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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

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9/14 -Present **Research Associate**

DMA Health Strategies, Lexington, MA

Supports consultants with: Policy research on health reform and human services including the integration of behavioral health services into primary care, the evaluation of child welfare and residential treatment, substance abuse treatment access, and other projects at federal, state and local levels. Data analysis of access, utilization, and costs of the behavioral health system in MA and elsewhere; Focus groups, online surveys, and other meeting facilitation activities; and Proposal and report writing. Assists with office, small business management including: time reporting, accounting, billing, recordkeeping, and marketing activities.

*Current projects include:*

- Ongoing technical support for the MA Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services including: updating the *Careers of Substance* website; coordinating an annual peer review process for substance abuse providers; and note taking and summarizing five focus groups related to integrating tobacco education and treatment into addiction treatment for other substances.
- Analyzing state and national data sets and creating charts for The California Health Care Foundation's behavioral health almanacs on mental health and substance abuse
- Researching children's mental health services, and conducting and scheduling interviews of state, county and tribal grantees for the financial component of the National Evaluation of SAMHSA's Children's Mental Health Initiative Expansion
- Note taking and summarizing focus groups with providers, Department of Children and Families and Department of Mental Health staff, youth, and parents for the MA Title IV-E 2014-2019 Waiver (Caring Together) evaluation
- Continuing process, evaluation, and technical support for the Rhode Island Veterans Treatment Program
- Writing and coordinating two proposals for the University of Massachusetts Medical School's Comprehensive Psychiatric Services to the Department of Mental Health
- Updating an annual report that compares Association of Behavioral Health members compared to other UFR filers on a variety of financial measures

*Past projects include:*

- Conducted qualitative and quantitative data analysis for the MA Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation's report "Addiction and Recovery Services in the City of Boston: A Blueprint for Building a Better System of Care".
- Analyzed data, and peer reviewed report for the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project on strategic opportunities related to performance improvement and development of Alternative Payment Methods.
- Facilitated surveys, conducted interviews, and analyzed public and commercial insurance data for the report, "Access to Substance Use Disorder Treatment in Massachusetts" for the MA Center for Health Information and Analysis.
- Conducted a fiscal analysis and created a fiscal model of current use and potential expansions of Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioners for a University of San Francisco's Study in five California counties
- Assisted the development and distribution of Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare's RFP to procure and select a behavioral health managed care organization.

- Assisted with the development of Health New England's strategic plan for managing their behavioral health benefits.

- 9/13 - 08/14 **AmeriCorps Direct Service Member**  
Share Our Strength's Cooking Matters, Boston, MA  
Coordinated and led nutrition education courses and interactive grocery store tours teaching families how to cook and shop healthier on a budget. Engaged with, managed, and trained community volunteers. Expanded programming by working with community-based agencies. Developed social media content to increase awareness around Cooking Matters and the No Kid Hungry Campaign in Massachusetts and nationally.
- 8/11 – 05/13 **Student Researcher**  
Behavioral Neuroscience Department, Connecticut College, New London, CT  
Conducted independent research study examining cortisol levels, exercise and eating behavior in college students. Authored final comprehensive paper and presented research at the Psychology Department Conference. Discussed current topics in Behavioral Neuroscience.
- 5/12 – 08/12 **Research Assistant**  
Dr. Schacter's Memory Lab, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA  
Recruited, scheduled, and ran participants in two psychology memory research studies. Collaborated with graduate student and post-doc fellow on ideas for their studies. Reviewed scientific literature, organized data in Excel, and coded personality surveys.
- 5/11 – 8/11 **Research Lab Assistant**  
Steen Neurobiology Lab, Children's Hospital, Boston, MA  
Aided and collaborated with post-doc fellow with neurobiology proteomic research by performing protein determinations on cells from rat and mice hippocampi and cortices and conducting literature reviews.
- 8/11 – 12/11 **Student Researcher**  
Department of Psychology, Connecticut College, New London, CT  
Developed a study that tested the relationship between social anxiety and conformity. Compiled and analyzed data using SPSS. Co-presented findings to faculty and peers and authored final comprehensive paper.
- 1/11 – 5/11 **Research Associate**  
Lawrence and Memorial Hospital, New London, CT  
Interviewed patients in the emergency room regarding their smoking history for a smoking cessation study. Offered referrals to the Connecticut Quitline.

## **EDUCATION and SKILLS:**

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- 2013 **Bachelor of Arts *Cum Laude***, in Behavioral Neuroscience, Connecticut College, New London, CT; Cameron Horner Smyser '92 Award for Scholarly Achievement
- Present **Masters in Public Health Candidate** at Boston University School of Public Health
- Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, SPSS, and Salesforce