

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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EDUCATION/TRAINING			
INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE <i>(if applicable)</i>	MM/YY	FIELD OF STUDY
West Virginia State University Institute, WV	A.A.S.	08/98	Gerontology
West Virginia University Montgomery, WV	B.A.	12/04	Regents Bachelor of Arts

A. Personal Statement

As Director of the WVSU Metro Area Agency on Aging, I have developed an intimate knowledge of senior community programs in West Virginia. Metro AAA identifies the needs of the elderly and creates plans for meeting those needs through a system of in-home and community services that enable the elderly to maintain their independence.

Currently, under my direction, the WVSU Metro Area Agency on Aging has been designated as the lead agency and financial manager for the statewide Money Follows the Person, Take Me Home WV Program. This demonstration grant facilitates the transition of people with chronic conditions and disabilities from institutions back into the community. Grant funds are managed by WVSU Metro Area Agency for all four participating WV Area Agencies on Aging. Management of funds involves WVSU Metro AAA's submission of reports accounting for all dollars spent with each provider, and the amount of funds invoiced and paid. In addition, under my direction, the Area Agencies have operated the Bureau of Senior Services' Aging and Disability Resource Center Program since November 2007. The ADRCs are staffed by professional

Resource Counselors who assist seniors, and persons with disabilities over the age of 18, to locate and apply for services that most suit their independent living and long-term care needs.

Over the years, I have developed a diverse background in gerontology, specifically with senior programs. During my years with WVSU Metro Area Agency on Aging, I have worked as a Program Specialist to supervise, train, and monitor the program aspects of the Older Americans Act for the eleven counties within the Region II Planning and Service Area. This area includes the counties of Boone, Cabell, Jackson, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo, Putnam, Roane, and Wayne. I have worked with the West Virginia Silver Haired Legislature to provide an opportunity for older West Virginians to reinforce their knowledge of the legislative process and to identify common problems, not only for seniors, but all West Virginians. The 134 representatives, 60 years of age or older, propose realistic, feasible solutions to problems in the form of position papers that are presented to the Legislature. As Fiscal Officer for Metro, I supervised disbursement of payments to the eleven counties in the total of \$4.7 million per year. In addition, while Metro was under West Virginia State Community and Technical College, I planned, organized, and coordinated the Elder Lecture Series and Elderhostel programs to develop new skills and interests for seniors.

I taught the Introduction to Gerontology course in the spring of 2011 at West Virginia State University. The focus of this class was to introduce students to the needs of seniors and to the services/programs to best address those needs.

In addition to working at Metro Area Agency on Aging, I currently serve on West Virginia State University's Gerontology Advisory Board, which plays a critical role in ensuring that the gerontology curricula at the University reflects the dynamic needs of the aging population in West Virginia and beyond. I represent Region 3 (which consists of The District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia) as an alternate on the National Area Agency on Aging Board of Directors, the leading voice on aging issues for the AAA's and the Title VI Native American aging programs. I also serve on the Money Follows the Person Advisory Council, which advises and monitors the implementation and progress, needed to meet the Program's benchmarks.

Outside of the workplace, I serve as the Treasurer for "The Well" Board of Directors, a faith-based addiction recovery program where men and women can find restoration and recovery from addictions in a supportive environment of physical, spiritual, and emotional healing. I also serve as an advisor for the "Light the World" missions team at Christ Temple Church, Huntington, WV. In that role I support and facilitate various national and international missions in and through Christ Temple Church, which has a 2,500 member congregation.

B. Positions

2011-Present	Director	WVSU Metro Area Agency on Aging	Dunbar, WV
2010- 2011	Interim Director	WVSU Metro Area Agency on Aging	Dunbar, WV
2010- 2011	Adjunct Faculty	WVSU Metro Area Agency on Aging	Institute, WV
1999- 2010	Fiscal Officer/Assistant Director	WVSU Metro Area Agency on Aging	Dunbar, WV
1996-1999	Program Specialist,	WVSU Metro Area Agency on Aging	Dunbar, WV
1995-1996	Program Coordinator	WV State Community & Technical College	Institute, WV
1974-1997	Office Manager	Green Valley Bridge, Inc.	St. Albans, WV

C. Honors

1997-1998	Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges
2003-Present	National Gerontology Academic Honor and Professional Society of Sigma Phi Omega