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EXPERIENCE

DC DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, FAMILY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Deputy Administrator for Strategy and Performance

Feb. 2020-Present, Washington DC

- Lead performance assessment, capacity building, and data analysis to support DHS's mission to empower all District residents to reach their full potential through services and support.
- Part of leadership team managing the District's COVID-19 response for homeless individuals.
- Collaborate with District agency leadership to design the District's eviction prevention strategy.

BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT AND BIDEN-HARRIS TRANSITION

Health Policy Committee Convener and Volunteer

April 2020-Jan. 2021, Washington DC

- Served as co-convener of the Biden Health Policy Committee, which had over 800 members. Managed the committee's policy work and led coordination of cross-cutting issues.
- Volunteer interviewer for the US Department of Health and Human Services Appointments Team.

DC DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION ADMINISTRATION

Director

Jan. 2018-Feb. 2020, Washington DC

- Managed \$6 million budget and 40-person Administration that coordinates DBH's strategic planning, performance management, data reporting and analysis, policies and regulations, and technical assistance and training to providers. Directly supervised six employees.
- Managed the District's federal Mental Health Block Grant and designed new comprehensive system to solicit, oversee, and evaluate funding proposals.
- Played key role in development and submission of Section 1115 Medicaid waiver demonstration application seeking to ensure a continuum of coverage for behavioral health needs.
- Led development of Department-wide strategic plan refocusing the agency on providing innovative, person-centered, and evidence-based prevention, intervention, and treatment services.

HHS OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR PLANNING & EVALUATION

March 2014-Jan. 2017

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary

Washington, DC

- Managed \$54 million budget and 140-person team of analysts and economists conducting research and analysis to support HHS leadership decision-making and policy development. Directly supervised nine employees, including five senior executives.
- Coordinated HHS's work on homelessness across several agencies and co-chaired Administration's working group to end youth homelessness. Spoke on several panels and gave speeches at national conferences.
- Led several budget, policy, human resources, and management initiatives to improve work product, employee satisfaction, and staff retention. Recognized as a Departmental leader on employee engagement strategies and featured on the HHS innovation blog.

HHS OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Nov. 2011-March 2014

Executive Secretary

Washington, DC

- Managed the development, clearance, and submission of all regulatory and policy documents for the Secretary's review and approval, including over 600 proposed and final rules and several hundred memorandums to the Secretary. Led an office of 40 employees.
- Managed the Department's retrospective review plan, which analyzed existing HHS regulations to eliminate unjustified costs and burdens and increase effectiveness and flexibility. Published 30 proposed rules and 31 final rules related to retrospective review, which were estimated to save billions of dollars.

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- Led the first Department-wide review of the clearance process in over 15 years. Solicited detailed feedback from leadership and developed plan to improve the clearance process. Led implementation of approved plan, increasing the efficiency of the process and the quality of final products.

HHS OFFICE OF HEALTH REFORM

May 2010-Nov. 2011

Senior Advisor for Legal Affairs

Washington, DC

- Served as primary policy liaison to the Department of Justice in litigation challenging the Affordable Care Act. Coordinated policy review of hundreds of filings, provided briefings on policy issues, and participated in preparation for oral argument in circuit court cases and in the Supreme Court.
- Recipient of HHS Office of General Counsel Award for leadership on Affordable Care Act litigation.

WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF HEALTH REFORM

Jan. 2009-May 2010

Policy Analyst and Director of Special Projects

Washington, DC

- Member of Administration policy team working to enact President Obama's health reform agenda. Responsibilities included coordinating policy development process within the White House and with relevant agencies, and conducting quantitative and qualitative analyses of proposals.
- Helped develop and manage the White House Forum on Health Reform, attended by President Obama, over 50 members of Congress, and numerous key organizations. Drafted final report.

OBAMA-BIDEN PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION TEAM

Nov. 2008-Jan. 2009

Health Policy Analyst

Washington, DC

- Developed and oversaw Health Care Community Discussions initiative, in which over 9,000 Americans hosted and participated in discussions about reforming the health care system. Managed a 15-person team that analyzed over 3,000 submitted group reports.
- Drafted a 120-page report to the President, which was sent to every Member of Congress.

OBAMA FOR AMERICA/CAMPAIGN FOR CHANGE

Sept. 2007-Nov. 2008

Pennsylvania Policy Director/Field Organizer

NV, NM, TX, MS, WV, IL, PA

- General election: Managed policy development and outreach in Pennsylvania. Drafted over 80 policy resources for paid media, voters, and surrogates, including several used in other battleground states.
- Primary election: Managed voter outreach and GOTV operations in six states as a field organizer.

PREVIOUS LEGAL EXPERIENCE, Washington, DC and Newark, NJ

Aug. 2005-Aug. 2007

- As an associate at Hogan & Hartson (now Hogan Lovells), represented K-12 schools and universities.
- Served as law clerk to the Honorable Faith S. Hochberg, U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey.

EDUCATION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, J.D., June 2005

Activities: Harvard Legal Aid Bureau (Vice President); Graduate Teaching Fellow

Honors: Harvard Law School Public Service Award (1,000+ pro bono hours)

OXFORD UNIVERSITY, M.Sc. in Comparative and International Education, *with distinction*, June 2002

Honors: Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship Recipient; A+ for Dissertation

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, A.B., Princeton School of Pub. and Int'l Affairs, *cum laude*, June 2001

Activities: Varsity Cross Country, Indoor Track, and Outdoor Track (Captain); Summerbridge Americorps (Volunteer Teacher); Student Government Projects Board (Chair)

Honors: Art Lane Award for varsity athlete contributing the most to Princeton

Donald Stokes Award for student contributing the most to School of Pub. and Int'l Affairs