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Affiliated Scholar, Brandeis University Women's Studies Research Center

Area of interest:

Disability, Mental Illness, Universal Health Insurance, Health Policy, World Peace.

Current Focus:

Researching literature about policies affecting the families of mentally ill persons.
 Investigating how families, and especially the mother as caretaker, cope with mentally ill family members in today's health care system.

Education:

Brandeis University, Florence Heller Graduate School for Advanced Studies in Social Welfare. Ph.D., 1986.

Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. Graduate Summer Program in Epidemiology. 1991.

Boston University Graduate School, Department of Geography. MS, 1976.

Johns Hopkins University, Biology and Life Sciences. BS, 1954.

Professional Experience:

Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Massachusetts. 1992-present.

Board of Directors, local and state organizations. Fund raising, grant writer, policy analysis, and advocacy.

Leader for *Family to Family*, a twelve-week course for family members of the mentally ill.

Advisory Committee for the Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership. 1997-present.

MBHP is the managed Medicaid health delivery organization for the mentally ill.

Friends of the Psychiatrically Disabled.

Member of a group that advocates for better employment and educational programs for persons with mental illness.

Massachusetts Consumer Satisfaction Team.

Member of a team that evaluates mental health services by interviewing consumers receiving services and writing reports. Supported by DMH, MBHP,

Health Care for All, Boston, MA, Policy Analyst. 1992.

Analyzed costs and access to health care for specific populations—women, children, mentally ill, elderly and others.
Supervised student interns working on projects.
Evaluated the effectiveness of state legislation on access to health care.
Advised callers to the help line seeking information on available health care programs in Massachusetts.

Families, USA, Boston, MA. 1995.

Wrote chapter – “Physician Specialists” for *Health Care Choices for Today’s Consumer*, a book providing information to consumers with health insurance seeking health care.

Massachusetts Women’s Health Care Coalition. 1993.

Participated in a group that created a mission statement of women’s unique needs in health care, organized women’s groups in support of statement. Held press conference and seminar: “Making Health Care Reform Work for Women.”
Represented this group at national meeting.

Campaign for Affordable Health Care, Steering Committee, Cambridge, MA. 1992-present.

Participated in successful ballot referendum for universal health insurance care in 1992 election. Continue to work for education and participation of voters in Massachusetts for better understanding of the issues in health care reform.

Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine, Boston, MA, Health Policy Analyst. 1987-1991.

Member of a team that implemented a new regulation for all licensed health care facilities in the Commonwealth designed to improve quality assurance and risk management programs.
Supervised the establishment of quality assurance and risk management programs in 450 hospitals and clinics in Massachusetts. Reviewed reports of risk management programs.

Initiated analysis and made recommendations to reduce the frequency and severity of malpractice claims against physicians and hospitals; worked with physician specialty groups to develop programs to reduce malpractice.

Professional Experience - Editor:

Edited and referenced *Forging the Future: The Public Health Imperative*, by Myron Allukian, Jr., DDS, MPH. This was his Presidential Address, published in the *American Journal of Public Health*, May 1993. Other articles and publications.

Health Planner. Office of State Health Planning, Boston, MA. 1976-1978.

Revised and organized a comprehensive report on health care provider education and funding in the Commonwealth.

Senior Research Assistant. Harvard School of Dental Medicine, Boston, MA. 1975-1976.

Reviewed and organized dental literature on the need for dental care, as defined by the dental profession and the consumer. Contributed to teaching materials and a textbook, *Behavioral Science and Dental Practice*.

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