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Board Name: Health Care Advisory Board

Primary Phone:

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Please list any civic and professional accomplishments/honors, training or experience related to this appointment::

I have advised local organizations in Brooklyn New York and I serve on several working groups in my federal position at the National Institutes of Health that focuses on patients and healthcare

Please list any current/previous Advisory Board appointments:

N/A

What Contributions do you feel you could make if you were selected to this board?:

I am a Phd Speech language pathologist that has worked in acute care, skilled nursing facilities, and in homecare

Please Agree with the following statements:

I understand this application is the property of Alachua County and subject to public records laws. I hereby certify that the statements made on this application are true and correct. I understand that Appointees to advisory board/committees are required to attend scheduled meetings as specified in the "Guidelines for Citizen Advisory Boards and Committees". I understand that some boards and committees require Financial Disclosure (Chapter 112, Florida Statutes) and I am willing to file if required. I affirm that my personal and business (if applicable) affairs within Alachua County are in substantial compliance with all county regulatory and taxing authorities rules and regulations?:

Yes

Note: This question is for the Gainesville-Alachua County Airport Authority Board

Do you currently hold any publicly elected office in the State of Florida?:

No

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Have you, as yourself or as an employee, agent or consultant for another person or legal entity, transacted business with the authority within the last 3 years?:

No

Are you currently serving, or have you ever served, on an Alachua County advisory board? :

No

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Attachments

- Alachua Resume.pdf

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Professional Summary: Dynamic health research and scientific administrator with over 15 years of experience in biomedical research and speech-language pathology. Proven expertise in strategic planning, collaborative leadership, biomedical portfolio analysis, and neurological disorder rehabilitation. Adept at mentoring, event organization, and delivering impactful presentations to diverse audiences.

Education:

- **Ph.D.**, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Howard University, 2020
- **M.S.**, Communication Sciences and Disorders, The College of Saint Rose, 2011
- **B.A.**, Communications and Rhetoric, University at Albany, 2009

Professional Experience:

Health Program Specialist, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke 2022-Present

- Expert in managing biomedical health and neuroscience research programs.
- Led portfolio analyses and provided leadership in innovation programs.
- Skilled in policy development, program evaluation, and strategic planning.

Post-Doctoral Researcher, University of Florida 05/2021-05/2022

- Conducted pioneering research in Essential Vocal Tremor.
- Supervised interdisciplinary teams in neuroscience and human movement disorders.

Lead Research Scientist, Cardwell Beach: 05/2022-05/2023

- Spearheaded qualitative research in healthcare.
- Focused on patient experiences and physician perspectives.

Skills:

- Program administration and evaluation in health research.
- Strategic communications, stakeholder engagement, and public speaking.

- Proficient in data analysis, scientific coding, and research methodologies.

Leadership and Service:

- Neuroscience Scholars Program Mentor
- Mentor, University Multicultural Mentor Program
- Women Lead Scholar, Institute for Early Career Scholars

Fellowships & Awards:

- AAAS Science and Technology Policy Fellowship, NIH
- Just-Julian Research Grant, Howard University
- Dysphagia Research Society Scholarship

Professional Society Memberships:

- American Association for the Advancement of Science
- Society for Neuroscience
- Dysphagia Research Society