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PROFILE

Registered nurse with comprehensive experience in both the public and private sectors of health care. Extensive experience in patient education and advocacy in mental health and breast cancer. 1999 graduate of Eastern Mennonite University with BS in nursing.

Demonstrated proficiency in organizational skills, networking, public speaking, fund-raising, program development and implementation. Self-motivated and able to work independently.

Computer skills include: Windows 98, ME, and XP, Corel WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, Power Point, Excel, Internet, Centaurus. Experience in desktop publishing and website work.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2003- Inflammatory Breast Cancer Research Foundation, Bainbridge Is., WA

- Executive Director of the Inflammatory Breast Cancer Research Foundation (ibcRF). Duties include, but are not restricted to, the following items:
- Primary responder to the calls coming to the ibcRF toll-free phone line. Providing counsel to newly diagnosed patients, answer questions related to diagnosis, treatment and other things related to inflammatory breast cancer and the ibcRF.
- Assist with patient accrual for clinical trials for inflammatory breast cancer.
- Maintain contact with various researchers.
- Coordinator of ibcRF BioBank, biorepository and clinical database.

2001-2004 Goshen General Hospital, Goshen, IN

- Primarily responsible for providing telephone triage to callers accessing the Nurse On Call local and toll-free numbers. This includes providing medical information and treatment guidance based on computerized guidelines. Documentation by computer.
- Provide after-hours answering service for a pediatric office and cancer treatment center lines.
- Initial contact for customers accessing the hospital Hotline.

1992-2001 Harrisonburg-Rockingham Community Services Board, Harrisonburg, VA

- Responsible for the daily operation of Medical Services, providing direct client services including but not limited to injections, medication monitoring, nutrition counseling, phlebotomy and education.
- Initiated and implemented program for acquisition of medication for indigent clients using available pharmaceutical company programs.
- Developed and implemented a plan to provide local nursing students a clinical site for community health nursing.
- Active with the VACPN (Virginia Association of Community Psychiatric Nurses) assisting in planning educational programs for community psychiatric nurses statewide.

1992-1993 First Choice Home Services, Harrisonburg, VA

- Provided direct, in-home, patient services to a variety of patients. Patient population served included hospice care, dementia, and special needs infants.

1989-1992 Rockingham Memorial Hospital, Harrisonburg, VA

- Provided direct care to the patient, partner, and newborn during labor, delivery and immediate postpartum period.
- Assisted physician in deliveries requiring surgical intervention following specialized operating room training program.

EDUCATION

Eastern Mennonite University – 1999, B.S. in nursing with emphasis on management and organizational development.

The University of the State of New York – 1996, A.S. in nursing with honors.

Central Kansas Area Vocational Technical School – 1983, Diploma, School of Practical Nursing with honors.

AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS

Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society

Oncology Nursing Society

American Society of Clinical Oncology

American Association for Cancer Research

National Breast Cancer Coalition