

Summary

Highly motivated, detail oriented, organized, team player, and leader with government and non-profit management experience.

Professional Experience

2019 to 2022, Director, Division of Public Health, Alaska Department of Health

- Directed policy, legislative, regulatory, organizational and/or planning changes necessary to improve the Division's programs.
- Oversaw and guided the division-wide \$125 million budget development and financial management processes and 427 employees.
- Coordinated and implemented projects and program segments that protect and promote the health of Alaskans.
- Coordinated and directed intra-departmental and external stakeholder liaison efforts.
- Advised and provided consultation to the Commissioner and Governor's Office on public health matters.
- Supervised the executive management of the Division of Public Health.
- Unified Command – Department of Health Incident Commander – COVID-19 Response.

2017 to 2019, Chief of Rural and Community Health Systems, Division of Public Health, Alaska Department of Health & Social Services

- Provided planning, administration, and oversight of the Section of Rural and Community Health Systems which consists of Health Emergency Response Operations, State EMS Office, Trauma Program, and the Office of Healthcare Access. This position is responsible for the management of the policies, programs, personnel, grants, and budget within the Section.
- Developed and sustained planning and partnerships to ensure health care delivery and access to all Alaskans through the public health and medical emergency preparedness and health care infrastructure and access.
- Advised senior leadership on all administrative and operational aspects of departmental disaster preparedness and response planning, training, exercise, education, and resource development.
- Provided oversight and guidance for the development of the Sections annual spending and work plans based on state and federal funding and projected and planned expenses. Responsible for overall financial and activity management.
- Oversaw development of statutory and regulatory changes related to Section operations in coordination with the Division of Public Health legislative liaison, Directors Office, and Department.

2016-2017, Emergency Program Manager, Health Emergency Response Operations Unit, Section of Emergency Programs, Division of Public Health, Alaska Department of Health & Social Services

- Served as the DHSS Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Manager, managed the 24/7/365 Duty Officer call line for Local and State agencies to request State-level assistance for emergencies, serious accidents or public health and medical-related incidents.
- Tracked and maintained the availability of DHSS personnel, communications equipment, and response equipment for disaster response deployment, including the Division's catastrophic and strategic disaster response assets.
- Developed and provided cohesive and synchronized logistics plans and exercises to achieve both short- and long-term readiness requirements.

2009-2016, Program Coordinator, Health Emergency Response Operations Unit, Section of Emergency Programs, Division of Public Health, Alaska Department of Health & Social Services

- Grant administrator for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP), Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP), PHEP and HPP Ebola Preparedness, Public Health Emergency Response (PHER), and Emergency System for Advanced Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VHP) programs.
- Hospital Preparedness Program Coordinator, facilitated program implementation, conduct healthcare facility site visits to review critical infrastructure and preparedness and response capabilities and provide technical assistance
- AK Respond State Program Coordinator 2009-2014, programmatic supervisor 2014 to 2017

2006-2009, Corporate Project Manager, Blood Bank of Alaska, Inc.

- Managed projects between multiple departments
- Ensured FDA regulations and American Association of Blood Bank standards compliance
- Standardized project timelines, implementations, and operational work processes
- Project highlights: Supported the implementation of a major blood bank computer upgrade, supervised construction of a new warehouse, implemented a new whole blood collection bag for product expansion and updated the external emergency operations plan

2004-2006, Program Director of Student Ministries and Director of Adventures, ChangePoint

- Directed weekly junior and senior high youth groups, increased attendance 50% and partnered students with positive mentors
- Recruited, screened, trained, recognized, and mentored 80 volunteers for two youth groups
- Counseled students, parents, and families in crisis intervention and into positive life change
- Supervised part time paid staff, summer interns and volunteers
- Developed and directed the outdoor Adventures program with a highlight of 17 trips, per summer

1998-2003, Program Director and Field Executive, Girl Scouts Susitna Council

- Directed programs serving 5,500 girls ages 5-17
- Developed new methods for recruitment and training of young adults to mentor teens
- Traveled to 22 rural Alaskan communities, implemented life skills programs, recruited, and trained volunteers and networked with the communities
- Increased entire teen membership by 80% and membership in the Aleutian/Pribilof region by 93%

Education

- Master of Public Service Management, DePaul University – (paused in 2021/completed two quarters)
- Bachelor of Arts in Outdoor Studies, Alaska Pacific University
- General Studies, Green River Community College, Washington
- Language Studies, Katadralskol, Danmark

Boards

- Governor's Council on Homelessness (2022 to present)
- Governor's Advisory Council on Opioid Remediation (2021 to present)
- State Emergency Response Commission Board member (2019 to 2023)
- Community Health Aide Program Certification Board member (2018 to 2020)
- State Emergency Response Commission, Finance Committee (2010 to 2011)

Response to Disasters

- Unified Command, Incident Commander for the COVID-19 Pandemic Response (2020-2022)
- Incident Commander and Operations Section Chief for the November 30th 7.0 Earthquake Response (2018)
- Incident Commander for the Psychiatric Care Capacity Response (2018)
- Incident Commander for the Bogoslof and Mt. Pavlof Eruptions (2016)
- Medical liaison in the State Emergency Operations Center, Glacier Summit (2015)
- Deputy Incident Commander and Logistics Section Chief, Sockeye and Card Street Fires (2015)
- Incident Commander for the Alaska Ebola Response (August 2014 to present)
- Logistics Section Chief for the Galena Flooding disaster, federally declared disaster (2013)
- Logistics and Finance Section Chiefs for the H1N1 federally declared public health emergency (2009/2010)

Volunteer Activities

- National Disaster Medical System (NDMS), AK-1 Disaster Medical Assistant Team member, 2010-2014
- President of Tanaina Child Development Center, 2010 to 2013

Awards

- American Red Cross, Real Heroes Awards, Community Service Award 2022
- Alaska Chamber of Commerce, Ted Stevens Public Service Award 2021
- Association of State and Territorial Health Officials COVID Vaccination Recognition Award 2021
- Alaska Municipal League, Award for Distinguished Municipal Leadership Award 2020
- Governor's Denali Peak Performance Award – Honorable Mention/H1N1 2010
- Alaska Primary Care Association, Rainbow Award 2011