

SUMMARY

Accomplished public health physician with proven record of leading successful disease prevention and public health programs domestically and globally with expertise *in program, financial, personnel, and stakeholder* management, accreditation, and community development. Strong operational management skills with proficiency in budget and finance, staff supervision, implementing evidence-based practices, health, and wellness policy development and infodemic management. Extensive experience leading prevention programs in resource-constrained settings, e.g., Pakistan, Nigeria, South Sudan to support health system strengthening to achieve major public health goals in prevention of acute and chronic diseases.

CAREER FOCUS

Experienced Leader:

- Manage \$86 Million COVID-19 & Vaccine for Children grant and \$ 90 Million vaccines' budget for the State of Oklahoma
- Health Policy Fellow with the U.S. Congresswoman Diana DeGette and Congressman Alcee Hastings
- Led and managed multi-disciplinary teams to scope, solution, propose and deliver on global projects
- Strong strategy development, deployment, and program/project management skills
- Accomplished grant/proposal writer with grant making and management skills.

EXPERIENCE

Immunization Service Director

April 2019-Present

Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH), OKC, OK

- Immunization lead, for planning, implementation, and evaluation of COVID-19 vaccine response and other vaccine preventable public health emergencies. Activities include vaccine-planning, readiness for COVID-19 vaccines for pre and post vaccine arrival, ordering and distribution, collaboration with partners, providing technical assistance, quality improvement and training to local public health departments and providers.
- Manage \$ 86 Million COVID-19 & Vaccine for Children grant and \$ 90 Million vaccines' budget according to Federal and State guidelines.
- Developed and staffed a 70-member team. Created career development and succession plans per the skill gap analysis of each team member.
- Develop and maintain relationships with legal, HR services, finance, and communication amongst others as part of the COVID-19 program management in alignment with the Governor's office, legislative and regulatory policies.
- Led grant making and Request for Proposal process for over 35 vendor partnerships and negotiated contract terms and performance standards.
- Facilitate internal and external stakeholder meetings for purposes of identifying barriers to vaccine uptake and design strategies to overcome the challenges.
- Oversee the Oklahoma State Immunization Information System operations. Work with a multidisciplinary team to collect, analyze, and interpret qualitative and quantitative data for use in program monitoring, decision making and reporting for both internal and external partners.
- Principal Investigator for the Federal Vaccine for Children program and Co-PI, "Improving the delivery of HPV vaccine to Oklahoma's Adolescents" in partnership with Oklahoma University.
- Oversee program activities to evaluate program effectiveness, support organization and preparation of information for reports, presentations, or other publications. Oversee use of Federal systems e.g., 'VTrckS', 'VaccineFinder' and 'Tiberius'. Ensure submission of daily CVRS file CDC.
- Facilitate partnerships for the Oklahoma Immunization Advisory Committee, Immunization Communication workgroup and other stakeholders to address misinformation, strengthen immunization delivery and ensure high confidence for vaccinations across the life course.
- Created Vaccine Equity Committee to eliminate disparities and improve vaccinated rates for the minority, underserved, vulnerable and disable population.
- Work towards Improving the Oklahoma Health Improvement Plan's goals and objectives.

Evaluation and Interventions Officer-Aging and Public Health
Institute of Public Health, **Dublin, Ireland**

Oct 18-Mar 19

- Undertake evidence syntheses to inform policy and practice relating to ageing and public health.
- Identify evaluation models to advise and assist with evaluations and assess impact of selected Government programs, policy and services.
- Collate and analyze secondary data and produce briefings to help improve population health in Ireland North and South.
- Contribute to the promotion of IPH by representing IPH to relevant outside bodies and events.

American Public Health Association Fellowship in Government

Jan 17-Jan 18

Brookings Legislative Fellow/Policy Advisor

Office of Congressman Alcee L Hastings (FL-20), **Washington, DC**

- Advised the Congressman on health care, education, appropriations and budget, environment, housing, science and technology legislation.
- **Analyzed legislation and regulations** to evaluate the effect on populations, public health, and constituents.
- Tracked policy developments and provided internal updates to congressional staff and the Congressman.
- Drafted press releases, congressional record statements and health care correspondence.

Office of Congresswoman Diana DeGette (CO-01), **Washington, DC**

- **Provided guidance and recommendations for legislation related to Medicare, Medicaid**, school-based programs, maternal, infant, and early childhood, Food and Drug Administration, laboratory diagnostic tests.
- Accelerated the introduction of **Health-related legislation in the House** (Maternal Mortality Bill, Preventing Diabetes in Medicare) gathered support from Members, as well as interest groups.
- **Acquired co-sponsorship and support of health care legislation; monitored legislation on the House floor, provided the Member with information on health care votes.**
- Forged relationships with constituents, stakeholders, industry officials and interest groups to discuss Member's priorities.
- Authored expert summaries, briefs, and memoranda on health care bills for the communication staff to assist them in developing press releases, mass mailings, and newsletters.
- Briefed the Member in preparation for committee meetings and hearings and monitored legislative developments within Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee.
- Managed Health Care and Public Health appropriations Requests for the House Committee on Appropriations.

Regional Partnership Consultant

Sep 12-Dec 16

Oklahoma State Department of Health, **Tulsa, OK**

- Developed, implemented, and evaluated high impact, county health improvement programs through community partnerships for Northeast Central Oklahoma.
- Led a transformative tobacco free campaign that resulted in over 150 schools, business, restaurants, and religious institutions receiving Certified Healthy Status.
- Coordinated \$1.27M in winning grant proposals for four Oklahoma counties.
- As PHAB trained site evaluator, assisted counties with preparation for accreditation.
- Collaborated with multiple tribes, coalitions, city and county governments to reduce obesity, improve behavioral and children's health.
- Provided technical consultancy in collaboration with city councils, local governments, and community coalitions to affect systems change to implement wellness policies and programs for chronic disease prevention.

Project Director

Mar 11-Jun 12

IntraHealth International INC-CDC. Juba, South Sudan

- Oversaw a \$3 million program to reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS in partnership with the Sudan People's Liberation Army, ministry of health, the South Sudan AIDS Commission, sub-grantees, and donors to create and implement a broad range of activities focusing on HIV prevention, treatment, care and support to over 30,000 troops and families.
- Represented IntraHealth for HIV/AIDS policy and strategy exchanges and contributed to the organizational development of SPLA HIV/AIDS Secretariat.
- Supervised 12 staff and coordinated with CDC South Sudan in development of annual Country Operation Plan FY 2013.

Program Coordinator

Sep 08-Jul 10

Institute of Human Virology Nigeria-University of Maryland-CDC, Abuja, Nigeria

- Coordinated programmatic, managerial and analytical over site for \$60 million annual/5 years program to provide treatment for 75,000 AIDS patients and prevention for another 150,000 clients.
- Presented findings at International AIDS Society and International Association of Providers of AIDS Care Conferences.
- Chaired "Mobile Services Committee" and member "IHVN Research Ethics committee"

Public Health Consultant

Aug 04-Jun 08

Contech Int'l Health Consultants, Lahore, Pakistan

- Directed Primary Health Care and HIV/AIDS Preventive Services Program for Men Having Sex with Men (MSM), supervised staff of 40 MSM peer educators. Evidence based behavior change interventions shared at 17th International AIDS Conference
- Coauthored minimum service delivery standards of health, international best practices and standard operating procedures and protocols for primary and secondary care for Punjab province reaching over 2,800 facilities.
- Developed provincial & national reports to assist preparation of MOH's Strategic Plan for Malaria Control.
- Assisted with Vaccine Logistics Management System consultancy for Expanded Program of Immunization.

Epidemiologist

Feb 06-Jul 06

Nai-Personnel, Global AIDS Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, USA

- Served the Making Medical Injections Safer Project, performed literature searches/reviews, identified treatment guidelines, alternative regimens to parenteral therapy for killer diseases in PEPFAR countries
- Identified key issues discussed during the interviews with the disease experts
- The recommendations to develop injection safety programs and interventions were shared by CDC at WHO Safe Injection Global Network meeting in Mexico

EDUCATION

- CPM (Certified Public Manager®) Continuing. Oklahoma Office of Management and Enterprise Services-OK
- MPH (Master of Public Health) Emory University - Atlanta, USA
- MBBS (Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery), equivalent to MD in the US, Quaid-e-Azam University - Islamabad, Pakistan

CERTIFICATES

- Infodemic Manager Training, World Health Organization
- Research Ethics Certificate Course, John Hopkins and Agha Khan University.
- Health in Complex Emergencies, Rollins School of Public Health/CDC

FOREIGN ASSIGNMENTS

- Pakistan, Nigeria, South Sudan, USA, Republic of Ireland, and Northern Ireland.

NON-PROFIT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

- Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless, Inc. – Member Operations Committee

- Stone Soup Community Venture - Chair, Governance Committee
- Mental Health Association of Oklahoma - Member Diversity Committee
- Community Health Improvement Organization Tulsa and Washington County - Board Member
- Turning Point Annual Conference and Policy Day – Member Planning Committee

AWARDS

- 2017 American Public Health Association - Fellowship in Government
- 2015 Oklahoma Public Health Leadership Institute Certificate
- 2013 Leadership Tulsa Community Education Program
- 2005 Fulbright Scholarship
- 2005 Population Leadership in Reproductive Health
- 2004 Leadership in Development Mechanism

Volunteer Assignments

- International One Health Pandemic Summit (IOHPS) planning committee 2022
- American Public Health Association (APHA) Conference Abstract Reviewer 2022
- Association of Immunization Managers Leadership in Action Conference Planning Committee 2022

Community Service:

- 2014 -2015 | *Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless, Inc.* | Tulsa, OK | Operations Committee Member
- 2014 – 2015 | Stone Soup Community Venture | Tulsa, OK | Chair, Governance Committee
- 2013 – 2014 | Mental Health Association of Oklahoma | Tulsa, OK | Diversity Committee Member
- 2014-2016 | Community Health Improvement Organization | Tulsa and Washington County, OK | Board Member
- 2012-2016 | *Turning Point Annual Conference and Policy Day* | Planning Committee