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Contact Information

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Training and Certifications

Registered Sanitarian in the State of Michigan

Dept of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs

NIMS ICS 100, 200, 300, 400, 700, 800**Certifications**

FEMA

CDC Point of Distribution Training

Traverse City, MI

MALPH CJS Emerging Leadership Training

Thompsonville, MI

Public Health Law 101, 201, 301, 401, & 501

Traverse City, MI

Performance Management Primer

Charlevoix, MI

Water Well Inspection Course

Lewiston, MI

Advanced Soils Training-MSU

Traverse City, MI

Radon Training for Public Service

Lansing, MI

Lead Inspector and Risk Assessor Training

Lansing, MI

FDA Food Microbiological Control

Flint, MI

Michigan Public Health Institute Quality Improvement Training

Lansing, MI

Public Health Leadership

Health Officer, Deputy Health Officer and Environmental Health Director with 28 years of progressively responsible experience as a public health professional with an environmental health focus. Proven record of developing and nurturing positive collaborative relationships with local and state government officials and community stakeholders to address complex public health issues. Adept at public health program oversight as well as experience with grant writing and public health program development. Proven leadership through effective communication and problem solving.

Experience

Health Officer

Health Department of Northwest Michigan and Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department– April 30, 2022, to Present

- Collaborate to establish and provide day to day leadership, motivation, and management for a high performing team of public health professionals that reflects the mission, culture, core values, and strategic plan of two health departments
- Provides leadership to and supports division directors in the management of their programs, services, budgets, and staff
- In collaboration with the medical director, deputy health officer and directors, serves as leader of two health department, with responsibility for establishing plans and strategies to achieve the mission and goals of the agencies
- Reports to and collaborates with the Board of Health to provide public health services to the community and respond to public health threats as prescribed in the Michigan Public Health Code

Deputy Health Officer

Health Department of Northwest Michigan - January to April 2022

- Provided support to the Administrative Health Officer and acted as back-up to ensure agency mission and financial goals are met
- Guided and supported division directors
- Worked on special projects to advance the mission of the agency

Environmental Health Director

Health Department of Northwest Michigan -March 2021 to May 2022

- Division Director for environmental health programs and Northern Michigan Regional Laboratory
- Directly supervised staff of 18 full time and 9 part time employees
- Oversaw the implementation of EH division program directives and goals to insure alignment with local public health accreditation standards and EGLE evaluations
- Managed division budget and staffing needs
- Represented the Health Department of Northwest Michigan Administrative Team:
 - Advocated for environmental compliance and stewardship
 - Advanced the Health Department's vision and strategic plan to improve the health of the community

Organizations and Memberships

Northern Michigan Health Consortium

Board of Directors

2022 - Present

Michigan Association of Local Public Health

Board of Directors

2022 – Present

Dental Clinics North

Board of Directors - Secretary

2022 – Present

Northern Health Foundation

Board of Directors

2022 -present

MiThrive Community Health Needs Assessment

Steering Committee

2022 - Present

Michigan Association of Local Environmental Health Administrators

Board of Directors

2017 – 2022

Recognition

Michigan Association of Local Environmental Health Administrators Distinguished Service Award

2022

The Northern Michigan Environmental Action Council Environmentalist of the Year in Public Service

2009

Technology

Microsoft TEAMS 365

MAC / iOS Devices

- Collaborated with community partners and colleagues to form best practices and develop meaningful policies
- Primary media contact for all environmental health related issues
- Primary Health Department representative for environmental response efforts
- Oversight of core environmental health programs

Environmental Health Director

Grand Traverse County Health Department – 2017 to 2021

- Division Director for Environmental Health, Soil Erosion, and Animal Control Programs
- Directly supervised 15 full time employees
- Responsible for program compliance with all local public health accreditation indicators and other state partner evaluations
- Managed division budget
- Managed environmental response efforts for Health Department
- Served as Logistics Section Chief for Covid-19 pandemic response
- Primary media contact for environmental health related issues

Environmental Health Coordinator

Grand Traverse County Health Department – 2015 to 2017

- Responsible for overall coordination of the groundwater protection and land use programs through regulation of on-site water supplies and wastewater dispersal
- Worked on special projects across program lines as directed by Health Officer

Environmental Health Sanitarian II

Grand Traverse County Health Department – 2001 to 2015

Environmental Health Sanitarian

Genesee County Health Department – 1996 to 2001

Professional Accomplishments

- Awarded \$1.7 million grant for Sars-CoV-2 wastewater surveillance project
- CLIA high complexity microbiology lab certification for Northern Michigan Regional Laboratory
- Developed Region 7 PPE distribution hub
- Logistics and Public Health Compliance Section Chief for Covid-19 response
- Lead successful Local Public Health Accreditation
- Awarded infrastructure grants for water connections in PFAS contamination areas
- Stabilized and lead HDNW and BLDHD through leadership change and developed positive relationship with the board of health and staff

Education

Master of Science – Environmental Health Sciences

University of Michigan, School of Public Health – 1999

Bachelor of Science – Environmental Health Sciences

University of Michigan, Flint – 1996