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Resume

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Professional Objective: To utilize my abilities and experience as a clinical psychologist to evaluate patients and provide recommendations for treatment and provide consultation and psychotherapy as indicated.

Summary of Qualifications: 22 years of experience that includes consultation, psychotherapy, and forensic psychological examination combined with a Doctorate of Psychology in Clinical Psychology and advanced degrees in Marriage and Family Counseling and the Humanities to enable me to make an immediate contribution to the effectiveness of a clinic, treatment center, or community. As a psychotherapist, I use my ability to quickly develop rapport with patients to create a safe environment that reduces anxiety, potentiating treatment effectiveness. I am experienced in the treatment of Dual Disorders. Generally, I utilize a cognitive behavioral approach during treatment. In my private practice, I perform a range of forensic examinations, including consultative examinations for Social Security, Worker's Compensation, and the Regional Center. In addition, I provide psychotherapeutic treatment. I have experience working as a provider for a number of major health care service associations, including EAP, SAP assessment, and CID services. I have instructed students at the College of the Redwoods, Humboldt State University, Long Beach State University, University of Houston, and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (Alvin Community College) in addictions and psychology.

Professional Experience:

HUMBOLDT COUNTY, Eureka, California, November, 2010—*Current Licensed Clinical Psychologist*
Private Practice: Clinical and Forensic Psychology, Consultation, Evaluation, and Treatment

Perform difficult, technical and complex duties requiring considerable technical knowledge and independent judgment, such as psychological testing and assessment.

Duties

- Administer and interpret various neuropsychological assessment instruments including measurements of cognitive functioning, memory, learning and personality for mental health clients in clinic and forensic settings. As a Consulting Forensic Examiner, provide expert witness testimony and consultation to court officials relative to an individual's competency to stand trial, criminal responsibility (legal insanity), or other forensic issues. Conduct a variety of psychodiagnostic examinations ordered by the courts to provide forensic assessment to evaluate other mental health conditions that could affect legal proceedings. Review psychological information relative to legal requirements for determination of competency to stand trial for an alleged illegal act, formulate opinion, and make diagnosis. Prepare written reports for the courts detailing psychological findings upon which conclusions and recommendations were based. Maintain current knowledge of laws and acts that affect the field of forensic psychology. Conduct examinations for Department of Rehabilitation for assistance in determination of eligibility and make recommendations regarding academic capabilities and occupational interest. Conduct examinations for the Regional Center to determine cognitive functioning and adaptive behavior skills for assistance in determination of eligibility, conduct examinations for Worker's Compensation and provide psychological counseling for injured workers.
- Perform psychotherapy or provide professional consultation for the more complex or difficult client assessments and/or mental health programs.
- Perform client intake and psychological evaluation of clients new to the service; obtain client histories and determine mental status and perform diagnoses.
- Provide on-going psychotherapy and necessary referrals for clients as needs dictate; provide psychotherapy to chronically mentally ill adults and children, brief therapy for clients experiencing situational-type problems.

Skill in:

- Assessing client mental status and making accurate evaluations and effective treatment referrals.
- Analyzing crisis situations in a prompt and concise manner to facilitate appropriate treatment and referrals.
- Conducting mental health education.
- Evaluating clients for medication referral.
- Presenting client history and behavioral impressions to psychiatric allied mental health staff for further review.
- Preparing detailed case summaries and documentation and maintaining accurate client records in compliance with local, state and federal rules and regulations.
- Protecting client's rights and providing advocacy for the mentally ill.
- Working effectively with appropriate county, community, hospital, school, and other involved agencies.
- Establishing and maintaining effective working relationships with other therapists, county staff, schools, referral agencies, physicians and the public.
- Utilizing the most current version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual for performing diagnoses on all five axes.

Consultative Examiner: Perform duties as an independent, non-government employee hired to evaluate Social Security Disability claimants to determine the severity of their mental or physical medical health condition. Consultative examinations are requested by the Disability Determination Services Office if a disability examiner does not have enough information to make a determination of whether or not a claimant is disabled and qualifies to receive either Supplemental Security Income or Social Security Disability Insurance. As a Consultative examiner I review a claimant's medical records and perform a neuropsychological examination of the claimant and submit written reports to the Disability Determination Services office within a specified time period.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY, Eureka, California, February, 2002—November 2010 *Clinical Psychologist (Retired)*

Conduct Competency to Stand Trial, Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (NGRI), Sexual Offender, Risk Assessment, Parenting, Juvenile Offender, Conservatorship, and Learning Disability evaluations.

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HUMBOLDT COUNTY, Eureka, California November 2001 – February 2002 *Supervising Clinician-Senior Program Manager*
Managed Alcohol and Other Drugs Program component of Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services. Supervised clinical staff, developed county Dual Diagnosis programs including cross training for Mental Health/Substance Abuse treatment teams. Developed/implemented county programs interfacing with community substance abuse facilities. Developed/implemented Substance Abuse Counselor Internship program.

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON, Houston, Texas July 2000 – November 2001 *Instructor*

Instructed and supervised students training in the Addictions Counseling track in the Continuing Education Department. Subjects included Practicum, DSM Diagnosis, and Advanced Dual Diagnosis.

ALVIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Houston, Texas June 2000 – November 2001 *Instructor*

Instructed courses in substance abuse topics (e.g., Assessment, Codependence, Pharmacology of Addiction, Counseling Techniques) to inmates currently assigned to Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) units in the Houston area.

MENTAL HEALTH MENTAL RETARDATION AUTHORITY HARRIS CO., Houston, Texas December 1998- November 2001 *Licensed Professional Counselor*

Provided counseling services to individuals with mental disabilities. Duties included obtaining biopsychosocial histories, intake assessments, case work, referral services, crisis intervention and implementing therapeutic interventions in individual, family and/or group settings. These functions included case consultation and/or clinical supervision to other clinical staff. As a Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts, I gained additional experience in staff development and implementation of training in clinical software. I conducted psychological testing for the agency's forensic division, utilizing sound clinical observations to accurately assess patients' needs, diagnosing, and developing a treatment plan to meet those needs.

KAISER PERMANENTE, Los Angeles, California November 1997 - August 1998 *Chemical Dependency Counselor*

Treatment provider for out-patient program designed to meet the needs of chemically dependent individuals and their families through individual and group therapy, drug education classes, 12-step recovery philosophy, and relapse prevention.

PSYCHADVANTAGE - In -House Behavioral Services, Los Angeles, California January 1997- December 1997 *Psychologist Assistant/Therapist*

Provided psychological evaluation and treatment for geriatric and psychiatric population of hospital and nursing homes and provided therapy to individuals and families coping with complications regarding dementia and severe and chronic mental illness associated with organic conditions. Assisted in integrating psychological treatment plans with hospital care plans. Provided in-service on multiple psychological topics related to mental illness for hospital staff.

THE SALVATION ARMY - The Way In, Hollywood, California March 1996- January 1997 *Therapist Intern/Independent Living Coordinator*

Responsible for screening initial inquiries for possible residential participation in a transitional living program with a thorough intake study. Assisted residents in creating a plan of action for their stay, and supported this by weekly case management sessions, individual therapy sessions and life skills classes. In charge of creating and implementing all policies, procedures, rules and regulations pertaining to the program.

THE SALVATION ARMY - Booth Memorial Center, Lincoln Heights, California September 1994 -March 1996 *Therapist Intern*

Handled a variety of duties at this live in facility for adolescent mothers and their families. Counseled residents on domestic violence, gang-related problems, and sexual and emotional abuse. In addition to interfacing with the court system, I was the Chemical Dependency Program Coordinator.

NORTH HOLLYWOOD VALLEY COMMUNITY CLINIC, North Hollywood, California June 1994- February 1995 *Counselor*

Provided individual therapy for clients in Early Intervention Program for polysubstance abuse/HIV positive adults.

THE SALVATION ARMY - Men's Adult Recovery Center, Van Nuys, California August 1991- February 1995 **Counselor** Provided individual, group and family therapy for men and their families in early recovery from chemical substance and alcohol addiction/misuse.

Education:

Doctorate of Psychology in Clinical Psychology is from Ryokan College in Los Angeles, California, July 1998

Master of Arts in Humanities is from California State University in Dominguez Hills, California, July 1998

Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Counseling is from the Phillips Graduate School (California Family Study Center) in North Hollywood, California, June 1996

Bachelor of Arts in English is from Humboldt State University.

I have augmented my education throughout my career by attending numerous training programs, including: Sandplay Therapy, Gestalt Therapy, Chemical Dependency HIV/AIDS Cross Training Consultant. I have been licensed to practice independently in Texas as a Licensed Professional Counselor and a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor, with a Master of Arts in Chemical Dependency. I am a member of the American College of Forensic Psychology (ACFP), Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA), California Coalition on Sexual Offending (CCOSO), and Society for Personality Assessment (SPA).

Excellent references will be provided once a mutual interest has been established.