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Work History

Director, The Energy Project

WA Community Action Partnership / Opportunity Council

August 2015 – Current

The Energy Project is a collaborative effort between the WA Community Action Partnership (CAP) and the WA State Department of Commerce and is housed within Opportunity Council. Responsibilities as the Director include providing expert witness testimony on behalf of the 30 CAP agencies throughout WA in general rate case proceedings at the WA Utility and Transportation Commission, facilitation of state and region-wide stakeholder discussions and planning sessions pertaining to energy conservation and energy assistance programs serving low-income populations, formal advisement of utilities regarding programs serving low-income households, providing testimony at legislative hearings concerning low-income issues, management of a legal team and various consultants, budget development and management, program evaluation, strategic planning, presenting at national and regional energy affordability conferences, and various other roles and tasks.

Associate Director, Home Improvement Department

Opportunity Council

May 2014 – August 2015

Co-managed a department comprised of 20 employees organized in multiple work groups serving low-income households in four counties through various housing program services. Responsibilities included new program and fund development, creation and management of budgets, direct supervision of 10 staff members, communication with key funders and contract managers, strategic planning, and various outreach and public speaking engagements.

Community Energy Challenge Manager

Opportunity Council

August 2009 – May 2014

Founding Team Member and Manager of a community based energy efficiency program with an annual budget of \$3 million. Range of duties included initial program design and implementation, supervision of an 8 person team, budgeting, oversight of >20 local home performance contracting firms, program evaluation, and community outreach.

Community Services Outreach and Development Coordinator

Opportunity Council

April 2006 – August 2009

Position responsibilities included fund-raising for a variety of social service programs, including grant writing and special event coordination. Duties also included management of the Community Voice Mail Program, Basic Food Education and Outreach Program, and development, implementation, and evaluation of the Telecommunication Education and Training Program.

Community Resource Coordinator / Program Development Specialist

Skagit County Community Action Agency

February 2005 - April 2006

In this position I was the Administrator of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds for Skagit County, manager for the Community Voice Mail Program, and Administrator for Skagit County Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP) funds. I also was responsible for the coordination of the Mobile Food Express Program, conducted Basic Food (food stamps) outreach, engaged in grant writing and research, and provided direct employee supervision.

Community Relations Team Leader

Skagit County Community Action Agency

March 2004 – February 2005

The responsibilities of this one-year AmeriCorps*VISTA position included the initiation of a new media relations program, event organization, grant writing, publishing a quarterly newsletter,

volunteer instruction, database management, development of various agency publications, public outreach, and other fund-raising activities.

Assistant Crew Leader

Washington Trails Association

July 2003 – September 2003

Duties for the seasonal position include volunteer management, worker safety supervision, and volunteer instruction for week-long trail maintenance trips in wilderness areas.

Serve, Learn, & Lead Program Assistant

Bellevue Community College

September 2002– July 2003

A one-year AmeriCorps position in the service-learning department responsible for advising students, providing community outreach, and organizing events on campus involving students, faculty, and local non-profits.

Education

Undergraduate Studies:

Eastern Illinois University - B.A. Graduated 2002
Major: English Minor: Philosophy

Post Graduate Studies:

Portland State University - noncredit course
Northwest Energy Policy and the Columbia River: Energy
Resources Policy and Administration (currently enrolled)

Leadership and Organizational Experience

- **Founding Event Coordinator** -- The Lumber and Lace Ball: A Fundraiser for Whatcom Hospice Foundation. Entertainment Coordinator for an event raising >\$10,000 for the foundation. 2013-2016
- **Board Member** -- Home Performance Washington. A nonprofit organization focused on energy efficiency in the residential sector. 2013-2015
- **Primary Event Volunteer Coordinator** -- Subdued String Band Jamboree
Coordinated scheduling/activities for more than 130 volunteers for a local music/art festival. 2009-2011

Accomplishments

- **Expert Witness Testimony**
 - Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, Complainant, Vs. Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities, Respondent. Dockets UE-150204 and UG-150205
 - Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, Complainant, Vs. Pacific Power and Light Company, Respondent. Docket UE-152253
- **Featured Conference Presenter**
 - 2011 Home Performance Coalition/ACI National Conference (San Francisco, CA): *Changing the Market for Energy Efficiency in Whatcom County*
 - 2012 Home Performance Coalition/ACI National Conference (Baltimore, MA): *Community-Based Energy Efficiency: The Effect of Eight Community-Wide Pilot Projects on Transforming the Residential and Small Commercial Energy Efficiency Market*
 - 2012 Washington State Annual Community Action Conference (Seattle, WA): *A Case Study in Moderate Income Weatherization: The Community Energy Challenge*
 - 2012 Washington's Energy Future Conference (Seattle, WA): *An Energy Efficiency Pilot Project in NW WA State*

Exhibit No. -- (SMC-2)
Docket No. 152253

- 2013 Home Performance Coalition/ACI Northwest Home Performance Conference (Seattle, WA): *Turning Program Successes into Long Term Sustainability: A Review of ARRA Funded Community Based Programs*
- 2014 Energy Out West (San Diego, CA): *Increasing Conversion Rates: Successful Strategies For Converting Audits To Retrofits*
- 2015 Washington's Energy Future Conference (Seattle, WA): *Valuing Efficiency's Non-Energy Benefits*
- 2015 Home Performance Coalition/ACI Regional Northwest Conference (Seattle, WA): *Increasing Conversion Rates: Successful Strategies For Converting Audits To Retrofits*
- 2015 NASCSP Weatherization Webinar Series: *Weatherization: Fast Forward to the Future*
- 2015 Home Performance Coalition/ACI National Conference (New Orleans, LA): *Redefining Community: Community-Based Programs' Strategies For Success*
- 2016 Efficiency Exchange Conference (Coeur d'Alene, ID): *Low Income Energy Efficiency Cross-Fit*