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CAREER SUMMARY: A dedicated mental health counsellor with professional experience working in both inpatient and outpatient therapeutic environments. Able to work constructively with an interdisciplinary team. A passionate screenwriter who has won multiple awards with two feature-length films in development.

SCREENPLAY AWARDS

- "Clarity" - Top-Rated Screenplay March 2018. Zoetrope. <https://www.zoetrope.com>
- "The Departure" - Official Finalist in Biographical/Historical Genre. 2014 Beverly Hills Screenplay Contest.
- "The Departure" - Quarter-Finalist. 2014 WeScreenplay International Screenplay Competition.
- "Only 16 Miles" - Finalist. 2014 Horror Screenplay Contest
- "Universal Escapade" - Finalist (Top 25). WeScreenplay International Screenplay Competition.
- "Hipster Z" - (Co-Written) - Best Screenplay Feature - 2017 Action On Film International Film Festival. Best Horror/Comedy Screenplay - 2017 International Horror Hotel Film Fest.

SCREENWRITING WORK

- "The Departure." Feature film. Writer and executive producer. Currently in development with Dapper Bird Entertainment. https://pro.imdb.com/title/tt9474738/?ref=nm_filmo_projindex_4
- "The Heat." Writer and executive producer. <https://pro.imdb.com/title/tt8649090/>
- "Door Ajar." Co-writer for feature film. <https://pro.imdb.com/title/tt11398316/>
- Successfully completed three writing assignments for feature-length films and one TV series bible assignment.

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Over four years of practical counselling experience in outpatient community mental health and inpatient drug rehabilitation.
- Canadian Certified Counsellor and professional member in good standing with the Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association.
- Computer skills include MS Office, MS Excel, MS Powerpoint, Apple Pages, Apple Keynote, iPhoto, internet, email, PC and Macintosh operating systems.

- Demonstrated ability in case documentation through writing objective progress notes and performing client intakes/assessments in a timely manner.
- Strong communication skills as evidenced by maintaining satisfactory relationships with community resources and working in counselling field in which listening is key.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Addiction Counsellor

2015-2020/06

Edgewood Health Network. Suite 801 - 2303 4th St., SW. Calgary, AB, T2S 2S7. Ph: 587-350-6818. Email: info@edgewoodcalgary.ca

- Full-time work involving the facilitation of four aftercare groups per week for individuals in recovery from addiction.
- Facilitation of Intensive Outpatient Program four times per week for individuals which involves psycho-educational presentations, random drug screening, and aftercare groups.
- Outpatient individual counselling sessions for individuals, some of which have involved either a 12-week Cognitive-Behavioural Therapy course or 10-week anger management course. Both courses organized by writer with pre and post-surveys.
- Created family educational workshop titled "Revive" for family members wanting to know more about addiction as a family disease, holistic coping skills, and information on feelings, thoughts, and behaviours related to co-dependency.
- Facilitation of In-Site support group for men and women whose family members either are in recovery or in active addiction.
- Performed initial set-up for individuals to use Soberlink monitoring program for a period of at least three months.

Group Co-Facilitator

2015/05-2019/11

Health Upwardly Mobile. Suite 305 - 320 23rd Ave., SW. Calgary, AB, T2S 0J2. Ph: 403-536-2480. Email: 403-536-2480. Contractor/Associate position.

- Co-facilitation of process groups which include a Friday Men's Group and a Saturday mixed group for individuals in recovery from addiction.
- Assisting with Intensive Outpatient Program as evidenced by co-facilitating process groups and giving presentations on addiction-related topics such as stress management and spirituality. Group therapy co-facilitation experience as part of the Intensive Outpatient Program.

Residential Counsellor

2012/03–2012/12

Chemical Dependency Complex. Region IV/Timber Hills MH/MR Commission. Corinth, MS, USA, 38834.

- Taught daily psycho-educational classes addressing mental health and addiction topics.
- Conducted family and individual therapy sessions with inpatients staying in treatment for 30-90 days.
- Analyzed urinalysis tests for inpatients and for people in the community on an outpatient basis.
- Collaborated effectively with courts, probation/parole officers, local law enforcement, and a vocational rehabilitation organization in conjunction with a client's individual treatment plan.
- Previously certified to administer and assess SASSI (Subtle Substance Abuse Screening Inventory).

Adult Mental Health Counsellor

2008/08-2012/03

Outpatient clinic. Region IV/Timber Hills MH/MR Commission. Corinth, MS, USA, 38834.

- Performed family and individual counselling with evidence-based interventions tailored to each client's specific treatment goals.
- Independently managed a mobile therapy caseload in which clients would be visited for family and/or individual therapy at their private residence.
- Organized and led a structured anger management group for several rotations.
- Certified to perform pre-evaluations for individuals who may require long-term inpatient psychiatric hospitalization.
- State Certified Mental Health Therapist, Mississippi, USA, issued 2011/11/01 to 2014/06/30.

INTERNSHIPS

- Federal Bureau of Investigation. Washington, D.C., USA. Headquarters. 2008/06-2008/08

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- Volunteer Assistant 2015/02-2015/05
 - Association for the Rehabilitation of the Brain Injured (ARBI), Calgary, AB.
 - Working with a single client implementing physiotherapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy interventions at least once per week for 2.5 hours. A program coordinator trained me in utilizing the therapeutic techniques.

- Teacher Assistant 2013/09-2014-01
 - ALT/AKO Maori Explorers, Palmerston North, New Zealand.
 - Assisted teacher who used an accelerated learning program with children in public primary schools. Duties included video and photographic documentation of program, transportation services, helping fine-tune program presentations, and creating learning aids.

EDUCATION

Master of Science - Clinical Mental Health Counselling 2009
Freed-Hardeman University, Henderson, TN, USA 38340

Bachelor of Science - Psychology 2007
Freed-Hardeman University, Henderson, TN, USA 38340

REFERENCES

Available Upon Request