

Tara W. DeAndrea, RHIA

- Primary Role:** Partner – Program Manager / Documentation Specialist
- Experience:** Management Experience 16 Years
- Education:** University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas
B.S. in Health Information Management, 1996
- Certifications / Awards:** Earned Registered Health Information Management accreditation, 1997,
Registration number: 0566934
- Awards:** City of Houston – Letter of Commendation – Hurricane Katrina Audit
Preparation and Reimbursement Recovery Project

Summary of Experience & Qualifications

Ms. DeAndrea, RHIA is an Associate Director for Project and Vendor Management Advisors, LLC (PVMA) located in Houston, Texas. Ms. DeAndrea has over 16 years of large-scale program and project management, regulatory compliance, internal audit, and reimbursement accounting and forecasting experience in the healthcare and disaster recovery industries. Ms. DeAndrea is a record and documentation expert and has designed and implemented record management projects for HUD, FEMA, HHS, City of Houston, and UTMB involving over 20 million documents both in hard copy and electronically. She has managed records for audit preparation and project close-out procedures in the disaster recovery industry since 2005 and in the healthcare industry since 1998.

- FEMA Public Assistance
- FEMA Individual Assistance
- HUD CDBG – DR Monitoring
- Project Planning and Management
- Quality Assurance Management
- Disaster Case Management
- Procurement Management
- Multi-State Portfolio Management
- Contract Management
- Budget and Resource Management
- HUD’s Uniform Relocation Act Guidelines
- Records Design Expert

Since 2005, Ms. DeAndrea has managed over \$2.7 billion dollars in federal grant funds as the project manager and senior manager for several housing, social service, disaster recovery projects awarded by federal, state and local government agencies, and through interagency agreements. Ms. DeAndrea has managed several disaster recovery projects across the country and U.S. Territories, which includes state, federal and private insurance reimbursement, grant management, accounting, financial forecasting, audit preparation, and project closeouts under FEMA’s Public Assistance (PA) and Individual Assistance (IA) Programs, and HUD programs including CDBG-DR, URA, HOME, HCV and DHAP.

Disaster Projects:

PVMA, LLC – Houston, Texas (HUBZone Business, WOSB and MWBE)
Principal – Deputy Program Manager

May 2016 to present

2017 – present - FEMA / NVOAD / Disaster Services Corporation, Program Management. Currently providing accounting and financial reimbursement services on behalf of the NVOAD consortium for FEMA’s Harvey Long-term Case Management Program. The PVMA team provides monthly financial operations for NVOAD and 5 of its Disaster Case Management Program (DCMP) consortium members. PVMA also provides DCMP Community Outreach and Marketing services to provide program information to residents of Harris, Jefferson, Ft. Bend and Brazoria counties. Managing processes that include Grant Management, Accounting and Reimbursement, Grant Closure, Community Outreach, Program Marketing, and Communication, Case Management, Procurement Management and Compliance services.

2017 – present GLO Call Center and Outreach. Assisted in the staff management for the GLO’s Harvey short-term management team under contract with Witt – O’Brien’s and provided staff for the GLO’s Harvey call center, residential and MHU inspections for assigned impacted counties in Texas. Provided Community Outreach, Program Marketing, and Communication and File / Case Management services.

MFR, PC / MFR Solutions
Senior Manager, Healthcare & Government Advisory Services

Dec 2006 – June 2012

2008 – 2012 State of Texas - University of Texas Medical Branch-Galveston (UTMB - Galveston), FEMA Accounting and Reimbursement – Senior Manager for the State of Texas and UTMB-Galveston award of a 5 year contract to provide ongoing accounting, audit preparation, documentation management, database management, compliance, cost allocation, financial forecasting, and other project worksheet activities for over \$1.5 billion in disaster recovery reimbursements, which at that time, was the single largest FEMA reimbursement recipient in history following Hurricane Ike. Ms. DeAndrea managed a project staff of 25 disaster recovery specialist and accounting professionals that worked directly with UTMB management to assist them in obtaining, validating, procurement management, and auditing documentation to provide the State of Texas, FEMA and other stakeholders with information requested and required for UTMB to receive a full reimbursement for the cost to rebuild the University buildings, clinics and hospitals following the disaster. In addition, the team worked directly with representative from State of Texas Office of Emergency Management, State of Texas Auditors Office, and FEMA on a day-to-day basis as part of the UTMB team.

2009 – 2010 Statewide Temporary Rental Assistance Program - The State of Louisiana – Provided services based on HUD’s Uniform Relocation Act guidelines for housing assistance and documentation management services for the Disaster Recovery Unit of the Office of Community Development (OCD) awarded contract to administer the Housing Assistance for Rental Services for eligible households in Louisiana who were displaced as a result of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav or Ike, or Road Home Options 1 grantees whose homes have been rebuilt with contaminated drywall. Ms. DeAndrea served as the senior managed for the project team that provided input to program design and documentation management and close-out activities for families transitioning to permanent housing.

2007 – 2012 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development - Disaster Housing Assistance Program (DHAP) -Multiple U.S. Locations and Territories – Ms. DeAndrea was the senior manager for a portfolio of eight (8) disaster recovery projects through a first every interagency agreement between HUD and FEMA Grant to provide temporary rental assistance through DHAP. This \$1.2 billion program provided families directly impacted by hurricanes and large natural disasters with housing assistance and case management services as they transitioned into permanent housing. Using the HUD’s Uniform Relocation Act guidelines published by HUD Ms. DeAndrea created and operated the records management for each of the eight projects’ records management for over 40,000 displaced program participating families who needed rental assistance and oversaw the day-to-day management of records operation. She also developed and managed the projects’ close-out activities, audit preparations and external audits.

Jefferson Wells, International
Manager, Healthcare & Government Advisory Services

May 2005 – Dec 2006

2005 – 2006 Joint Hurricane Housing Task Force – City of Houston – Disaster Reimbursement, Grant Management, and Financial Reporting – Hurricane Katrina 2005 – Ms. DeAndrea was a manager for the City of Houston’s portfolio of disaster recovery projects following Hurricane Katrina beginning in 2005. Hurricane Katrina was the largest natural disaster in recent U.S. history where over 300,000 people were evacuated from several Gulf Coast cities, including New Orleans, LA, and relocated to Houston emergency shelters. Key projects included (1) Housing Program Management, (2) Accounting - Financial Reimbursement (FEMA and Private Insurance), (3) Documentation Management, (4) Audit Preparation, and (5) Grant Management Project Close-out. Ms. DeAndrea and her team received a Letter of Commendation for their Disaster Audit Preparation Management work from the City of Houston.

Work History and Experience

PVMA, LLC – Houston, Texas (HUBZone Business, WOSB and MWBE)
Associate Director

May 2016 to present

Personal Hiatus (Home Maker)

June 2012 – May 2016

MFR Solutions
Senior Manager, Healthcare & Government Advisory Services

Dec 2006 – June 2012

Jefferson Wells, International
Manager, Healthcare & Government Advisory Services

May 2005 – Dec 2006

Moody Review, Inc.
Director of Client Services

March 2005 – Nov 2005

CHRISTUS St. John Hospital
Director of Health Information Management

Dec 2000 – May 2004

Professional Affiliations

Member of American Health Information Management Association

Member of Texas Health Information Management Association

Executive Board Member of Houston Area Health Information Management (President, 2005-2009)

Member of The Greater Houston Partnership subcommittee: Healthcare Emerging Issues