

## Professional Experience

**Chronic Disease Prevention Unit Supervisor/Program Director**, Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Madison, Wisconsin; March 2013-present

- Responsible for the overall coordination and management of the Chronic Disease Prevention Unit (CDPU), including the direction, supervision, development, implementation, coordination, and evaluation of chronic disease prevention programs. Provides guidance and serves as a liaison to internal and external partner organizations and agencies, including private voluntary agencies, statewide organizations, local public health departments, and community-based organizations to ensure integration and coordination of chronic disease prevention programs. Unit program areas include: Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity; Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention; Diabetes Prevention and Control; and School Health. Effective March 2017, the Oral Health Program is included within the scope of programs supervised.

Responsibilities include: program and fiscal management; grant and contract administration; communication and reporting to federal and state funding agencies, such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Health Resources and Services Administration; frequent communication with staff and programs within the Bureau of Community Health Promotion (BCHP), the Division of Public Health (DPH), the Department of Health Services (DHS), and other Departments within the state system; guidance and management of cross-cutting program areas to achieve effective chronic disease prevention coordination efforts; and direction of epidemiological, data and evaluation needs for unit programs and policies. Is a domain team lead for Public Health Accreditation efforts for evidence-based public health practice. Provide direction and supervision of staff, recruits and hires new staff, fiscal and procurement processes, and other management activities.

In February 2017, was named the designated Chronic Disease Director representing Wisconsin in the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors.

**Obesity Prevention Unit Supervisor/Program Director**, Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Madison, Wisconsin; December 2010-2013

- Responsibilities include direct supervision and management of permanent and contract staff, in addition to the Program Director duties listed below.

**Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity Program Director**; 2004-2013

- Responsible for the overall coordination and management of the Wisconsin Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity Program, which included seven cooperative agreements from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Responsibilities included leading the efforts of 11 staff, budget development, implementation and monitoring, ARRA reporting to CDC/HHS, development, implementation and evaluation of work plans, and contract monitoring for more than 50 contracts. Additional responsibilities included the development, implementation and evaluation of the Wisconsin Nutrition and Physical Activity State Plan and the Wisconsin Partnership for Activity and Nutrition (WI PAN). Also, responsible for overall NPAO Program strategic and operational direction and guidance, coordination, liaison activities with partner organizations; planned Program related meetings and training, integrated nutrition and physical activity into other chronic disease programs; communicated with internal and external partners;

directed Program activities for epidemiology and data needs for the Program; served as the CDC contact for the Pediatric and Pregnancy Nutrition Surveillance systems, evaluated the effectiveness of the Program and interventions; and reported progress on the Overweight, Obesity and Lack of Physical Activity health priority area of Healthiest Wisconsin 2010/2020.

**WIC Breastfeeding Coordinator and Nutritionist**, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Madison, Wisconsin; 1999-2004

- Responsible for the breastfeeding-related components of the WIC Program. Developed and implemented the WIC Breast Pump Program to provide high-quality breast pumps to WIC participants. Wrote, received and implemented USDA's *Using Loving Support to Create Breastfeeding Friendly Communities* grant. Monitored and reported breastfeeding related data and served as the CDC contact for the Pediatric and Pregnancy Nutrition Surveillance systems. Wrote the initial state plan for the WIC Peer Counseling Program. Planned and implemented several trainings and conferences including: the WIC Annual Conference from 2000-2004, Loving Support strategic planning session, and Certified Breastfeeding Educator courses. Served as co-chair of the Wisconsin Breastfeeding Coalition from 1999-2005.

**Nutrition Manager**, Nutrition and Health Associates, Inc., Janesville, Wisconsin; 1995-1999

- Served as the Nutrition Manager for a private, non-profit agency. Oversaw the day-to-day operations of a clinic site with ~30 staff. Supervised a staff of 6 nutrition professionals and provided in-service training. Served as part of the management team for a multi-site WIC Project with 3,500 participants with direct management of the nutrition aspects. Also, managed several contracts including: Maternal and Child Health block grant – Teen Pregnancy Program, Head Start consulting contracts in 3 counties, nursing home consulting contracts and various short-term consulting contracts. Provided direct nutrition care to high-risk participants of the Prenatal Care Coordination program and consultation for Dane County Head Start 1992-1999.

**Consultant Dietitian**, Nutrition and Health Associates, Inc., Janesville, Wisconsin; 1992-1995

- Served as Project Nutritionist/Breastfeeding Coordinator for the Dane County WIC Project. Provided nutrition care and high-risk follow-up to participants, monitored project data, completed work plans and assured adherence to regulations. Provided in-service training and technical oversight to 10 Public Health Nurses who worked with the WIC Program.

**WIC Director and Project Nutritionist**, Sauk County Health Department, Baraboo, Wisconsin; 1988-1992

- Responsible for all aspects of a WIC Project with a caseload of 1,000. Served as the Project Director and oversaw the budget, work plans, reporting and adherence to the WIC Operations Manual. Also, served as the Project Nutritionist and Breastfeeding Coordinator and provided nutrition assessment, high-risk counseling and nutrition education.

**Consultant Dietitian**, Zimmerman Nursing Home, Reedsburg, Wisconsin; 1988-present

- Provide consultant dietitian services to a 9-bed, intermediated care nursing home. Responsible for resident nutrition assessment and care planning, staff in-services related to nutrition/dietary

care, communicating needs to other members of the care team including the Administrator, Director of Nursing and Physician.

## **Education**

- Evidence-Based Public Health Course, July 2016
- Department of Health Services Supervisor Development Program, March 2011
- Department of Health Services Leadership Institute 2009-2010
- State of Wisconsin Team Leader/Facilitator Skills training 2009
- Obesity Prevention and Public Health Training Course, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Public Health, 2005
- Dietetic Internship, St. Paul Ramsey Medical Center, St. Paul, Minnesota; 1987-1988
- Bachelor of Science – Dietetics, Magna Cum Laude, University of Wisconsin- Stout, Menomonie, Wisconsin; 1983-1987

## **Professional Accomplishments**

- Barbara A. Lange Memorial Award for Health Education Advocacy, 2008
- CDC/ATSDR Leading by Example Award, Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity, 2007
- Department of Health and Family Services, Secretary's Excellence Award, 2006
- CDC/ATSDR Good Neighbor Award, Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity, 2006

## **Licenses and Certifications**

- Certified NEMS Trainer, Emory University, 2006
- Certified Lactation Educator, UCLA Extension; 1992
- Registered Dietitian, Commission on Dietetic Registration, 1988

## **Professional Affiliations**

- Madison District Dietetic Association; Treasurer 2009-2011, Program Committee 2001-2012
- Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics/Wisconsin Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics 1988-present