
CHERYLEE SHERRY, MPH, MCHES

SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Accomplished administrator and educator with a proven record of performance and leadership in challenging environments.
- Highly effective in managing and evaluating programs, serving diverse populations.
- Extensive experience in community organization, collaboration, and health equity.
- Unique population health program development and implementation.
- Persuasive communicator with advanced writing skills.
- Successful program grant procurement.
- Successful project management from development through implementation and evaluation.

EXPERTISE

- Health Program Development and Implementation
- Organizational Strategic Planning
- Fiscal Planning and Management
- Healthcare Administration
- Quality Improvement
- Cultural Humility

EXPERIENCE

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, St. Paul, MN

Population Health Manager: Thriving Communities Unit, Office of Statewide Health Improvement Initiatives (OSHII), Community Health Division, 2009-present

- Supervise a staff of 10, subject matter experts in health promotion and provide statewide, regional and local technical assistance efforts in healthy eating and breastfeeding, active living, commercial tobacco-free living and well-being/social connectedness in child care, schools, health care, work place and community settings. Supervise Public Health AmeriCorps Service Members, and students when assigned as host site.
- Oversee statewide, regional, and local technical assistance efforts related to healthy eating, active living, commercial tobacco-free living and community-clinical linkages to evidenced based resources and programs i.e., CDSMP, Falls Prevention, NDPP, Walk with Ease, etc.
- Build key partnerships, collaborate to identify emerging issues and assesses needs and facilitates statewide planning and technical assistance to build state and community capacity to implement and evaluate policy, system and environmental change efforts.
- Managed CDC Statewide Physical Activity and Nutrition Cooperative Agreement and served as a key point person for OSHII on several other CDC grants that address chronic disease management, substance abuse, school health. Leadership team member for 6 other CDC grants. Principal Investigator for CDC Social Determinants of Health grant.
- Lead OSHII quality improvement projects and other efforts
- Write grants, develop and manage budgets and contracts

Planner: Health Care Homes

Provided state planning, leadership and health care and clinical practice expertise for development and implementation of patient center medical home initiative to reduce chronic disease morbidity and mortality and health care costs statewide.

PROJECT MANAGMENT, 2005 - 2010

- Hennepin Healthcare- Family Medicine Clinics, Pediatric Clinic, Mpls, MN
- Minneapolis Medical Research Foundation, Minneapolis, MN
- New Americans Community Services, Health Clinic, St. Paul, MN 2005-06
- North Metro Pediatrics, Coon Rapids, MN 2005-06

COMMONHEALTH CLINIC, Stillwater, MN

Executive Director: 1992 - 2005

- Led/directed all human and financial resources for community clinic; developed and administered service delivery plans; provided leadership for community collaborations and partnerships.
- Provided Board of Directors administration and support; led strategic planning process; conducted resource development- grant writing, events, marketing.

PROJECT CHANCE, PROJECT TEEN-AID, Brooklyn, NY

Project Director 1989 - 1992

- Directed a federally-funded, comprehensive, child development demonstration project, Headstart expansion from 0-6 yrs. Administered \$1.5 million annual program budget.

PROJECT BRIDGE, BUILDERS FOR FAMILY AND YOUTH, Brooklyn, NY

Program Director 1985 - 1990

- Coordinated and monitored the Governor's Adolescent Pregnancy and Prevention Consortium. Participated on state project evaluation design team.

GUADALUPE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL AND DENTAL CLINIC, Milwaukee, WI

Program Coordinator, Health Education 1981-1984

- Coordinated medical referrals for children with disabilities
- Administered a grant to improve immunization rate for immigrant children.
- Coordinated annual community health fair, assisted with WIC certification medical visits. Translated for volunteer physicians. Formalized referrals with local service organizations.
- Performed doula services. Developed Peer Support Program for Breastfeeding in Latino community; Taught ICEA-certified childbirth education classes.
- Conducted health education classes. Developed and implemented healthy heart program for children and their families.

EDUCATION

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, New York, NY

Master's Degree in Public Health, 1988

Concentration in International Community Health Education/Global Health

Preceptorship- International Union for Health Education and Promotion, Paris, FR

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, La Crosse, WI

B.S. Degree in Community Health Education and Spanish, 1981

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR HEALTH EDUCATION CREDENTIALING, INC.

Certified Health Education Specialist, 1989 Cert. #1250

Masters Certified Health Education Specialist, 2015 Cert #25870

UNIVERSITY OF BUFFALO-MILLARD FILLMORE COLLEGE AND THE UB

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY MEDICINE, NEW YORK STATE

Practice Facilitator Certificate, June 2015

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, GLOBAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Fundamentals of Implementation Science Certificate, December 2023

INSTRUCTOR

NORMANDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, WORKFORCE CONTINUING

EDUCATION AND CUSTOMIZED TRAINING, MN Consortium for Practice

Facilitators, Minneapolis, MN

Curriculum Developer and Instructor 2015-2020

ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND EXERCISE

SCIENCE, ST. PAUL, MN Adjunct

Public Health Policy, Spring 2021, 2023, 2024

Introduction to the U.S. Healthcare System, Fall 2022 and 2023

SAINT MARY UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND

HUMAN SERVICES, Minneapolis, MN

Population Health and Community Organizing, Online Spring 2024

**PROFESSIONAL
AFFILIATIONS**

Member, **National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc.**
Division Board for Certification of Health Education Specialists, 2018-present

Member, **Minnesota Public Education Association (MPHA)**
Governing Council, Executive, Leadership and Health Equity, 2009-present

OTHER

National Public Health Education Leadership Institute Fellow (2003)
Co-sponsored by St. Louis University SPH and Centers for Disease Control