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Education:

May 1994

The University of Michigan

MSW with a major in interpersonal practice and Social Work in Schools Certificate.

May 1992

B.A. in Psychology.

Experience:

6/06- Present

Private Practice

Provide detail biopsychosocials, substance abuse assessments and SAP Assessments. Provide individual, couples and family counseling. Refer to resources in the community.

9/95-Present:

Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority

5001 Westbank Expressway

Marrero, LA 70072

(504)349-8833

Supervisor: Julie Burke, LCSW

Social Worker IV: In the Access Division assist supervisor in finding hospital beds for clients who are PEC'ed and assisting the clinics with their placement. Triage of adults and children seeking mental health and chemical dependency services. Referrals to outside agencies in the community. Perform crisis evaluations and arrange for clients to be seen by other clinics within JPHSA. Assess clients for detox and refer appropriately. Provide psychosocial assessments and ASIs. Proficient in EHR. Trainer for CPI (Non-Violent Crisis Intervention) through IANCI, provide training for staff. Acting supervisor.

In West Jefferson Mental Health Center perform telephone screenings of potential clients, psychosocial evaluations, individual, family, couples, crisis, and group counseling for people with mental health, substance abuse and dual diagnosis issues. Attended weekly staffings at West Jefferson Medical Center to assist with discharge planning of clients from their in-patient psychiatric and chemical dependency unit.

6/94-9/95:

West Jefferson Medical Center

1101 Medical Center Boulevard

Marrero, LA 70072

(504)349-1640

Director: Judith Nasralla, LCSW

Psychiatric Social Worker: Complete biopsychosocials on clients. Participate in treatment team meetings. Assist with discharge planning, to include aiding clients in reintegration with society and using community resources. Compilation of a community resource guide. Conduct family sessions and daily group sessions in an acute setting. Train MSW students participating in their internship. Population includes people with schizophrenia,

bi-polar disorder, depression, personality disorder, dementia, geriatric clients, clients with chemical dependency issues and dual diagnosis.

2/95-7/95: *Metro Behavioral Health Services Uptown (formerly Coliseum)*
3601 Coliseum Street
New Orleans, LA 70115
(504)897-9700

Assessment and Referral: On a part-time basis, take Crisis calls, forward information on the hospital and referrals to other hospitals and organizations that might suit the client's needs. Perform assessments on clients to assess their need for inpatient treatment and admit the client if necessary. Responsible for pre-certification of insurances and contact with Unisys.

1992-4/94 *The University Center for the Child and Family*
525 E. University
Ann Arbor, MI 48109
(734)764-9466
Director: Jerry Miller, Ph.D.

Intern: Provided services to children and parents experiencing a variety of academic, emotional, and environmental difficulties. Co-led several short-term social skills and communications groups for grades 4, 7 and 8 in a Detroit inner-city school with an African-American population. Co-led "The Kids Club," a group in Ann Arbor for children from families where domestic violence has occurred. Co-led a Divorce group for children to assist them in adjusting to their parents' divorce. Participated in special seminars focusing on the treatment of sexually and physically abused children.

**May 1993-
July 1993:** *U of M Psychiatric Adult In-Patient Hospital*
University of Michigan Hospital
1500 East Medical Center Drive
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0120

Psychiatric Social Worker: Acted as a paid temporary social worker providing case coverage until the full time position was filled. Duties included: providing assessment, treatment and discharge planning to clients and their families to facilitate an understanding and resolution of problems related to emotional and psychiatric disorders, environmental needs, and interpersonal conflict. This included rendering diagnostic information, treatment recommendations, and therapeutic interventions. General client population included those with: depression, eating disorders, schizophrenia, borderline personality disorder, and multiple personality disorder.

References and CV available upon request.