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Summary of Qualifications

Skilled Recovery & Reentry Advocate with over ten years of sobriety and four years of active experience empowering peers through mentorship in the pathways to recovery. Proven track record coordinating outreach, advocacy and education activities for relevant policy/advocacy issues. Engaged with recovery communities in Central Texas and work with mental health systems, supportive housing and other community-based programs across the state. Excellent organizational, writing and public speaking skills as well as the ability to relate effectively with people from diverse backgrounds.

Education

Dillard University

January 1985-August 1986 Secondary Education

San Antonio College

August 2012-July 2014 Human Services Certificate in Addiction Studies

Infinite Recovery

January 2015 Peer Recovery Coach Training Completed/Soberhood

ViaHope

October 2016 Certified Peer Specialist Training Certified CPS

The University of Texas at Austin

December 2016 Social Work BSW 2016

Work Experience

Alamo Colleges

January 2012-July 2013 Student Learning Center Aide San Antonio, Texas

- Coordinated with other staff members to provide student services
- Responsible for proctoring exams
- Assisted students with coursework and technology utilization

The Clubhouse at Monticello Park

January 2013-August 2014 Manager San Antonio, Texas

- Responsible for the day to day supervision of living environment
- Coordinated residents care with service providers
- Facilitated weekly meetings
- Assisted residents in identifying and achieving their life goals

Mentor & Recovery

August 2015 – June 2017 Steward Austin, Texas

- Responsible for the day to day supervision of living environment
- Facilitated weekly meetings

- Assisted residents in identifying and achieving their life goals

Communities for Recovery

July 2016 – Present

Peer Policy Fellow

Austin, Texas

- Develop and coordinate activities of a Peer Advocacy Work Group to involve other peers in advocacy activities
- Provide background research on policy and administrative rules
- Educate and work to reduce stigma among behavioral health stakeholders, committees, commissions, educators, community groups and others about the recovery model and recovery coaching

Affiliations & Appointment

Texas Association of Addiction Professionals (TAAP)

- Vice President of San Antonio Chapter 2013-2014

Center for Students in Recovery Council

- Member

Austin/Travis County Reentry Roundtable: Reentry Advocacy Project

- Executive Board Member

Reentry Advocacy Project

- Member

Austin Area African American Behavioral Health Network

- Member

Health and Human Services Commission Self-Directed Care Advisory Subcommittee

- Member

National Association of Social Worker: Texas Chapter

- Member

Fellowships, Awards & Appointments

- 2016 Austin City Hall Fellow
- 2015-2016 School of Social Work College Scholar
- 2016 Tower Award – Outstanding Student Volunteer Award
- Hogg Peer Policy Fellows Academy
- 2016 NAACP Self Determination Award
- Mayor's Task Force on Institutional Racism & Systemic Inequities
- Health and Human Services Commission Self-Directed Care Advisory Committee