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EDUCATION

MSPH, Health Policy and Management

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Gillings School of Global Public Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

BS in Biology, **BA** with High Honors in Romance Languages

May 2014

Duke University

- Honors Thesis: The History of Nursing and Nursing Education in Haiti

SUMMARY OF RESEARCH SKILLS

Institutional Review Board submission and renewals * participant recruitment * informed consent review * study subject interviewing * biological specimen collection * Epic chart abstraction * data collection and management * statistical analysis (Stata) * Project management * research methodology & design * policy brief writing * decision analysis

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant

June 2017 – August 2017

Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research, Chapel Hill, NC

- Designed and managed a policy relevant project on opioid overdose related hospitalizations and emergency department visits in North Carolina using state owned hospital claims data
- Tasks included IRB submission and compliance for the use of sensitive data, data requests and acquisitions, program writing in Stata, and coordination between team members to manage project timeline and goals
- Wrote two policy briefs based on project findings, which were circulated among members of the NC Department of Health and Human Services and included policy relevant information on the burden of opioid addiction on the uninsured, and heroin usage trends in North Carolina as they relate to different demographics
- Prepared estimates for the NC Institute of Medicine on the uninsured in North Carolina and their demographics using data from the American Community Survey resulting in a policy brief on the characteristics of North Carolina's uninsured

Clinical Research Assistant

August 2014 – August 2016

UNC School of Medicine/NC Women's Hospital, Chapel Hill, NC

- Coordinated multiple research studies including PI initiated grant studies and industry-sponsored trials, enrolling over 400 patients in total. Role included ensuring IRB compliance through managing IRB renewals and modifications and reporting unanticipated events. Everyday tasks included patient screening and recruitment, informed consent review, coordination of repeat study visits with patients across multiple studies, the organization of thousands of coded biopsecimen samples, and facilitating follow up visits during critical, fixed time points
- Collected both quantitative and qualitative patient data through detailed medical record review and in depth one on one interviews in English and Spanish with study participants. Worked with pregnant women, a vulnerable subject population, and provided a warm and open atmosphere for patients to feel comfortable disclosing private health and personal information while maintaining high professional standards and an assurance of confidentiality
- Simultaneously collaborated with coworkers as part of a cohesive team by training on other study

protocols and subbing in when necessary to ensure high quality work across all of the department's studies

PUBLICATIONS

- North Carolina Institute of Medicine. Claims Data to Improve Health in North Carolina: A Report from the NCIOM Task Force on All-Payer Claims Database. Morrisville, NC: North Carolina Institute of Medicine; 2017. URL: <http://www.nciom.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/2017-Data-Snapshot-.pdf>
- **Smith, C.A.** Holmes, M. (2017, August). *Opioid Poisoning Related Hospital Use in North Carolina*. Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research. URL: <http://www.shepscenter.unc.edu/product/opioid-poisoning-hospital-use-nc/>
- **Smith, C.A.** Holmes, M. (2017, August). *Trends in North Carolina Hospital Use Related to Prescription Opioid and Heroin Poisoning*. Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research. URL: <http://www.shepscenter.unc.edu/product/opioid-poisoning-hospital-use-trends-nc/>

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Academy Health, UNC-CH Chapter, Co-president

Fall 2016 – Current

- Successfully planned and executed the Health Policy and Management department's annual multi-day Health Policy speaker series. Collaborated with the Academy Health student chapter executive team to secure the VP of Kaiser Family Foundation for a special lecture on implications of ACA repeal and replace on Medicaid and the health care system. Pulled together multiple speakers to provide perspectives from law makers, agency directors and the media for a certified .5 credit hour departmental conference
- Coordinated fund raising efforts throughout the year to bring a total of 17 students to the National Health Policy Conference in D.C. Facilitated periodic "Lunch and Learns" with UNC faculty experts in domestic and global health care policy in an effort to expose students to different policy areas of consideration and engage students and faculty in meaningful dialogue.
- Elected co-president of the UNC Academy Health student chapter for the 2017-2018 academic year

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Legal Aid of North Carolina, Certified Marketplace Navigator

Oct. 2016 – Jan. 2017

- Completed extensive Marketplace training through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- Worked with individuals with complicated marketplace eligibility statuses to determine their eligibility for health insurance enrollment as well as for premium and cost sharing subsidies through the federally facilitated Marketplace
- Aided low income consumers in determining Medicaid and CHIP eligibility for themselves and family members and for exemptions to the individual mandate.
- Educated consumers with limited health insurance literacy on the meaning of critical health insurance terminology and important considerations in choosing a health care plan that met their individual needs