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Education

M.S.W., Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri, December 2012.
Mental health concentration, direct practice focus.

B.S.W. (summa cum laude), Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi, 2011

Professional Experience

Places for People

Intern

St. Louis, Missouri
May-November, 2012

As member of an Assertive Community Treatment team, provided case management services and supportive counseling to clients with dual diagnosis of severe mental illness and substance use disorder using cognitive behavioral and motivational interviewing techniques. Assisted clients in obtaining access to social services. Linked residents to available resources. Assisted in medication management. Drafted progress notes, treatment plans and other reports.

Grace House

Intern

Jackson, Mississippi
January-May, 2011

Provided case management services to residents of a transitional living facility for the homeless with HIV/AIDS. Assisted residents in obtaining access to social services. Linked residents to available resources. Provided education about HIV prevention and care. Facilitated weekly support group. Drafted progress notes and other reports. Transported residents to appointments.

Community Service Experience

A Brave New Day

*Founder and Facilitator, HIV/AIDS Survivor Support Group
Peer Counselor*

*Member, Board of Directors (Member, Executive Committee)
Secretary*

Jackson, Mississippi

2008-2011

Established, organized and facilitated support group for those living with HIV/AIDS. Provided individual counseling to those living with HIV/AIDS. Provided planning and leadership for AIDS service organization. Assisted in planning and implementation of organization projects including town halls associated with visit by President's Office of National AIDS Policy and selection of new Mississippi Department of Health Director of HIV/AIDS Division. Maintained books and records. Drafted and distributed minutes and notices of meetings.

Mississippi Community Planning Group for HIV Prevention

Member

Jackson, Mississippi
2009-2011

Provided community input into Mississippi Department of Health HIV/AIDS prevention programs. Developed Mississippi's Comprehensive Plan for HIV Prevention. Identified and prioritized target populations based on epidemiological data. Reviewed and commented on Department of Health's budget submission to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention pertaining to the Comprehensive Plan. Conducted oversight for implementation of Comprehensive Plan.

HIV Care and Services Council*Member*Jackson, Mississippi
2008-2011; 2013-present

Established policies regarding distribution of funds received by the State of Mississippi pursuant to the Ryan White CARE Act. Conducted oversight of programs funded by the Ryan White CARE Act. Identified services needed by those living with HIV/AIDS in Mississippi and means of meeting those needs. Tracked pending legislation relating to HIV/AIDS and made recommendations to Council for action.

CONTACT the Crisis Line*Crisis Counselor*Jackson, Mississippi
2009-2011

Received telephone calls on Mississippi-based crisis hotline and provided crisis intervention counseling. Developed assessment of needs. Referred callers to available resources. Provided emotional support.

Honors

Most Outstanding Undergraduate Social Work Student, Mississippi Chapter,
National Association of Social Workers, 2011

Most Outstanding Academic Achievement, College of Public Service, Jackson State
University Office of Academic Affairs, 2011

Dean's Award for Academic Excellence, School of Social Work, Jackson State
University, 2011, 2010

Dean's Award for Commitment to Community Service, School of Social Work,
Jackson State University, 2011

Dean's Award for Most Exemplifying the Qualities of the Social Work Profession,
School of Social Work, Jackson State University, 2011

Phi Kappa Phi Honorary Society, Jackson State University, 2011

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, 2011

Certifications and Training

- Rational Emotive Behavior Therapy (Basic), Albert Ellis Institute, 2013
- Cognitive Therapy of Schizophrenia, Beck Institute, 2013
- Cognitive Therapy of Substance Abuse, Beck Institute, 2013
- Cognitive Therapy for Personality Disorders and Clients with Challenging Problems, Beck Institute, 2013
- Wellness Coaching, Real Balance Global Wellness, 2013
- ACT Boot Camp, Contextual Sciences, 2013
- Cognitive Behavior Therapy for Depression and Anxiety, Beck Institute, 2012
- Medication Technician, Level I, 2012
- People to People HIV Peer Counseling, 2012
- Licensed Social Worker, 2011 (W-7803)
- CLEAR HIV Prevention Counseling, 2011
- HIV Rapid Test Delivery, 2010
- HIV Prevention Counseling: Meeting the Needs of Youth, 2010
- HIV Prevention Counseling: Meeting the Needs of Those Who Test Positive, 2009
- HIV Prevention Counseling, 2008
- STD/HIV Instructor, 2008