly) in partnership with a local optometrist and Prevent Blindness Georgia to serve uninsured adults in Macon-Bibb County. This partnership further provides retinal imaging for all regardless of insurance status.
- Initiated the first CDC Diabetes Prevention Program within the thirteen counties of the North Central Health District and completed the first cohort.
- Heightened visibility and engagement with Macon-Bibb County traditional and nontraditional partners using a Public Health 3.0 model of "Chief Health Strategist" engagement while providing leadership to a team with sixty members.
- Successful annual audits (FY21, FY22, and FY23) with no financial finding.

**Senior Deputy of Health Science, Chronic Disease Prevention Section
Georgia Department of Public Health, Atlanta, GA**

01/2019 to 12/2020

Responsible for designing, overseeing, implementing, and conducting major scientific surveys/studies or projects to identify and solve public health problems within the purview of the Chronic Disease Prevention. Additionally, applied health science expertise to the design, development, and conduct of surveillance and research into the incidence, causes, and risk factors for related to chronic conditions while managing the Office of Health Science, inclusive of the evaluation team.

Safe School, Health Students Coordinator
Bibb County Public School District, Macon, GA

12/2006- 03/2009

Responsible for managing and closing out a federally funded, integrated, comprehensive strategic processes that addressed barriers and promoted achievement in twenty-eight elementary, middle, and high schools whose populations exhibited high rates of poverty.

Deputy Director of Clinical Services
Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness, Atlanta, GA

03/2005 – 08/2006

Responsible for engaging and empowering the clinical staff of eleven community-based public health centers at the largest local public health agency in Georgia.

- Provided oversight for a staff of over 350 for across the six departments: Nursing Administration, Employee Health, Nutrition/WIC, Oral Health, Health Education, and Communicable Disease
- Successfully managed a budget of twenty-nine million dollars (29M) across two fiscal years (County and State) that was initially twenty-seven million dollars (27M)
- Developed public/private partnerships to improve healthcare for the underserved, uninsured, and under-insured.

Health Services Program Supervisor
Macon-Bibb County Health Department, Macon, GA

11/2002 – 03/2005

Responsible for measuring the effectiveness of health department programs; building sustainable community partnerships with other health departments, physicians, schools, and agencies to provide continuity of care and training for students and personnel; developing grant proposals; coordinating public relations for the department, providing pharmacy oversight, and managing the Office of Health Education.

Special Assistant to the U.S. Assistant Secretary for Health and 16th US Surgeon General (ASH/SG)
Association of Teachers of Preventative Medicine (Cooperative Agreement), Washington, DC

08/1998 – 11/2000

Served as an advisor on public health matters and liaison among the ten offices in the Office of Public Health and Science, represented the ASH/SG at internal and external meetings and conferences; drafted and participated in the development of congressional testimony; monitored state legislative activities related to racial and ethnic health disparities; provided technical assistance to United States House and Senate members and their staff on Senate Bill 1880, the "Minority Health and Health Disparities Research and Education Act of 2000"; coordinated logistical support while traveling with the ASH/SG; and explored the development of public/private partnerships to advance the evolving priorities of the Office of Public Health and Science.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Mercer University, College of Health Professions
Adjunct Professor, Mercer University School of Medicine

08/2012 to present

08/2010 to 08/2012

Responsible for providing evidence-based instruction for undergraduate (BSPH) students from 2012-2018, master's level (MPH) students since 2010, and Doctoral level (DrPH) students since 2023, in public health administration and management, internship experience, environmental health, health behaviors, health equity, and health programming.

- Served as Co-chair for the Workforce Development and Service committee
- Serves as the Chronic Disease Prevention Manager for the Georgia Department of Public Health, North Central Health District through the formation of the first Academic Health Department (AHD) in Georgia, 2012-2018
- Served as Orientation Course Instructor and Advisor for undergraduate public health majors.

Argosy University-Atlanta, College of Health Sciences Master of Public Health Program
Professor of Practice

02/2011-12/2013

Responsible for developing the Health Sciences programs (i.e. - Master of Public Health and Health Services Management programs), facilitated three semester hour courses, reviewed all prospective student files, and conducted interviews as needed, trained, and updated Admissions representatives on programs, advised students, collaborated with the National MPH Chair, and performed administrative duties as required.

Atlanta Metropolitan College, Atlanta, GA
Adjunct Instructor

03/2010 – 12/2010

Responsible for providing the students with a deep understanding of the methods and theories for maintaining good physical health, safety in everyday living, and current critical health issues; encouraging students to use their computing skills to illustrate and solve problems; and to improve critical thinking abilities by performing analysis of concepts and problems, discussing possible solutions and deriving conclusions in a logical manner.

PROFESSIONAL / COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

American Public Health Association, 2014-present; CHPPD Section Councilor, 2015-2017; Council of Affiliates, 2019- present; Reion IV Rep. to Council of Affiliates, 2020-2022

Georgia Public Health Association, 2006, 2013- present; Health Education Section member and abstract reviewer, Section Chair, 2016-17; Affiliate Representative to Governing Council, 2019-22; Vice President, 2022-23; President-elect, 2023-24; President, 5/2024-5/2025

Public Health Accreditation Board Site Visitor, 2013- 2023; Site Visit Team Chair, 2017, 2018, 2020; Accreditation Committee, 2023-
American Evaluation Association, 2019-2021

Three Rivers Allied Health Education Center (AHEC) Board of Directors, 2004, 2012-2023; Chair 2023

Georgia Department of Public Health, Tobacco Use Prevention Program, Preventing Youth Initiation Workgroup, 2014- 2017

American Diabetes Association Diabetes Epidemic Action Council, 2003-2012

Grant Reviewer (HHS Office on Women's Health) - 2009, 2010, 2011; US Department of Education, 2023

Boy Scouts of America, Den Leader, 2010-2012; Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 170, 2012-2022; Advancement Chair, Scoutreach District, 2022- present; Troop 100 Troop Committee member, 2022- present

First Baptist Church, Macon, Georgia- Deacon / Bibb Mount Zion Church Men's Ministry

Mount de Sales Academy, Board of Trustees

100 Black Men of Macon/Middle Georgia

Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; Social Action Committee Chair, 2021-2023; Sire-Archon Elect, 2023; Sire Archon, 2023-2024

EDUCATION

Master of Public Health with a Concentration in Environmental Health

Fort Valley State University, Fort Valley, GA

Doctor of Medicine

Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

Southwest Georgia Family Medicine Residency Program, Albany, GA

Bachelor of Science; Major: Biology and Chemistry

Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, NC

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

American Public Health Association President's and Chair-elect Meeting, 2023
American Public Health Association Policy Action Institute, 2022
Middle Georgia Regional Commission Champions Program, 2022
Leadership Georgia, 2003; LGA Program Chair, 2004; Board of Trustees, 2005-2008

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Underwood, Tara L.; Smith, Jimmie H. Jr; and Sultan, Dawood H. (2020) "FitnessGram Assessment Results in Five Rural Counties of Georgia," Journal of the Georgia Public Health Association: Vol. 8: No. 1, Article 5. DOI: 10.20429/jgpha.2020.080105

Gaddis, Cheryl, Smith, Jimmie. (2016). A Central Georgia asthma prevalence assessment of school-age children and compliance with Senate Bill 472. Journal of Georgia Public Health Association 6(1):25. doi: 10.21633/jgpha.6.007

Paula Kamara, MPH, Brad Lian, PhD, Jimmie H. Smith, MD, MPH, and Judy McChargue, RN. Immunization policies for employees of childcare facilities within the North Central Health District of Georgia. Journal of the GPHA, Vol. 5, No. 1, summer 2015.

Turner, N. C., Chen, H. T., Harvey, D., Smith Jr, J., & Redding, K. C. (2014). A liaison-based academic health department in Georgia partnership for improving community health. Journal of Public Health Management and Practice, 20(3), E1-E5.

Health Equity Through Public Health Practice. Amerigroup 360 Virtual Health Summit. November 2023.

Using an academic health department framework to address challenges while providing applied learning experiences to promote public health workforce development. American Public Health Association Annual Assembly, 2023.

An Academic Health Department in Georgia: A Partnership Seeking to Improve Community Health. National Association of County and City Health Officials Conference. New Orleans, LA. July 2018

Public Health 3.0: Where does WIC fit in? GA Dept. of Public Health, North Central Health District, Lunch & Learn, December 2017

A Liaison-Based Academic Health Department in Georgia: A Partnership for Improving Community Health. American Public Health Association. November 2017.

Health Disparities.... Are we eliminating them or exacerbating them? Grand Rounds Lecture for Family Practice Residency Program, Macon, Georgia, 2017

Assessing Worksite Support for a Healthy Lifestyle. Macon Chamber of Commerce, Good Health Means Good Business Health and Wellness Forum, May 2017.

Public Health Research: When we dare to ask why...what if...and why not? GA Dept. of Public Health, North Central Health District, Lunch & Learn, April 2016

Academic Health Departments: A Liaison's Perspective on addressing Public Health infrastructure poster presentation. 2015 State of Public Health Conference. October 6, 2015.

Improving High School Students' Health through Community Partnerships. American Public Health Association. November 2015.

Workforce Immunization Policies for Daycare Employees within a Large Health District. American Public Health Association. November, 2015.

"The ACA and Health Education: Forging the Road Less Traveled", Georgia Society of Public Health Educators Fall Summit; Atlanta, GA, October 2015