

CURRICULUM VITAE

Employment Experience

Executive Director, The CHOW Project, Honolulu, HI

April 2011 – Present

- Develop, coordinate and implement HIV and viral hepatitis prevention activities, syringe exchange, health education and outreach efforts, drug treatment referrals and other programmatic activities for statewide non-profit organization
- Collect, enter and analyze program and research data, compile and write data/progress reports to funders
- Coordinate staff development and trainings, facilitate statewide and staff and Syringe Exchange Oversight meetings
- Supervise and support outreach workers, research coordinator, interns and volunteers

Adult Viral Hepatitis Coordinator, Hawai'i Dept. of Health, Honolulu, HI

Aug. 2004 – April 2011

- Develop and implement Hawai'i viral hepatitis prevention programs and implement hepatitis strategic plan
- Coordinate hepatitis B/C counseling and testing and hepatitis A/B immunizations in HIV/STD settings statewide
- Promote awareness, conduct trainings, build collaborations and foster integration of viral hepatitis statewide
- Manage viral hepatitis budget and identify and apply for funding to support viral hepatitis efforts in Hawai'i
- Supervise and oversee viral hepatitis activities of Department of Health staff and interns

Trainer, UCSF/CA STD/HIV Prevention Training Center, Berkeley, CA

Dec. 2002 – Aug. 2004

- Facilitate and evaluate trainings and workshops for physicians and other health and social service providers
- Research and develop training curricula on behavior change, client-centered counseling, specific populations including youth, drug users, transgenders, and people living with HIV; and information on HIV, STDs and viral hepatitis
- Build provider capacity and skills to prevent HIV, STDs, viral hepatitis in public health and private settings

Hepatitis C Health Educator, UCSF/CA Dept. of Health Services, Berkeley, CA

Nov. 2001 – Dec. 2002

- Provide health education, training and technical assistance for the California funded Projects for the Prevention and Control of Hepatitis C
- Develop HCV training curricula, educational materials, counseling guidelines and protocols on integrating HCV services into existing HIV/STD and needle exchange programs

Trainer, UCSF/AIDS Health Project, San Francisco, CA

Dec. 1999 – Nov. 2001

- Facilitate trainings and workshops for HIV prevention and care service providers throughout California
- Research, develop and evaluate interactive training curricula on topics such as drug use, hepatitis C, young people, women and human sexuality
- Write and edit participant manuals and articles for the periodical *HIV Counseling Perspectives*

Training Consultant, Harm Reduction Coalition, Oakland, CA

April 1999 – Aug. 2004

- Research, develop and facilitate harm reduction trainings on youth, hepatitis C and sexual health
- Support training, mentoring and evaluation of beginning harm reduction trainers

Counselor, Berkeley Free Clinic, Berkeley CA

May 1997- May 2002

- Provide client-centered harm reduction counseling for clients testing for HIV and hepatitis
- Participate in collective meetings, facilitate workshops and coordinate counseling shifts

Trainer, Health Initiatives for Youth, San Francisco, CA

Oct. 1996 – Dec. 1999

- Research, develop and facilitate trainings for youth providers on health and youth development topics
- Coordinate logistics of trainings, workshops and special events

Professional and Community Affiliations

Founder and Director of Hep Free Hawaii, statewide hepatitis coalition of over 70 agencies (March 2011 – Present)
Member (appointed by Governor), Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drugs and Controlled Substances, July 2011 – Present
Member and former Co-Chair, Hawai`i HIV Community Planning Group, January 2009 – Present
Board of Directors, Harm Reduction Hawai`i, December 2007 - Present
Board of Directors, Drug Policy Forum of Hawai`i, March 2006 – Present
Advisory Council, Salvation Army Addiction Treatment Services, June 2006 – Present
Board of Directors, Hawai`i Immunization Coalition, June 2007 – September 2012
Advisory Board, Hepatitis Support Network of Hawai`i, January 2006 – April 2011
Advisory Board, Kulia Na Mamo, October, 2005 – October 2010
Board of Directors, American Liver Foundation (ALF) Hawai`i Chapter, January 2005 – January 2010
Chair of Community Education Advisory Committee, ALF Hawai`i Chapter, January 2005 – January 2010

Select Presentations

Chronic Hepatitis B and Native Hawaiians, Asian Americans and Pacific Islander. Webinar for Asian Pacific Islander Wellness Center, San Francisco, CA January 2011.

Viral Hepatitis and the Institute of Medicine Report: Where does Hawaii Stand? Plenary presentation at the Hawai`i Hepatitis Symposium, Honolulu, HI November 2010.

Viral Hepatitis and APIs and Viral Hepatitis in Persons Living with HIV. Webinars for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Birmingham, AL August 2010.

Viral Hepatitis and Harm Reduction, Presentation at Centers for Disease Control Viral Hepatitis Partners Meeting, Atlanta, GA March 2010.

Viral Hepatitis in Hawai`i. Plenary presentation at Hawai`i Hepatitis Symposium, Honolulu, HI November 2009.

Youth and STDs. Department of Education STD Update for Secondary Teachers, Honolulu, HI May 2008.

Training of Trainers: Building Capacity in Your Viral Hepatitis Education Program. National Viral Hepatitis Coordinator's Meeting, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA February 2008.

Hepatitis C and STD Update – What's Happening in Hawaii. Plenary presentation at AIDS Education Project Annual HIV Update Honolulu, Kahului, Lihue and Kona, HI June 2007.

The ABCs of Viral Hepatitis. Plenary presentation at 2nd National Conference on Methamphetamine, HIV and Hepatitis in Salt Lake City, UT February 2007.

Viral Hepatitis in Persons Living with HIV. Plenary presentation at AIDS Education Project Annual HIV Update in Honolulu, Kahului, Lihue and Hilo, HI May 2006.

Hepatitis C and Reproductive Health. Plenary presentation at Reproductive Health Conference in Honolulu, HI April 2006.

Viral Hepatitis and STDs. Plenary presentation at Ho`olaolima Lahui Native Hawaiian Summit on HIV, STDs and Hepatitis C in Makaha, HI March 2006.

Enhancing Viral Hepatitis Presentations and Trainings. Workshop at 1st National Viral Hepatitis Prevention Conference in Washington, D.C. December 2005.

Viral Hepatitis Integration with Limited Resources: The Hawai`i Experience. Workshop at 1st National Viral Hepatitis Prevention Conference in Washington, D.C. December 2005.

Hep and Ice: Viral Hepatitis and Methamphetamine. Workshop at 1st National Conference on Methamphetamine, HIV and Hepatitis in Salt Lake City, UT August 2005.

Training Curricula

- *Overview of Harm Reduction* 8 hour training
- *Blood Borne Pathogens* 2 hour training
- *Integrating Viral Hepatitis into Client Centered Counseling* 12 hour training.
- *Hepatitis C Risk Assessment and Disclosure Counseling* 12 hour training.
- *Hepatitis C for HIV Test Counselors* 6 hour training.
- *Integrating Viral Hepatitis, HIV and STDs into Drug and Alcohol Counseling* 6 hour training.
- *Hip to Hep: Viral Hepatitis Overview for Transgenders* 3 hour workshop.
- *Get Hip: Stay Hep Free* 1.5 hour workshop for youth
- *Hepatitis Overview for Inmates* 1.5 hour workshop

Publications

Prevalence of HCV Infection Among Clients in Community-Based Health Screenings in Hawaii, 2001-2010: Assessing Risk Factors. American Journal of Public Health. 2013 Sep 12.

Viral Hepatitis in Hawaii – Differing Perspectives.
Hawaii Medical Journal. 2010 April;69(4):supplement

Viral Hepatitis in a homeless shelter in Hawai`i
Hawaii Medical Journal. 2009 June;68(5):113-5.

Culturally sensitive strategies designed to target the silent epidemic of hepatitis B in a Filipino community.
Hawaii Medical Journal. 2007 Jun;66(6):154-6.

Converging epidemics: HIV and hepatitis C coinfection. Focus. 2006 May;21(5):1-5.

Hepatitis C Support Project HepSquads training newsletter:

- *Games Make Learning Fun!* April 2007.
- *Harm Reduction in Hepatitis C Trainings.* November 2006.
- *Working with Co-facilitators.* July 2006.
- *Facilitating Hepatitis C Trainings.* January 2006
- *Enhancing Presentation Skills.* July 2005
- *Working with Challenging Training Participants.* January 2005
- *Making Your Hepatitis C Trainings Interactive.* September 2003.

Education

- *Hawaii Pacific University, Masters in Social Work expected 2016*
- *Michigan State University, graduate with honors December 1993*
 - Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Minor in Criminal Justice

Practicum Experience

Counselor, Hina Mauka, Kaneohe, HI

August 2013 – May 2014

- Conduct counseling with clients of residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment including assessment, treatment planning, relapse prevention planning and motivational interviewing.
- Facilitate education and process groups for residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment clients with a focus on relapse prevention and managing dual diagnosis.
- Develop treatment plans, write DAP case notes, enter data into web-based data collection system, and perform other administrative duties related to charting and 3rd party billing.