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OBJECTIVE

City Council Fifth District, a designated member of a governing body appointed to represent community members in the western district. Serve as a link and advocate to municipal government for policies, practices, and procedures that improves quality of life for everyone.

EMPLOYMENT

Healthy Alliances Matter Consulting, Duluth, MN

Director | Founder

Small business owner, sole proprietor, non-profit development, visioning development and organizing, event management and promotion, fundraising, community collaborations, networking, building organizational resiliency and sustainability. Independent contractor/community consultant Bridging Health Duluth, January 2017 to present.

Arrowhead Parish Nurse Association, Parish Nurse St Mark A.M.E. Church/Community Health Coordinator Central and East Hillside, Duluth, MN

Navigating systems and directing individuals and organizations for development of optimal community and individual health and health equity. St Mark Church Board strategic planning and community outreach, interpersonal communication, January 2016 to present.

Health in All Policies Campaign Staff, Duluth, MN

Bridging Health Duluth | ISD 709 Equity Framework | Imagine Duluth 2035

Policy development, organizing, advocating and ensuring that policies at the city, county, state, school district and local health industry level has a positive impact on health, Team builder, strategic planner, January 2016 to December 2018.

Physical Therapy Assistant, MN, WI, IA

Providing specialized care services to people with functional problems resulting from falls, hospitalizations, orthopedic replacements, heart conditions, etc. Assessment skills and applied science techniques to attain goals for maximizing a person's physical health and restore functional activity for an improved quality of life. Positions held: Director of Rehabilitation, Program Director for physical, occupational, and speech therapy. Team approach to interventions and outcomes, practitioner for twenty-five years, May 1993 to December 2018.

EDUCATION

National Empowering Women Leadership Development Institute, June 2018

Intercultural Development Inventory participant, Moorhead MN State College

University of Superior Wisconsin Superior, May 2018

Bachelor of Science Interdisciplinary Studies Major: Health and Human Services

Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College, May 2003

Associate of Science: Corrections, Associate of Arts: Liberal Arts

Duluth Technical College (Lake Superior College), May 1993

Associate of Applied Science: Physical Therapy Assistant

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VOLUNTEER WORK EXPERIENCE

City of Duluth Planning Commission, Duluth MN

President, March 2019, Planning Commissioner, May 2015 to present,

RiverFront Community Development, Duluth, MN

President, May 2017 to present

CHUM Human Services Agency, Duluth, MN

Local Solutions to End Poverty Moderator, 2018; Parish Nurse drop-in center, July 20.
Community Housing Advisory Committee, February 2017. Joint Religious Legislative Coalition,
CHUM At-Large Delegate, organizing and outreach Committee, February 2016 to present

Imagine Duluth 2035 Vision Committee City of Duluth Comprehensive Plan

Appointed by the City of Duluth Mayor, April 2016

Conflict Resolution and Civil Mediator, Duluth MN

Civil Mediation Training, February 2016 to present

Sixth Judicial District Equal Justice Committee, Duluth MN

Committee member, February 2016 to November 2017

City Council Candidate, Duluth, MN

Community forums, public affairs meetings, endorsements, public speaking, door knocking, fund-raising. District 5, March to November 2015; Council At-Large, March to November 2017

St Louis County District 3, Duluth MN

Public Health and Human Services Advisory Committee
Committee member, May 2015 to present

Habitat for Humanity, Superior, WI

Restore volunteer, 2012 - 2013

TrueNorth AmeriCorps, Duluth, MN

Damiano Center Kids Café, 2010

Salvation Army, Duluth, MN

Christmas bell ringer, 2004 - 2018

COMMUNITY SERVICE | CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Police Safety Gear Policy Working Group City of Duluth, October 2018 to present

St Louis County Health and Human Service Conference workshop chair for Health in All Policies, 2018, workshop facilitator, 2015 - 2016

Mandela Centennial Celebration Advisory Committee, 2017 to present

Founder of Ain't I a WoMn Too? Movement, 2017 to present

St Scholastica Culturally Responsive Health Care Symposium - presenter and facilitator, 2016,
Harmony Event presenter, 2018

Spirit Valley Days organizer funding free kids' activities, 2015 to 2018

Duluth/St Louis County Days at the Capitol, Housing Access Summit Moderator, 2014 - 2015

CHUM poverty/equity forum story teller, co-writer opinion editorial for solutions to poverty, 2014

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LEADERSHIP ROLES

League of Women Voters, Duluth, MN

Officer, Vice President 2018

Nominations Committee Chair LWV Minnesota, National Convention Delegate 2018

Citizens in Action planning committee, 2014 - 2017

Executive Board member, Minnesota Annual convention delegate, 2013 to present

Cross Cultural Committee co-chair, community collaborations, committee volunteer, voter registration, volunteer organizing and program planning, 2014 to present

Duluth Public Schools ISD 709, Duluth, MN

Steering Committee for Education Equity Alliance by-laws and purpose revisioning, 2018

ISD #709 Think Kids, 2014 - 2018, Diversity panel forum PTSA Lincoln Park Middle, 2014

Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation, Duluth, MN

Fund for Women and Girls Advisory Committee, 2018

Duluth Branch of the NAACP, Duluth, MN

1st Vice-President, 2019

Health and Environmental Equity Committee Chair, 2017 to present

Master of Ceremonies youth facilitation, MLK Mayor's reception, 2016 - 2018

Master of Ceremonies for MLK rally program, Speaker/presenter MLK breakfast, 2016

Juneteenth committee arrangements, 2014 - 2018, Master of Ceremonies, 2014 - 2015

Cross Cultural Alliance of Duluth, Duluth, MN

Founding member, co-chairperson, board development and governance, resource and program development, community collaboration and action outreach, 2014 - 2018

The Table Health and Wellness, Duluth, MN

Committee leader, volunteer organizer and facilitator. Grant writing, program budget coordination, community organizing, program implementation, event planning and promotion, 2014 - 2016

ACTIVITIES | MEMBERSHIPS

bushCONNECT 2018

Minnesota Civic Engagement Summit

University of Superior Wisconsin Alumni

NEW Leadership Alumna

Empowered Women's Network

Duluth Branch of the NAACP

West Duluth Business Club Association member

League of Women Voters - Duluth

HONORS | AWARDS | ACCOMPLISHMENTS

❖ NEW Leadership Institute Alumni, 2018

❖ University of Superior Wisconsin Alumni, 2018

❖ NAACP Emerging Leader Award, 2016

❖ Service to College Award, Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College, 2003

❖ Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. Alpha Phi Upsilon Chapter, 2003

❖ Established Corrections Club at Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College, 2002 - 2003

❖ President of the Corrections Club at Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College, 2002 - 2003