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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Children's Brain Tumor Foundation, New York, NY. Consultant: Nationwide Program Development, August 2008 to present. Creating new models of collaboration for hospitals, local organizations and parent groups, in targeted metropolitan areas, that encourage local support programs for pediatric brain tumor patients and their families.

We Can, Pediatric Brain Tumor Network, Los Angeles, CA. Founder/Executive Director 1996-2008. Developed and implemented parent-initiated support programs for pediatric brain tumor patients and their families. Built a network that has served over 800 Southern California families that coordinates the efforts of healthcare professionals and community resources. Chartered We Can as a non-profit and built the operating budget to more than \$150,000 per year. Managed paid staff, a team of consulting social workers and large roster of volunteers. Responsible for every aspect of the organization, including grant-writing, directing camps and major fundraising events. Project manager/liaison between We Can and fiscal sponsor Community Partners.

Veteran Parent Program for We Can, Director/Coordinator 2000-2008.

In collaboration with the National Brain Tumor Foundation and with California Regional Centers, designed and implemented a peer-mentoring program for families in medical crisis, dealing with long term quality-of-life problems or facing end-of-life issues.

National Cancer Institute: Pediatric Central Institutional Review Board, Washington D.C., Patient Advocate/Committee member to evaluate pediatric oncology clinical trials. October 2004 to present.

Secretary's Advisory Committee for Human Research Protection (SACHRP), Washington D.C., Sub-Part A Subcommittee Member, evaluating federal regulations that govern human subject protection. October 2004 to present.

Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research (PRIM&R), Boston, MA.

Faculty member for consent issues and the rights of children in research. Designed and implemented a certificated "Community Member" track for "nonscientific, unaffiliated" IRB members as a regular feature of the national conference offerings. Positive conference feedback led to regional day-long seminars as part of PRIM&R's national education program. 2004 to present.

UCLA Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA. Institutional Review Board #3 (Oncology/HIV/Infectious Disease), Patient Advocate/Committee Member, July 2002 to August 2007.

UCLA Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA. Institutional Review Board #2, (Psychiatric) Subject Representative for the Cognitively Impaired. January 2007 – August 2007.

UCLA Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA. Guest Speaker for "Doctoring 101" for first year medical students, twice each semester, 2003 to present.

National Brain Tumor Foundation, Consultant, 1999 to 2004.

- Directed "KIDS 2002" and "KIDS 2004" Children's Conference for patients and their siblings and children of adult patients, in conjunction with the national adult brain tumor conference September 2002 and 2004.

- Technical advisor for the “Buddy Book,” a publication for children dealing with brain tumors.

PUBLICATIONS

“*The Importance of the Nonscientific, Unaffiliated (Community) Member*” G. McMillan. Community-Campus Partnerships for Health and the Tuskegee University National Center for Bioethics in Research and Health Care, A Case Story Collaborative Journal, October 2007.

“*Clinical Research: The Parent’s Dilemma,*” G. McMillan, The Monitor, April 2006.

“*What Do Researchers Say? What do Subjects Hear?*” G. McMillan, Protecting Human Subjects, Spring 2005.

“Brain Tumors in Children and Youths,” G. McMillan & M. Lash, 2002, published by Lash & Associates Publishing/Training Inc., Wake Forest, NC.

“Brain Tumors: Changes at Home and School,” G. McMillan, S. Grandinette & M. Lash, 2002, published by Lash & Associates Publishing/Training Inc., Wake Forest, NC.

“*Childhood Brain & Spinal Cord Tumors: A Guide for Families, Friends & Caregivers,*” T. Shiminski-Maher, P. Cullen. & M. Sansalone, 2002, Patient-Centered Guides, published by O’Reilly & Associates, G. McMillan Contributor and Technical Advisor.

PRESENTATIONS

"Is Conflict of Interest of *Any* Interest?" Panelist for "2008 Research Ethics Symposium", NYU Langone Medical Center, New York, NY, October 2008

"Informed Consent from the Subject's Perspective", Guest Speaker for Continuing Education Day, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, October 2008.

"Informed Consent from the Subject's Perspective", Co-Presenter for IRB Educational Day, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN September 2008

“A View from the Trenches”, Speaker for Regional Meeting, Catholic Healthcare West IRB, Sacramento, Ca. June 2008.

“A Parent’s Journey,” Panel Presenter for Caregiver’s Conference sponsored by the National Brain Tumor Foundation and the Brain Tumor Society. Sacramento, CA, March 2008.

“Looking Outside the Box for a Better Consent Process,” Plenary Address for the Office of Human Research Protection, Regional Meeting, Sacramento, CA, February 2008.

“The Parent’s Perspective,” Panel for Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research (PRIM&R) Conference, Boston, MA, November 2007.

“Informed Consent from the Subject’s Perspective,” Panel Presenter for the Secretary’s Advisory Committee on Human Research Protection (SACHRP), Washington DC, July 2007.

“Informed Consent: The Subject’s Perspective,” Lead Presenter for Society of Clinical Research Associates, National Conference, Denver, CO September 2007.

“Informed Consent and the Subject’s Perspective,” Keynote speaker for Washington Institutional Review Board (WIRB) Executive Board Retreat, Portland, OR. April 2007.

“The Importance of the Non-Affiliated (Community) Member,” Webinar presenter for the Community-Campus Partnerships for Health and the Tuskegee University National Center for Bioethics in Research and Health Care, March 2007.

“Your Role in Medical Ethics,” Guest Speaker for advanced health care students, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, March 2007.

“Informed Consent and the Subject’s Perspective,” Keynote speaker for Washington Institutional Review Board (WIRB) regional conference, Newport Beach, CA, February 2007.

“A Parent’s Perspective on Informed Consent,” Lead Presenter for IRB Consortium Annual Meeting, University of Kentucky, September 2006.

“Recruiting, Educating, and Retaining Non-Affiliated IRB Members,” Webinar presenter for PRIM&R, September 2006.

“Children as Research Subjects,” Lead Presenter, “ShowCase” Conference on Children in Research, Case Western University, Cleveland, OH, April 2006.

“Valuing Communities by Involving Them in the Research Enterprise,” Panelist for PRIM&R Conference, Boston, MA, December 2005.

“Challenges of Being a Non-Scientist or Non-Affiliated IRB Member,” Dual Session Facilitator for PRIM&R Conference, Boston, MA, December 2005.

“Comprehension and Informed Consent; How Do Investigators Know if Subjects Understand?” Lead Presenter, PRIM&R Conference, Boston, MA, December 2005.

“Viewpoint from a Parent,” Keynote Speaker for Atlanta Area Association of Clinical Research Professionals (A3CRP) Clinical Research Symposium, Atlanta GA, September 2005.

“A Parent’s Perspective,” Keynote Address for IRB Member Symposium, Case Western University, Cleveland, OH, April 2005.

“Informed Consent: The Subject’s Perspective,” Keynote Address, Aurora Health Care Research Subject Protection, Milwaukee, WI, April 2005.

“Informed Consent: The Subject’s Perspective,” Cedars-Sinai IRB Grand Rounds, Los Angeles, CA, February 2005.

“What Do Researchers Say? What Do Subjects Hear? What Information Do Subjects Need?” Panelist at PRIM&R/Applied Research Ethics National Association (ARENA) Conference, San Diego, CA, October 2004.

“How to Recruit, Train and Retain Community Members,” Workshop Facilitator at PRIM&R/ARENA IRB Conference, San Diego, CA, October 2004.

“Successful Collaborations between Parent Groups and Hospitals,” Workshop Facilitator, ASK Conference for Children with Special Needs, Long Beach, CA, May 2003.

“Informed Consent: A Parent’s View,” Plenary Remarks for Annual Conference for Blood Brain Barrier Disruption Consortium, 2003, Bend, OR.

“PICU and Parents,” Guest Lecturer for UCLA ICU Nurses Continuing Education Program, Los Angeles, CA, 2002 & 2003.

EDUCATION

Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA
Bachelor of Arts, History; Minors: German, Business, May 1982
Cum Laude, Alpha Sigma Nu (Jesuit Honor Society)

California State University, Los Angeles
Single Subject Secondary Teacher’s Credential, Social Sciences, 1986

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Fluent in Spanish.