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SUMMARY

Project management leader with 10+ years of experience delivering complex, multi-stakeholder initiatives across nonprofit, academic-adjacent, biotechnology, and advocacy settings. Brings a strong record of coordinating contributors, managing budgets up to \$20M, executing strategic programs, producing executive- and public-facing communications, and advancing equity-centered work. Known for translating complex concepts into clear narratives, driving accountability, and delivering results in mission-driven environments.

CORE CAPABILITIES

- ✓ Program Strategy, Governance, & Decision Frameworks
- ✓ Multi-Stakeholder Coordination (10–25+ contributors)
- ✓ IND readiness, late-stage planning, and tech transfer execution
- ✓ Budget Oversight (\$20M)
- ✓ Operational readiness, scenario planning, and risk anticipation
- ✓ Equity-Centered Leadership, & Inclusive Practices
- ✓ CDMO Management and Contract Alignment
- ✓ Agenda Development, Facilitation, & Follow-Up
- ✓ Program Governance, Metrics, & Reporting

SELECT PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Managed \$20M+ GMP manufacturing site start-up budget at Ultragenyx, integrating Tech Ops, Quality, and Supply Chain across two gene therapy programs.
- Built site-level schedules reducing material order risk by 60% through alignment of manufacturing and regulatory milestones.
- Directed \$13M budget for CMC programs at Gates MRI, implementing eight readiness metrics, ensuring IND readiness.
- Executed a three-month tech transfer on schedule while adapting to evolving design inputs and maintaining readiness for first GMP run.
- Recovered \$2.7M in overcharges and redirected 20% of spend to stronger vendors, improving delivery and audit outcomes.
- Improved cross-functional visibility and decision-making through program governance and milestone tracking.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Gates Medical Research Institute

Operations Consultant

Remote

04/2023 - 12/2024

- Coordinated five geographically dispersed cross-functional teams to ensure scope, schedule, and deliverables for two global vaccine studies.
- Built dashboards tracking readiness, risk, and progress, enabling informed governance and leadership decisions; reviewed by five leaders weekly and influencing two strategic decisions.
- Translated complex technical information into actionable insights for executives, supporting a major program decision and speeding decision-making by 30%.

Ultragenyx Pharmaceuticals

Associate Director, Manufacturing Program & Operations

Remote

03/2021 - 01/2023

- Championed cross-functional readiness for GMP site startup, aligning Manufacturing, MSAT, Supply Chain, and Finance teams; achieved 100% on-time milestone completion.
- Led \$20M + site budget and collaborated cross-functionally with six business unit leads to strategic long-term planning.
- Nominated to the global diversity committee, facilitated Red Table Talks attended by 50 colleagues, and produced monthly diversity newsletter.

Ultragenyx Pharmaceuticals

Senior Manager, Contract Development & Manufacturing Organization Management & Tech Transfer

Cambridge, MA

04/2019 - 03/2021

- Managed two complex gene therapy technical transfers across internal and external partners, meeting 100% of clinical timelines.
- Implemented daily stand-ups and performance metrics to strengthen transparency, communication, and reducing issue resolution time by 20%.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Brammer Bio (now ThermoFisher)

Cambridge, MA

Program Management

11/2017 - 04/2019

- Achieved two major milestones in leading Brammer's first clinical manufacturing run, coordinating five teams across three sites and ensuring seamless operations and effective client communication.
- Identified and recovered \$500K in unbilled revenue, strengthening contract integrity and client accountability.

PAREXEL International

Billerica, MA

Technical Project Manager, Randomization Trial & Supply Management (RTSM)

08/2015 - 06/2017

- Oversaw systems for data collection and reporting to sponsors and data monitoring committees, guiding study design, dosing, and safety decisions across four clinical trials.

LEADERSHIP, IMPACT, & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Health Policy Consultant

Patient Advocate & Speaker

Advancing patient-centered policy and health equity through lived experience and strategic insight for organizations including the Mary Tyler Moore Vision Institute and Diabetes Patient Advocacy Coalition.

GrownUp T1Ds

Board Member | Chapter Lead

Promoting community engagement and in-person events through LinkedIn and social media platforms, engaging 100 people with diabetes.

GetT1DtheCovidVax.org

Founder and Leader

Launched a Massachusetts-based public health advocacy initiative addressing COVID vaccine access for people with Type 1 diabetes.

National Spinal Cord Injury Association

Event Manager

Enabled 10-12 individuals with severe spinal cord injuries in running a full season concession stand at Gillette Stadium.

SELECT RECOGNITIONS

 Program Achievement Award –
Gates Medical Research Institute

 Best in Manufacturing Readiness –
Brammer Bio

 Patient Advocacy Champion -
Diabetes Patient Advocacy
Coalition

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Project Management & Financial Management: MS Project • Jira • Smartsheets • Adaptive • Coupa • PMP Equivalent

Data Management & Documentation: Veeva • SharePoint • Dropbox • Excel Reporting Systems • PowerBi (foundational)

Collaboration & Effective Communication: Teams • Zoom • Slack • Mural • Microsoft Office Suite (including PowerPoint) • SurveyMonkey

EDUCATION

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Master of Business Administration (MBA)

- Coursework: Strategic Management, Global Operations, Project Management, Innovation, Strategic Thinking

Massachusetts Maritime Academy

Bachelor of Science, Marine Engineering

- Relevant Training: Leadership, Self-Discipline, Problem-solving, Resilience, Teamwork