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## Education

**PhD, Community and Behavioral Health**

The University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa. Currently ABD, *Anticipated PhD 2014*

**Master’s of Health Administration**

The University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa. *May 2004*

**Master’s of Public Health**

The University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa. *May 2004*

**Bachelor of Arts, Economics and Business**

Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa. *May 2001, Cum Laude*

###### Experience

**Network Engagement Business Partner:** Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, *2011 – present*

* Facilitate Accountable Care Organization relationship & strategy with Iowa’s largest healthcare system
* Engage Wellmark network providers to understand healthcare costs, sustainability efforts, payment, quality programs, and contracting
* Navigate trends and issues facing network providers
* Troubleshoot escalated provider issues

**Faculty** Des Moines University, *2010 – present*

* Health Program Evaluation
* Social and Behavioral Health

**Director, Primary Care Office:** Iowa Department of Public Health, *2009 – 2011*

* Analysis of areas of Iowa designation as Medically Underserved
* Manage Iowa Conrad 30/J-1 Visa Waiver Program and National Health Service Corps program
* Maintain ~$2 million of state contracts related to Iowa Collaborative Safety Net Provider Network, Incubator Community Health Center program, Mental Health Shortage Area Program, and Mental Health Professional training programs.
* Write and maintain federal grants and track legislation related to primary care and health care access.
* Maintain and facilitate relationships with health professions education programs, professional organizations, health care facilities, state agencies, advocacy organizations, health care recruiters, international medical graduates, health providers, and legislators.

**Program Director & Course Instructor:** Dimensions: Center for the Science and Culture of Healthcare, Cornell College, *2005-2009*

* Build and coordinate academic health science program from program inception.
* Manage $350,000 annual budget, website, advisory committee meetings, and program activities.
* Facilitate on-campus seminars, workshops, speakers, test prep review course, and reading group.
* Develop network of Cornell alumni and healthcare professionals for off-campus student opportunities, fund raising, seminars, and workshops.
* Present programmatic information to alumni groups, parents, prospective students, current students, College Trustees, and College leadership team.
* Establish student internship, practicum, volunteer, and job shadowing opportunities in fields across the health sciences.
* Course Instructor: US Health Policy, Public Health

**Health Policy Analyst:** United States Government Accountability Office, Washington DC, *2004-2005*

* Analysis and evaluation of public health, healthcare financing, and defense healthcare policy and programs on the Health Care Team of the GAO.
* Create reports for Congressional committees in response to legislative GAO mandates and Congressional requests – focus area physician payment and impact of physician payment on access to physicians in rural areas.
* Developed relationships with key interest groups in public health, physician services, and defense healthcare.

### Senior Project Assistant: Office of Statewide Clinical Education Programs, Univ. of Iowa *2001-2004*

* Physician recruitment and placement.
* Coordinate activities of 24-member Iowa Family Practice Residents’ Council.
* Participate in special projects including: professional liability insurance, contract reviews, workforce trends, community health center application, and health insurance planning.
* Compiled annual survey of primary care physician opportunities in the state of Iowa.
* Created 2002 and 2003 Iowa Directory of Primary Care Practice Opportunities.

### Activities, Memberships, and Leadership

**Activities/Leadership**

Art for Ankeny Committee Member *2014 – present*

BRAVO Greater Des Moines Board Member *2014 – present*

Metropolitan Action Committee Member *2012 – present*

Ankeny City Council Member *2012 – present*

Ankeny Young Professionals Board of Directors *2012 – present*

Ankeny Chamber of Commerce Member *2012 – present*

Iowa Association of Health Care Leaders, Education Committee Member *2011 - present*

Easter Seals Crop for Camp & Regatta Steering Committees *2011 – present*

American Heart Association Go Red for Women Steering Committee *2011 – 2013*

Greater Des Moines Young Professionals *2011 – 2013*

Ankeny Community Emergency Response Team *2010 – present*

Caucus Chair, Executive Committee Member, Polk County Republican Party *2009 – present*

Ankeny First United Methodist Church member and volunteer *1993 – present*

Iowa Women’s Leadership Conference Steering Committee Member *2006 – 2007*

Professional Women’s Network, General Member *2005 – 2009*

Cornell College Alumni Board Member *2000 – 2009*