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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

- 41 years of public health professional experience in the USA (28 years) and the USSR (13 years), mostly in supervisory positions.
- Directed county-level multi-functional programs, including environmental, communicable diseases, institutional health, developed and supervised community health assessment and public health emergency management programs.
- Analyzed the collected data and findings and presented them for regulatory, and/or policy guidance.
- Developed and implemented programs' preventive strategies and plans for meeting state and federal objectives, organized continuing quality improvement, and assured the delivery of key performance indicators.
- Established and forged relationships with many municipal, county, and state organizations and policy makers to collaborate and facilitate the development and integration of operating public health program initiatives and activities across a broad area.
- Participated in many federal, state and county-level exercises regarding public health emergencies, participated in department's preparedness to the anthrax attacks in 2001, smallpox emergency in 2002, H1N1 flu pandemic in 2008, preparedness and response to many outbreaks of infectious diseases and other public health events, emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases.
- Developed and presented important public health materials to the department's Board of Health, County Board, grant management reports, educational and training materials to the counterparts, medical community, schools, long term care facilities.
- Conducted multiple TV and other media outlets interviews and participated in press conferences.

SKILLS

- Extensive knowledge in public health program development, management, and community health advocacy.
- Strong analytical skills and applying data for the purposes of community health assessment; assurance and policy development.

- Solid communication skills, including media, policy makers, professional counterparts, and public. Communicating the public health priorities and sharing public health and medical data to help my audience understand the public health situation of their communities and provide the most current guidance and share best practices.
- Strong public health education and public health emergency management skills.
- Solid program building, budget management, and grant management.
- Deep knowledge of continuing quality improvement.

WORK HISTORY

12/2023 - Present: Volunteer, The Lake County Health Department/Community Health Services (LCHD/CHC) Tuberculosis Program, Illinois

- Facilitate TB testing, treatment, and education of the Ukrainian refugees.

08/2023-12/2023 - Temporary Community Health Specialist, LCHD/CHC Tuberculosis Program

- Reached to the state-wide and local Ukrainian community leaders, political, faith organizations, media, business, etc. to educate and promote compliance with the Uniting for Ukraine Program requirements.
- Established effective business relationships with Ukrainian Congress Committee of North America, Ukrainian Medical Association of North America, Ukrainian cathedrals and churches in Chicago, ethnic media outlets, businesses, etc.
- Directly helped with the evaluation of over 200 Ukrainian refugees for TB testing, treatment and conducted their TB education.

12/1997-04/2018 - Epidemiologist/Program Coordinator, LCHD/CHC, Retired

- Assisted department's administration, policy makers, other community leaders, business, and many others with the issues pertaining to infectious diseases and public health emergencies.
- Developed and supervised the LCHD/CHC Community Health Assessment Program
- Developed and supervised the LCHD/CHC Emergency Management Program
- Supervised the LCHD/CHC Communicable Disease, TB, Immunizations, STI/HIV/AIDS, and Institutional Health (Long Term Care and Child Day Care Facilities) programs.
- Assured all those programs compliance with the federal, state, and local regulations, needs and requirements.

- Developed program's budget performance key indicators, was responsible for grants compliance, continuing quality improvement, and all other functions related to the program's supervision.
- Was responsible for communication with the media on all subjects pertaining to the supervised programs, was a witness in a court deposition pertaining to a large salmonella multijurisdictional outbreak.
- Represented and interpreted agency's functions and services to other institutions, hospitals, medical organizations, and practices, public, government agencies and other organizations.
- Worked on numerous projects that focused on community assessment, engagement, and education and prepared summary reports with specific recommendations.
- Established and co-chaired The Northern Illinois Public Health Consortium Infectious Diseases Committee for 8 county/municipal health departments in the region.
- Chaired the LCHD/CHC Infectious Disease Committee.
- Organized and conducted many county-wide exercises regarding public health emergencies. Participated in the federal TOPOFF II exercise for top officials. This is a national-level domestic exercise for top federal, state and local officials, designed to strengthen the nation's capacity to protect against, respond to, and recover from large-scale terrorist attacks involving Weapons of Mass Destruction.

11/1990-12/1997: Sanitarian, Food Program Coordinator/Regional Program Supervisor, LCHD/CHC

- Conducted office and field work that related to inspection, investigation, public education and regulation of food service facilities, water supplies, individual sewage disposal, solid waste disposal landfills, or other applications in support of state and local ordinances governing proper environmental health practices for Lake County.
- When promoted to the position of Food Program Coordinator, advised the department's administration, local policy makers, other community leaders, local business and public on all issues pertaining to food safety in licensed facilities.
- Supervised the county-wide Food Program with over 2,500 food service facilities (restaurant, grocery stores, etc.).
- Worked with a team to revise the local food ordinance and participated in the implementation of an innovative scientifically based approach that secured the Crumbine Award in 1999. This Award is given annually to only one local environmental health jurisdictions nation-wide that demonstrated unsurpassed achievement in providing outstanding food protection services to their communities.

- Supervised other Environmental Health Programs (Potable Water Supplies, Private Sewage Disposal, Solid Waste, Nuisance Control, Insect and Pest Control, Housing and Recreational Areas) in the assigned region of Lake County.
- Developed recommendations that formulated service area policies and procedures. Offered solutions and follow up on corrections of ordinance and code violations.

09/1979-04/1989 Worked as the Chief of Community Health Assessment Laboratory of the City Public Health Department in Minsk, Belarus.

- Was responsible for epidemiological and environmental surveillance, analytical reports, and advising the department's administration on preventive strategies.

08/1976-08/1979 Worked as deputy administrator, Zelva Public Health Department, Belarus.

- Was responsible for the department's environmental health programs and epidemiological surveillance of infectious diseases and environmental conditions and preparing analytical reports with recommendations.

EDUCATION

- 06/1976 MD degree Minsk Medical Institute (School) in Belarus. Medicine, with the emphases on Epidemiology and Environmental Health
- 10/1991 Registered Environmental Health Specialist, The National Environmental Health Association
- 10/1994 Environmental Health Practitioner, Illinois
- 06/1997 Illinois Public Health Leadership Institute (a year-long, cohort-leadership development program designed to enhance the success of program directors)