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Employment

Founder of EXPECT RECOVERY! 2004; incorporated in November, 2007

- Public Speaking regarding mental health issues: consumer advocacy, leadership skills, expressive therapies, recovery and spirituality
- Support and education for mental health clients receiving public and private psychiatric treatment; support and education classes for family members/caregivers of persons with mental illness
- Mental Health Transformation consulting for Austin State Hospital
- Consult with public health and human service agencies, private providers, treatment centers and advocacy organizations on restraint and seclusion reduction techniques
- Crisis Intervention consulting with state and local law enforcement departments
- Volunteer consulting and speaking to mental health nonprofits, state and local health and human service agencies, stakeholder committees (such as Austin/ Travis County Psychiatric Services Committee)
- State Legislative consulting for local mental health and disability organizations
- Education for Hutson Tillotson College, St. Edwards College and University of Texas School of Social Work, Public Policy and Psychology

September, 1999 to October, 2007

Employed by NAMI Texas (National Alliance on Mental Illness in Texas)

- Advocate to the Texas Legislature on behalf of mental health consumers throughout the state, 1999 to 2007
- Answer advocacy-related questions regarding mental health issues from mental health consumers, family members, MHMR employees, private providers and state and local agencies, 1999 to 2007
- Plan biennial Advocacy Mental Health Rally on the Capitol steps, 1999 to 2003
- Create, publish and distribute the NAMI Texas *Legislative Messenger*, a newsletter detailing recent state and national Legislation affecting persons with serious and persistent mental illness, 1999 to 2003
- Represent NAMI Texas in state mandated workgroups
 - *Olmstead Promoting Independence, January 2000 to May 2001*
 - *Medicaid Buy-In Mandate, 78th Legislature, 2003 to 2005*
 - *Social Security Benefits Interim Workgroup, 2001*
 - *Seclusion and Restraints Interim Workgroup, 2000 to 2004*
 - *Mental Health/Criminal Justice Consensus Group, 2002 to 2004*
 - *Mental Health Parity Workgroup, 1999 to 2003*
- Consumer Representative for DSHS Institutional Review Board (IRB), January 2000 to 2006
- Supervise online groups about pertinent and timely issues, i.e., public hearings, Legislative updates, recent research for mental illness, NAMI affiliate news, 2000 to 2007
- Presentations for the UT School of Social Work, Rehabilitation and Psychology, 2000 to 2006

- Staff Liaison to the NAMI Texas Public Policy Committee, 2001 to 2005
 - Affiliate Volunteer Coordinator, 2001 to 2003
 - NAMI Texas Newsletter Editor, 2003 to 2007
 - NAMI Texas Conference Coordinator, 2004 to 2007
 - NAMI Texas spokesperson to the media, 2003 to 2007
 - Research policies and issues regarding the state and local mental health service delivery system, 2003 to 2006
 - NAMIWalks Coordinator, 2004 and 2005
 - State Crisis Intervention Team Trainer, 2004 to 2007
 - Peer Support Facilitator, 2000 and 2007
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Other

- ❑ Partners in Policymaking graduate, sponsored by the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities, 1996
- ❑ Media training for effective media strategy and skills to deliver key messages to the public, 1996, 2001, 2003, 2006
- ❑ NAMI Austin Board Member 1999 to 2006
- ❑ PLAN Board Member (Planned Living Assistance Network) 2007 to present
- ❑ Editorial in Austin-American Statesman on my story of recovery, 2003
- ❑ 2003 Appointment by the Governor to the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities to serve 6 year term
- ❑ Award of Special Recognition from NAMI Texas membership presented in September 2003 for my work in support, education and advocacy for persons with serious mental illness
- ❑ Board member of Goodwill of Central Texas, 2004 to present
- ❑ Mental Health Speaker at Conferences in Sherman and Nacogdoches, TX, 2004, 2005, 2007
- ❑ Advocate of the year award from NAMI Austin in 2005
- ❑ Reintegration Award from Eli Lilly Company, 2005
- ❑ NAMI National Convention Speaker, 2006
- ❑ New Milestones Spirit Award, 2006
- ❑ Contributed to Safe Place Manual, 2006
- ❑ Personal story in Schizophrenia Digest Magazine, Summer 2007
- ❑ Article in The Catalyst, Newsletter of the Treatment Advocacy Center, Fall, 2007