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**Direct Experience**

May 2020-Present

**Public Health Advisor/Government Project Officer**

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)  
Suicide Prevention Branch (SPB)  
Rockville, MD

- Plan, develop, and implement public health programs in collaboration with local, state, other Federal and/or international governments and various public, non-profit, and private and health-related organizations
- Serve as a program official and primary contact for federal grant program approved by U.S. Congress
- Establish systematic methods for program execution and advocacy that includes the identification of objectives, evaluation criteria, and legal and regulatory compliance requirements
- Analyze existing or proposed systems, strategies, services, or other health-related matters; identify needs for improvement
- Implement, and monitor performance evaluation and tracking systems; evaluates and analyzes data collection
- Conduct assessments, compliance reviews and negotiates and approves corrective actions
- Monitor program compliance requirements and recommends approval or disapproval of existing or proposed program activities or expansions and prepare reports of findings and recommendations
- Review congressional and legislative actions; assesses impact on public health program activities, initiatives, and policies; and initiates action accordingly
- Draft testimonies, policies, responses to inquiries, and/or financial statements

May 2016-May 2020

**Suicide Prevention Program Director**

Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities  
Atlanta, GA

- Directed the coordination and execution of suicide prevention program activities in Georgia
- Supervised the management of behavioral health contracts including deadlines and deliverables
- Managed a combine contract and grant portfolio of more than \$1.2M, including evaluation deliverables
- Provide strategic leadership for suicide prevention staff, policies, and procedures with focus on outcomes
- Responsible for program data management and analysis, including report writing and delivery at all levels

June 2010-April 2016

**Founding Director & Executive Editor**

Health Institute for Men Not-for-Profit  
Atlanta, GA

- Responsible for meeting operational and service goals of community health non-profit
- Served as the Executive Editor for African American men's health platform, *Healthyblackmen.org*
- Managed all aspects of the editorial and marketing content at *Healthyblackmen.org*
- Secured and conduct in-person, digital, and telephone interviews for digital platform
- Led a diverse team of 20+ expert contributors, volunteers, editors, contractors, and graduate interns

January 2010-December 2011

**Social Services Clinical Foster Care Manager**

Fulton County Division of Family & Children Services  
College Park, GA

- Provided on-demand crisis counseling and emotional support to children and families
- Recruited to provide recommendations to training curriculum for foster care placement staff
- Recommended approval or disapproval of State Child Welfare expenditures and special requests

December 2006-November 2009

**Manager of Prevention Training & Technical Assistance**  
Howard Brown Health Center  
Chicago, IL

- Managed daily operations of \$575,000 federal funded public health capacity building project
- Coordinated and/or implemented all health-related training and technical assistance requests
- Coordinated two large scale HIV/STI testing events with the Chicago Department of Public Health
- Supervised team of full-time employees, college interns, and community volunteers

January 2006-December 2006

**Associate Director**  
Alzheimer's Association, National Office  
Chicago, IL

- Provided daily leadership for national brain health promotion intervention initiative
- Prepared briefings senior staff for chapter and advisory meetings, speaking engagements, etc.
- Managed multi-year CDC cooperative agreement budget of \$2.2M and supervised administrative staff
- Recruited subject-matter experts nationwide for a 12-member national advisory leadership board
- Authored and presented abstracts related to brain health project at national meetings

August 1999-January 2006

**Public Health Analyst**  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)  
NCHHSTP-DSTDP and DHAP  
Atlanta, GA

- Served as one of three public policy and media relations contacts for DSTDP, Office of the Director
- Assisted CDC division branches, 15 public health teams meet strategic policy and communications goals
- Supervised health communication contractors, fellows, etc. to implement special assignment projects
- Provided national training oversight for critical technical assistance requests and major learning events
- Designed and developed multi-model curriculum to develop public health talent nationwide and globally
- Managed annual project budgets from \$80,000 to \$1.8M related to HPV, Syphilis Elimination, etc.
- Served as Public Health Advisor in field assignment for Chicago Department of Public Health (1999-2004)
- Responsible for implementing program evaluations and data management to inform health priorities
- Prepared internal staff, Division Director, others for media interviews, and public speaking engagements
- Collaborated on public health prevention projects and University studies, etc. as relevant to role
- Designed, edited, and validated public health leadership training curricula in multiple jurisdictions

June 2001-June 2007

**Certified Instructor Trainer**  
American Red Cross  
Metropolitan Atlanta & Greater Chicago Chapter

- Implemented nationally recognized public health leadership training curricula
- Assessed and certified more than 300 training participants as certified instructors
- Applied Adult Learning Theory and evidence-based research to implement instructor training program
- Represented the Red Cross organization at community and public health functions
- Provided expert feedback upon request for national content committee during course revision
- Collaborated with health educators/instructors throughout Atlanta and Chicago

March 1998 – July 1999

**Senior Public Health Educator**  
New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene  
New York, NY

- Conducted all aspects of community health needs assessment, training and technical assistance
- Provided oversight and project management direction for critical learning initiatives for department
- Coordinated CDC public health webcast viewing for approximately 1,000 service providers

## **Selected Training Certifications**

Fundamentals of Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) Skills, October 2019  
Certified Instructor in Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR), September 2019  
Collaborative Assessment and Management of Suicidality (CAMS), July 2019  
Certified Trainer in Mental Health First Aid (MHFA), March 2018  
Certified Trainer in Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk (AMSR), December 2018  
Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST), July 2018  
Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR), March 2018  
Certified Instructor Trainer for the American Red Cross – Chicago Chapter, 2001-2017  
Certified Trainer in Training Needs Analysis, Langevin Learning Services, March 2005  
Certified Trainer in Instructional Design, Langevin Learning Services, February 2005

## **Selected Presentations**

2019 3 October for the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities 2019 Behavioral Health Symposium, *“Screening for Suicide Risk Among Youth and Adolescents”*, Tisdale WR.  
2019 25 September for the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities 2019 Georgia Suicide Prevention Conference, *“From Suicide Prevention Policy to Practice: Understanding House Bill 198 and DBHDD Policy 01-118”*, Tisdale WR.  
2019 25 September for the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities 2019 Georgia Suicide Prevention Conference, *“Suicide Postvention Strategies in a Prevention Framework”*, Tisdale WR.  
2019 10 September for the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, *“County by County: Addressing Georgia’s Suicide Burden”*, Tisdale WR.  
2019 23 January for the Children’s Hospital of Atlanta Social Work In-Service, *“Fundamentals of Suicide Risk Assessment and Safety Planning”*, Tisdale WR.  
2018 27 August for the 12th Annual Georgia School of Addiction Studies (GSAS), *“Effective Presentation Skills for Diverse Audiences”*, Tisdale WR.  
2018 20 June for Georgia’s 11th Annual System of Care Academy, *“Building Resilience and Preventing Suicide in Young Children and Adolescents”*, Tisdale WR.  
2018 8 May for the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities 2018 Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Learning Collaborative, *“Strategies for Assessing Suicide Risk for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities”*, Tisdale WR.  
2017 15 December for the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities 2017 Parent and Child Certified Peer Specialist Conference, *“Supporting Families Raising LGBTQ Youth”*, Tisdale WR.  
2017 20 October for the National Association of Social Workers – Georgia Chapter Conference, *“Supporting Individuals with Developmental Disabilities”*, Tisdale WR.  
2017 15 August for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Conference on Health Communication, Marketing, and Media, *“Advancing Health Equity in the Digital Age”*, Tisdale WR.  
2013 2 November for the American Public Health Association, 141st APHA Annual Meeting – Boston, MA, *“Digital Health Outreach with African American Males”*, Tisdale WR.

## **Formal Education**

Hunter College  
**Master of Public Health**  
Degree awarded 2002

University of Chicago  
**Master of Arts in Social Service Administration**  
Degree awarded 2008

Northern Michigan University  
**Bachelor of Science**  
Degree awarded 1993

