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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS:

- UCSF - trained Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner with 17 years of nursing experience working with underserved, military and veteran populations advocating for their mental health needs.
- Demonstrated experience working with mental health populations using diverse modalities such as medication management, group psychotherapy, and individual psychotherapy
- Caring, dedicated nurse with a reputation for providing high quality care and ensuring patient satisfaction.
- Outstanding interpersonal and communication skills; superior accuracy in patient history, charting, and other documentation.
- Certified sexual assault nurse examiner that is qualified to do sexual assault examinations on all lifespans with compassion, attention-to-detail and thoroughness.

AWARDS:

2010 Medical Provider of the Year by the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Solano County
2011 Medical Provider of the Year in Napa County

TESTIMONY EXPERIENCE:

Qualified and testified as an expert witness since 2006 in the following counties: Solano, Napa, Yolo, Marin, Contra Costa, Sacramento, and Sonoma Counties, including federal jurisdictions.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

*October 2020
to
Present*

Napa Solano SANE-SART
Executive Director

Napa, CA

Plans, facilitates, leads and manages the SANE-SART agency under the direction of the SANE-SART Board of Directors. Directs and oversees the development, delivery and expansion of 3 programs, forensic nursing, Courage Center 2 and Solano Trauma Recovery Center, to meet community needs and the evaluation of outcomes in terms of effectiveness and cost efficiency; leads and assist in policy development/implementation policies, strategic plans, programs and services; addressed and fulfills statutory and regulatory mandates; maintains and recommends changes to the Board By-Laws which are approved by the Board of Directors.

*May 2016
to
Present*

Kaiser Permanente
Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner

Vallejo, CA

Works with children, families and adult populations to provide mental health assessments, diagnoses and treatment for various psychiatric disorders.

- May 2015
 to
 2017
- University of San Francisco**
Adjunct Professor
- Sacramento Campus, CA**
- Instructed the clinical and didactic portions of Psychiatric/Mental Health and Community Nursing Course to 20+ baccalaureate students.
- January 2012
 to
 Present
- Department of Veteran Affairs**
Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner
- Sacramento, CA**
- Responsible for after hours assessment and treatment of hospitalized patients on a 16 bed inpatient psychiatric unit. Also responsible for 5150 evaluations, inpatient medicine referrals and hospital de-escalation team.
- May 2005
 to
 Present
- Napa-Solano SANE/SART**
Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner
- Napa, CA**
- A health care provider with specialized training and clinical experience in sexual assault throughout all lifespans that is responsible for gathering information from the patient for a medical forensic history, an examination, documentation of biological and physical findings, collection of evidence from the patient, and follow-up as needed to document additional evidence. Also, responsible for medical treatment of the patient coordinating treatment of injuries, providing care for sexually transmitted infections, assessing pregnancy risk and discussing treatment options, including reproductive health services. This includes providing instructions and referrals for follow-up medical care.
- March 2014
 to
 March 2016
- Aldea Children and Family Services**
Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner
- Fairfield, CA**
- Work with low-income children and family providing mental health assessment, diagnosis and treatment for various psychiatric disorders.
- April 2010
 to
 September 2012
- USAF Reserve**
Mental Health/Psychiatric Nurse
- Travis AFB, CA**
- Delivers direct mental health nursing care in a deployed or contingency environment. Scope of practice includes facilitating group and individual counseling, patient advocacy and family support, medical nursing management and psycho-education sessions for acute adult psychiatric population.
- September 2010
 to
 February 2012
- County of Sonoma Public Health Service**
Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner
- Sonoma County, CA**
- A health care provider with specialized training and clinical experience in sexual assault throughout all lifespans that is responsible for gathering information from the patient for a medical forensic history, an examination, documentation of biological and physical findings, collection of evidence from the patient, and follow-up as needed to document additional evidence. Also, responsible for medical treatment of the patient coordinating treatment of injuries, providing care for sexually transmitted infections, assessing pregnancy risk and discussing treatment options, including reproductive health services. This includes providing instructions and referrals for follow-up medical care.
- May 2007
 to
 January 2012
- California Forensic Medical Group**
Director of Nursing
- Fairfield, CA**
- Directed all nursing services, administratively and clinically, for the Solano County Adult and Juvenile Detention Facilities. Additionally, directed medical ancillary services, such as medical administration and dental services. Organized, planned and directed nursing service department functions and activities. Developed objectives, rules and regulations, and policies

and procedures of nursing care and medical ancillary services. Established, implemented, monitored, evaluated and revised Nursing Discipline Quality Assurance Plan. Ensured compliance with nursing care standards established by the Institute of Medical Quality (IMQ), Federal, State, County and local regulatory agencies and adherence to institutional objectives and policies pertaining to nursing administration. Acted as a liaison with other organizations and relevant authorities. Recruited, hired, and supervised all nursing services.

March 2003
to
June 2007

U.S. Air Force
Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse

Travis Air Force Base, CA

Delivered direct mental health nursing on the Air Force's second largest inpatient psychiatric unit. Responsible for infection control, staff development, disease prevention, safety and risk management, unit quality assurance and improvement. Assessed, coordinated, facilitated, and provided psychiatric nursing care for over 200 admissions per year. Scope of practice included facilitating group and individual counseling, patient advocacy and family support, medical nursing management and psycho-education sessions for acute adult psychiatric population.

March 2004
to
May 2007

California Forensic Medical Group
Correctional Care Nurse

Fairfield, CA

Provided for the healthcare of inmates in the Solano County Jail and Juvenile Detention Facility. Dually faceted as a medical and psychiatric nurse. In treating the mentally ill, responsible for a variety of psychosocial and pharmacological therapies, including biological, psychological and social, to alleviate symptoms, attain appropriate functioning and prevent relapse. Medically responsible for written instructions or guidelines that specify the steps to be taken in evaluating a patient's health status and providing interventions.

August 2006
to
January 2007

U.S. Air Force
Contingency Clinical Nurse

Ramstein Air Base, Kaiserslautern

During a 150 day deployment, performed psychiatric and medical nursing care in the largest Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility to an All Air Expeditionary Forces, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. As a clinical nurse, assisted in the transport of 5.2K patient movements of Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom with varying diagnosis' ranging from psychiatric disorders to severe battle injuries.

EDUCATION:

2014 **University of CA - San Francisco**
Masters of Science Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner

San Francisco, CA

2002 **University of Illinois at Chicago**
Baccalaureate of Science Nursing

Chicago, IL

RELATED COURSEWORK:

Forensic Nurse Courses; UC Riverside

- Introduction to Forensic Pathology for Healthcare Specialists
- Forensic Approaches to Blunt Force and Firearm Injuries

LICENSES:

California Registered Nurse, License #632809
California Nurse Practitioner License #95001624

CERTIFICATIONS:

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, Pediatric (SANE-P) Certification
Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, Adult (SANE-A) Certification
Mental Health-Psychiatric Nurse, Board Certified
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, Board Certified

SPECIALIZED TRAINING:

- Aeromedical Staging Squadron Training Course; August 2004
- Sexual Assault Response Team Training (Adult) Program; March 2005
- Pediatric Sexual Abuse Acute Evidentiary Exam Training for Healthcare Professionals; April 2005
- Trauma Nurse Care Course (TNCC); August 2006
- Advanced cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Provider Course; October 2006

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:

July 2005
to
Present

Napa-Solano SANE/SART
Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Trainer

Napa, CA

Extensive knowledge in psychological aspects of trauma with a strong command of rape trauma. Expertly trains victim advocates from Safequest Solano, Sexual Assault and Victim Services (SAVS), and Travis Air Force Base Victim Support on Psychological Trauma, Rape Trauma Syndrome, Mental Illness, Complex Trauma, and Medical Procedures during a sexual assault examination. Currently has trained over hundreds of victim advocates in the community.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

- Active Member, Americal Psychiatric Nurses Association
- Active Member, International Association of Forensic Nursing
- Active Member, Napa County Multidisciplinary Sexual Assault Response Team
- Active Member, Solano County Multidisciplinary Sexual Assault Response Team
- Fully privileged at Mather Medical Campus, Department of Veteran Affairs, Sacramento, CA
- Allied Health Professional with hospital privileges at North Bay Medical Center, Fairfield; Queen of the Valley Medical Center, Napa; Kaiser Permanente, Vallejo; and David Grant Medical Center, Travis Air Force Base.

CONFERENCES ATTENDED:

- 27th Annual UC Davis National Child Abuse and Neglect Conference, October 2008
- International Association of Forensic Nursing 17th Annual Scientific Assembly, October 2009
- 2010 California Sexual Assault Investigators Association Fall Conference, November 2010
- International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, and Stalking, April 2011
- SART Summit II sponsored by California Clinical Forensic Multidisciplinary Team, Long Beach, CA, August 2013
- 2013 International Association of Forensic Nursing Annual Conference, Anaheim, CA October 2013
- Sexually Violent Crimes presented by George Mason University, Fairfax, VA November 2014
- Medical Assessment of Pediatric Injuries and Sexual Trauma: Differentiating Accidental from Non-Accidental Trauma; June 2008
- Western Regional Children's Advocacy Center's Medical Training Academy; March 2010
- Dr. Bessel Van Der Kolk's Neurobiology of Trauma, February 2015

- Dr. Brazelton's Touchpoints Individual Level Training, March 2015
- The Invisible Learning Disability: Prenatal Substance Exposure and Trauma in Children, April 2015
- The Courage Conference, November 2017 and February 2018
- Dr. Bruce Perry Child Trauma & Trauma-Informed Treatment: Strengthening the Relationships that Help and Heal, May 2018
- California Clinical Forensic Medical Training Center (CCFMTC) SART Summit, September 2018

MILITARY EXPERIENCE:

- Enlisted in U.S. Air Force in 1992.
- Stationed at various worldwide locations, including Europe, Asia, and North America.
- Trained and certified as an Intelligence Analyst until 2000.
- Received numerous quarterly and annual leadership awards.
- Received Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) academic scholarship to pursue nursing degree.
- Commissioned in Officer Nurse Corps in 2002.