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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Experienced social worker and consulting professional with a demonstrated history working in the forensic social services field. Skilled in client assessment, clinical case management, client advocacy, system process improvement, research, report writing, and working within an interdisciplinary team.

EDUCATION

- MSW** University of St. Thomas/St. Catherine University **May 2016**
Master's in Clinical Social Work
- BSW** Gordon College **May 2014**
Bachelor's in Social Work and Sociology, Pre-Law Minor

CURRENT POSITION

MN Board of Public Defense, *Dispositional Advisor* (APRIL 2016- PRESENT)

Consult with attorneys on pre-trial case preparation and sentencing plans regarding relevant mitigation information to advocate for alternatives to incarceration. Caseload is comprised of clients who are charged with complex felony offenses. Perform client assessments, formulate and coordinate community treatment plans, complete relevant social and sentencing practices research, advocate orally in court for clients both informally and through testimony, review and assess clinical psychological assessments and competency evaluations, coordinate with forensic experts, and prepare comprehensive written reports for the Court. Knowledgeable about community treatment options for both juvenile and adult clients, and the MN Department of Corrections services. Experienced in the areas of Juvenile Certification, Contested Competency, M'Naghten Defense, Civil Commitment Process, Hennepin County Treatment Courts, Sex Offense Cases, and Felony Sentencing Practices.

Serve on interdisciplinary committees such as Adult Detention Alternative Initiative. Within the office provide leadership and program structure development such as: managing statewide electronic research database, coordinate treatment site visits, lead monthly writing workshops, serve on hiring committees, mentor and train new staff, create training budget, prepare and facilitate presentations for staff on social work role and responsibilities, organize statewide social work conferences, maintain agency resource and expert lists, develop curriculum for internship program and supervise masters and undergraduate level social work interns.

CORRECTIONS CASE MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

Volunteer of America: Residential Re-Entry Center, *Practicum Student* (SEPTEMBER 2015- APRIL 2016)

Manage a caseload of clients transitioning from prison to the community while on supervised release. Provide clinical case management to ensure clients achieve their housing and employment goals and maintained facility obligations. Perform additional clinical services including conducting LSCMI assessments, therapeutic individual sessions, and reentry group therapy using Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Motivational Interviewing modalities. Other projects included creating, implementing, and facilitating a family reintegration support group as well as conducting outcome research on programing effectiveness.

Essex County Juvenile Probation, *Practicum Student* (JANUARY 2014 to MAY 2014)

Conduct necessary assessment, intervention, and referral for services for youth on delinquency, child requiring assistance, and care and protection probation in Essex County, MA. Perform client intake, complete social history evaluations, create appropriate case plans with juvenile clients and families based on individual needs, and complete risk assessments. Field work was conducted through client school and home visits to assess home environments and school progress. Complete necessary documentation and communication including filing, data entry, scheduling court dates, answering phones, and transcribing court hearings. Manage an independent caseload, write care and protection petitions with the Court, and created a practitioner guide to LSCMI assessments. Appear in court with clients and made recommendations to the Court.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Santa Barbara Co. Public Defender, *Mitigation and Investigative Assistant*

(MAY 2014- MAY 2015)

Work collaboratively as part of the defense team with attorneys, investigators, and mitigation specialists on a caseload comprised of both capital and non-capital felony cases. Complete various background investigation, paralegal, and mitigation services including organizing discovery both electronically and physically into trial binders, spreadsheets, and detailed notes, summarizing, requesting and reviewing mental health and other medical records, and completing client and collateral interviews for social history assessments. Other responsibilities include staffing the arraignment calendar to verify information and secure out of custody placements for clients. Administrative responsibilities include coverage of the reception desk, conducting intake assessments with clients, assisting clients on the phone with legal concerns, and providing crisis management when necessary.

Santa Barbara County Public Defender, *Intern*

(MAY 2013- AUGUST 2013)

Assist public defender in trial preparation. Organize all discovery and expert materials into trial binders to be used during court, and completed electronic file organization. Review and transcribe audio and video recordings, including jail calls. Assist attorney during trials through consulting in jury selection, preparing exhibits, and discovery, and creating power-point presentations for jury selection and closing arguments.

PUBLICATIONS

Graduate Clinical Research Project, mixed methods study and presentation

(MAY 2016)

"*Effective and Ethical Measures of Predicting Criminal Offenders' Risk of Recidivism and Treatment Needs on Risk-Need Assessments*" (2016). Master of Social Work Clinical Research Papers. Paper 694. http://sophia.stkate.edu/msw_papers/694

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

SENTENCING ADVOCACY, MN Board of Public Defense

(MARCH 2018)

Faculty small group leader and presenter on report writing

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

MN BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK (LICENSE NUMBER 25467)

Licensed Graduate Social Worker since July 2016, Licensed Independent Social Worker since November 2018

MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING: For Corrections Professionals, Volunteers of America, *December 2015*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND COMMITTEES

MN Second Chance Coalition

(JANUARY 2016- present)

National Association of Public Defense

(APRIL 2016- present)

National Organization for Forensic Social Work

(JUNE 2016- present)

Minnesota Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

(SEPTEMBER 2019- present)

Field Advisor Counsel, St. Catherine University: Social Work Department

(SEPTEMBER 2019- present)

CONTINUING EDUCATION

- **DIFFICULT CLIENTS, SPMI, AND CRIMINOGENIC BEHAVIORS** Eagan, MN (*APRIL 25, 2016*)
Kathy Harowski- Dispositional Advisor Annual Conference: MN Board of Public Defense
- **COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES, EXPUNGEMENT, ETC.** Eagan, MN (*APRIL 26, 2016*)
Joshua Esmay: Counsel on Crime and Justice- Dispositional Advisor Annual Conference:
MN Board of Public Defense
- **SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER REFORM-** Brainerd, MN (*OCTOBER 13, 2016*)

- Mikki Maruska- DHS Project Planning Director, Dispositional Advisor Quarterly Meeting: MN Board of Public Defense
- **PUBLIC DEFENDER ANNUAL TRAINING-** Brainerd, MN (*OCTOBER 14-16, 2016*)
MN Board of Public Defense
- **CHILD MALTREATMENT: A NEURODEVELOPMENTAL PERSPECTIVE ON THE ROLE OF TRAUMA AND NEGLECT IN PSYCHOPATHOLOGY-** Burnsville, MN (*OCTOBER 18, 2016*)
Dr. Bruce Perry, MD, PhD.-Minnesota Association of Children's Mental Health
- **THE ART AND SCIENCE OF SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT-** St. Paul, MN (*OCTOBER 21, 2016*)
Deborah McDaniel-Dunn, MA, Rebekah Lichfy, MS, LPCC- Project Pathfinder Inc.: MN Community Corrections Association
- **BLACK LIVES MATTER? WHAT IS IT AND HOW DOES IT EFFECT MY REPRESENTATION?-** Brainerd, MN (*NOVEMBER 4, 2016*) MN Board of Public Defense
- **LESSONS FROM MENTAL HEALTH COURT: EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES FOR CRIMINAL CASES INVOLVING MENTAL ILLNESS-** Minneapolis, MN (*DECEMBER 2, 2016*)
Robina Institute of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice
- **JUVENILE JUSTICE: MENTAL HEALTH COLABORATION** Saint Paul, MN(*JANUARY 20, 2017*)
Minnesota Corrections Association
- **MN SAFE HARBOR/ NO WRONG DOOR:** Paula Shaffer- Eagan, MN (*FEBRUARY 10, 2017*)
First District Annual Training- MN Board of Public Defense
- **FORENSIC EVALUATION OF PTSD-** Bloomington, MN (*FEBRUARY 24, 2017*)
Carlo Giacomoni, Psy.D., ABPP, American Institute for the Advancement of Forensic Studies
- **ETHICS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS** (*FEBRUARY 28, 2017*)
The Knox County Public Defender's Community Law Office- NAPD Webinar
- **SENTENCING ADVOCACY** Brainerd, MN (*MARCH 8-10, 2017*) – MN Board of Public Defense
- **WHY DOES MY CLIENT HAVE A CRIMINAL HISTORY POINT?** Mankato, MN(*APRIL 14, 2017*)
Lindsay Mckreyer- MN Sentencing Guideline Commission, Road Show: MN Board of Public Defense
- **SENTENCING DEPARTURES AND DRUG REFORM-** Mankato, MN (*APRIL 14, 2017*)
MN Board of Public Defense
- **MNATSA :ANNUAL CONFERNCE,** Brooklyn Park, MN (*APRIL 20-21, 2017*)
MN Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers
- **MN DOC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES** Eagan, MN (*APRIL 26, 2017*)
MN Department of Corrections- Dispositional Advisor Annual Conference: MN Board of Public Defense
- **LEGACY OF TRAUMA: CONTEXT OF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN EXISTENCE-** Eagan, MN (*APRIL 26, 2017*)
Brandon Jones, MA Dispositional Advisor Annual Conference: MN Board of Public Defense
- **SOCIAL WORK IN CRIMINAL DEFENSE: ETHICAL DILEMMAS** Eagan, MN (*APRIL 26, 2017*) Sarah Buchanan, LCSW- Dispositional Advisor Annual Conference: MN Board of Public Defense
- **EVALUATION OF COMPETENCY, CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY, AND CIVIL COMMITMENT: BASES FOR REFERRALS & COMMITMENT** Hastings, MN (*MAY 26, 9 2017*)
Katheryn Cranbrook, PsyD, LP, ABPP- Regional Psychological Services
- **NLADA/NASAMS ANNUAL CONFERENCE-** Baltimore, MD (*JUNE 7-9, 2017*)
National Legal Aide and Defender's Association, National Association of Sentencing Advocates and Mitigation Specialists
- **NOFSW: ANNUAL CONFERENCE-** Boston, MA (*JULY 27-29, 2017*)
National Organization of Forensic Social Work
- **SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER REFORM: UPCOMING CHANGES-** Bemidji, MN (*July 19, 2017*)
Dispositional Advisor Quarterly Meeting, MN Board of Public Defense
- **SURVIVING TESTIMONY-** Faribault, MN (*AUGUST 11, 2017*)
MN Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers
- **PUBLIC DEFENDER ANNUAL CONFERENCE-** Brainerd, MN (*OCTOBER 13-15, 2017*)
MN Board of Public Defense
- **A TASTE OF MOTIVATIONAL INTEVIEWING-** St. Paul, MN (*OCTOBER 27, 2017*)
Jennifer Shafer, MSW, Bethel University School of Social Work
- **CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED CAREGIVERS-** St. Paul, MN (*NOVEMBER 1, 2017*)
MN Board of Public Defense: 2nd Judicial District
- **DBT FOR FORENSIC PROFESSIONALS-** Bloomington, MN (*JANUARY 12, 2018*)
Lane Pederson, Psy.D., L.P., DBTC, American Institute for the Advancement of Forensic Studies

- **COMPETENCY, RULE 20.01, AND THE 48 HOUR RULE-** St. Paul, MN (*JANUARY 25, 2018*) Department of Human Services & Office of Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disability, Dispositional Advisor Quarterly Meeting: MN Board of Public Defense
- **PRACTICAL ISSUES SURROUNDING RULE 20 EVALUATIONS IN MN-** Eagan, MN (*FEBRUARY 9, 2018*) Tricia Aiken, PsyD, ABPP, LP- First District Annual Training: MN Board of Public Defense
- **WORKING WITH CLIENT SWITH TBI'S-** Eagan, MN (*FEBRUARY 9, 2018*) Molly Gilbert, M, Ed. - First District Annual Training: MN Board of Public Defense
- **BAIL, RACE, AND IMMIGRATION-** Eagan, MN (*FEBRUARY 9, 2018*) First District Annual Training: MN Board of Public Defense
- **PROBATION REVOCATIONS FROM ALL SIDES: PROBATION, PROSECUTION, AND DEFENSE CONSIDERATIONS** Minneapolis, MN (*MARCH 14, 2018*) Robina Institute of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice
- **THE BEST YOU LEADS TO BETTER OUTCOMES FOR THOSE YOU SERVE-** Minneapolis, MN (*March 15, 2018*) Judge Shaun Floerke- The Retreat Treatment Center
- **INVESTIGATOR AND SOCIAL WORKERS/SENTENCING ADVOCATES CONFERENCE** Denver, CO (*March 26-29, 2018*) National Association of Public Defense
- **MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING** Eagan, MN (*APRIL 17, 2018*) Sue EckMaahs & Associates- Dispositional Advisor Annual Conference: MN Board of Public Defense
- **RACE AND THE LAW** Eagan, MN (*APRIL 18, 2018*) Valerie Jensen, JD- Azon Consulting, Dispositional Advisor Conference: MN Board of Public Defense
- **PAVING THE WAY: ANNUAL CONFERENCE** Brooklyn, NY (*APRIL 20, 2018*) Crown Heights Community Meditation Center
- **ADVANCED ASSESSMENT OF SEXUAL OFFENDERS** Bloomington, MN (*APRIL 27, 2018*) Kostas Katsavdakakis, PhD, ABPP, The American Institute for the Advancement of Forensic Studies (*SEPTEMBER 21, 2018*) National Association of Public Defense
- **NOFSW: ANNUAL CONFERENCE-** New Orleans, LA (*JUNE 1, 2018*) National Organization of Forensic Social Work
- **SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER REFORM** Duluth, MN (*JULY 10, 2018*) Dianne Hulzeos- MN Department of Human Services, Dispositional Advisor Quarterly Meeting: MN Board of Public Defense
- **CHALLENGING RULE 20'S** Duluth, MN (*July 11, 2018*) Jacki Buffington, PhD, LP, Dispositional Advisor Quarterly Meeting: MN Board of Public Defense
- **PUBLIC DEENDER RESILIENCY AND DEALING WITH SECONDARY TRAUMA-** Minneapolis, MN (*SEPTEMBER 13, 2018*) Caroline Durham, MN Board of Public Defense: 4th Judicial District
- **RISK ASSESSMENT AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION** Brainerd, MN (*OCTOBER 12, 2018*) Mark Bilven- MN Department of Corrections, Dispositional Advisor Quarterly Meeting- MN Board of Public Defense
- **LGBTQ FOR DISPOSITIONAL ADVISORS** Brainerd, MN (*OCTOBER 12, 2018*) Nancy Holmblod, Dispositional Advisor Quarterly Meeting- MN Board of Public Defense
- **PUBLIC DEFENDER ANNUAL CONFERENCE-** Brainerd, MN (*OCTOBER 12-14, 2018*) MN Board of Public Defense
- **RACE ON THE BRAIN: WHAT IMPLICIT BIAS GETS WRONG ABOUT RACIAL JUSTICE** Minneapolis, MN (*OCTOBER 18, 2018*): Jonathan Kahn, MN Board of Public Defense: 4th Judicial District
- **AN ADVANCED OVERVIEW OF DSM V AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR CLINICIANS** St. Paul, MN (*OCTOBER 26, 2018*) Hal Pickett, Psy.D., L.P., ABPP, American Institute for the Advancement of Forensic Studies
- **DEVELOPING CLIENT AND FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS IN ORDER TO TELL THE STORY** Minneapolis, MN (*DECEMBER 5, 2018*): Lori James-Towns and Patrice Fulcher, MN Board of Public Defense: 4th District PD Annual Conference
- **STORYTELLING-** Minneapolis, MN (*DECEMBER 5, 2018*) Patrice Fulcher, MN Board of Public Defense: 4th District PD Annual Conference
- **SECONDARY TRAUMA** Minneapolis, MN (*DECEMBER 5, 2018*) Lori James-Towns, MN Board of Public Defense: 4th District PD Annual Conference
- **POLICY WORK AND SYSTEM ISSUES AFFECTING OUR AFRICAN AMERICAN CLIENTS** Minneapolis, MN (*JANUARY 15, 2019*): Justin Terrell- Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage, Dispositional Advisor Quarterly Meeting
- **MSSA: ANNUAL CONFERNCE** Minneapolis, MN (*MARCH 20-22, 2019*): MN Social Service Association
- **EVIDENCED BASED PRACTICES IN THE FIELD: CONNECTING THE DOTS** Minneapolis, MN (*APRIL 2 , 2019*) Hennepin County Community Corrections

- **MNATSA : ANNUAL CONFERENCE** Brooklyn Park, MN (*APRIL 10-12, 2019*)
MN Association for the Treatment of Sex Offenders
- **COMPETENCY: NEW RULES, LANGUAGE, AND DHS RULES, AND WHAT THAT MEANS FOR OUR CLIENTS-**
Minneapolis, MN (*MAY 30, 2019*): 4th Judicial District: MN Board of Public Defense
- **RECOGNIZING VICARIOUS TRAUMA-** Minneapolis, MN (*MAY 31, 2019*)
Suzanne Koeplinger, 4th Judicial District: MN Board of Public Defense
- **NOFSW: ANNUAL CONFERENCE-** Las Vegas, NV (*JUNE 12, 2019*)
National Organization of Forensic Social Work
- **MINNESOTA SENTENCING GUIDELINES REFORM-** Minneapolis, MN (*JULY 24, 2019*)
Valerie Estrada, 4th Judicial District: MN Board of Public Defense
- **PSYCHOSEXUAL EVALUATIONS** (AUGUST 13, 2019) – Skipped Parts
- **NAPD INVESTIGATOR AND SOCIAL WORKERS/ SENTENCING ADVOCATES CONFERENCE**
Seattle, WA (*SEPTEMBER 10-13, 2019*): National Association of Public Defense
- **WE ARE ALL CRIMINALS** St. Paul, MN (*SEPTEMBER 20, 2019*)
Emily Baxter- We Are All Criminals
- **SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS AND COGNITIVE DISORDERS** - Loretto, MN (*October 2, 2019*) - Vinland National Center
- **CHALLENGE INCARCERATION PROGRAM-** Brainerd, MN (October 11, 2010): MN Department of Corrections