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EDUCATION:

Master of Public Health- Community and Rural Health | 2020-2023

The University of Texas at Tyler Health Science Center, School of Health Professions, Tyler, TX

Bachelor of Public Health- Epidemiology and Biostatistics | 2017-2019

Tarleton State University, College of Health Sciences, Stephenville, TX

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Program Manager

04/2024-current

The University of Texas at Tyler Health Science Center- School of Health Professions, Tyler, TX

- Oversaw the Master of Public Health program operations
- Organized and managed student records while successfully maintaining FERPA compliance
- Assisted in planning and attending graduate recruitment events
- Compiled historic and current student records into a report for CEPH accreditation
- Developed course schedules and sequencing on a department level
- Prepared verbal communications with and for faculty, staff, and students

Research Coordinator I

02/2022-04/2024

The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston- School of Public Health, Tyler, TX

- Lead and managed the Solutions in Action Workshop across a multi-institutional, multi-geographical NIH funded grant
- Organized two Solutions in Action Workshops in Northeast Texas with 11 community organizations and over 30 participants in attendance
- Recruited and trained 13 community members to serve as Community Scientists in more than 10 researcher feedback sessions
- Assisted the evaluation component with collecting, analyzing, and displaying grant metrics and requested data for publications
- Successfully lead virtual meetings with community stakeholders, organizations, and researchers from various Texas regions
- Compiled annual grant metric data into a PowerPoint report for NIH-NCATS site visit
- Converted data from numbers to visually appealing infographics to display grant metrics for annual reports

Internship

04/2022-09/2022

Master of Public Health- The Health Science Center at The University of Texas at Tyler

Family Circle of Care, Tyler, TX

- Completed 135 hours in a public health setting to analyze the Social Determinants of Health in the rural East Texas region
- Participated in collecting 190 questionnaires from patients at the FCC clinic
- Focused on policy development within the clinic to establish a workflow to collect Social Determinants of Health data

Health Education Coordinator I

02/2020-02/2022

The Health Science Center at The University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, TX

Supervisor:

- Aided in grant writing initiatives with a 3-year expansion on the STOP CRC CPRIT grant
- Managed partnerships with multiple clinics and referral sites as the primary contact to coordinate patient eligibility and complete the intake process
- Served on a \$1.9 million dollar grant and coordinated outreach efforts educating over 15 counties in rural East Texas
- Provided health education, screening and outreach event planning and management to 19 counties

- Coordinated community outreach events with local organizations to increase community participation in cancer screenings
- Aided in budget preparation for grant expansion to increase program reach to 36 counties where the expansion was granted August 2022

Internship- Research and Data Analyst

08/2019-12/2019

My Health, My Resources, Fort Worth, TX

Supervisor:

- Completed 70 hours in a mental health setting to input data and configure health behavior patterns

Internship- West Nile Surveillance

05/2019-09/2019

The University of North Texas Health Science Center, Fort Worth, TX

Supervisor:

- Maintained partnership with Code Compliance of Fort Worth to gather and set mosquito trapping equipment
- Collected and submitted mosquito specimens at 12 sites to be evaluated for West Nile virus in the Dallas-Fort Worth area

COMMITTEES SERVED AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:

American Cancer Society Volunteer Leadership Council of Smith County

08/2020-Current

Public Health Intern- Intern2Learn Program

12/2018-05/2019

- Department of Medical Lab Sciences at Tarleton State University
 - Lead TSU Public Health program recruitment efforts
 - Assisted in the formation of the Public Health Student Association

Public Health Ambassador- Leadership Program

07/2018-12/2018

- Department of Medical Lab Sciences at Tarleton State University
 - Assisted with the creation and implementation of the Public Health Minor
 - Successfully increased the number of students to enroll in the Public Health Minor

SKILLS:

Proficient in Microsoft Excel, Word, and PowerPoint

Proficient in Adobe programs

Data Analytics: SPSS proficient, SAS competent

PUBLICATIONS:

Alvarado, J., Strong, L. L., Buzcu-Guven, B., ... **Zdenek, B.**, ... McNeill, L. H. (2024). Community scientist program provides bi-directional communication and co-learning between researchers and community members. *Journal of Clinical and Translational Science*, 8(1), e18. doi:10.1017/cts.2023.703