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**20 years in providing culturally relevant education, technical assistance and the utilization of my extensive knowledge of communicable diseases, non profit organizations, and peer development.**

**WORK RELATED EXPERIENCE/CERTIFICATES**

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-Leader in Peer to Peer Development and Supervision	-Multi-Dimensional Trainer/Educator	-Developed, Implemented, Evaluated, and Sustained Programs
-Certified HIV Pre/Post Test Counselor, CTL #0030, December 1997	Certified Outreach Worker, April 1998	-Certified HIV/STD Prevention Educator, May 1999
-CA Certified Phlebotomist (CPT-1 #CPT00021044), July 2006	-Certified Wellness Recovery Action Plan Facilitator, January 2013	-Leadership that Works: Certified Professional Coach, February 2017

**Education:**

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- Master's in Public Health, SFSU, CA. August 2009: Emphasis in Community Health Education
  - Bachelor of Health Science, SFSU, CA. May 2002: Emphasis in Community Health Education

**Volunteer:**

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- Tri County Pacific Islander Task Force, August 2015- Present
  - Samoan Community Development Center Board of Directors: 3/15-3/17
  - Men Creating Peace Board of Directors: 3/11-7/14
  - City College of San Francisco, Drug and Alcohol Department Teacher Assistant: 9/09-5/11
    - Motivational Interviewing, Case Management, Harm Reduction, Intro to Drug and Alcohol Studies

**Facilitation & Curricula Development:**

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- **C4H:** I created and facilitated the following trainings: Board Development Training, February 2015; African American MSM Cultural Competency, March 2015; Change Management Training, March 2015; Targeted HIV Testing (adapted), 2015 & 2016; Recruitment and Retention (adapted), December 2015; HIV & HCV in Native Communities, April 2016; Communication & Collaboration Training, April 2016; Social Determinants of Health, Jan. 2016; Harm Reduction Training, September 2016; Grant Writing (adapted a component for the CDC, 2014) and Program Manager Training *facilitated 2014, 2015, 2016*. Webinars: Targeted HIV Testing Summer School, June 2015 and Collaborations and Coalitions, June 2016. CDC Evidence-based Interventions and Strategies: WILLOW, SNS, ARTAS, Recruitment and Retention, Targeted Testing, PCC. Internal trainings included Grant Writing, Program Manager Training. *Facilitated training.*
  - **MHASF:** Boundaries Training, April 2014 & Dec. 2011, Group Facilitation Skills April 2014, Family Friendly Practices, March 2012, SOLVE Curricula Development, Feb., 2012, Self-Care and Wellbeing Aug., 2011. *Created & Facilitated training.*
  - **UCSF-UFO Project:** HIV Prevention 3 part series, March 2013. *Created & Facilitated training.*
  - **Tenderloin Housing Clinic:** "Shedding a little light on computers": Computer Basics, March, 2010. Boundaries Training, Jan., 2010. *Created & Facilitated trainings.*
  - **Pre-Trial Diversion:** "Boundaries Training", May, 2010. *Created & Facilitated trainings.*
  - **Forensic AIDS Project:** developed a 12 week curricula on "Traditional Healing" Sept 2008, created trainings such as "HIV and Stigma" Nov 2009, "Do you know the number for HIV, Hepatitis C, and STIs in SF, CA, & US" Sept 2010, and modified trainings on HIV, Hepatitis, Reproductive Health, Substance Use and Harm Reduction, and Safer Sex, World AIDS Day training Dec., 2010. *Created & Facilitated training series.*
  - **Harm Reduction Therapy Center:** "Meeting Folks Where They Live: Harm Reduction for Co-Occurring Clients in Community Based Organizations" Dec 2008. *Assisted in the development and standardization of the curriculum and facilitated.* Boundaries (Sept-Dec 2009 & Feb 2010), De-escalation (March 2010), Harm Reduction (July 2010 and Aug 2010), and Co-Occurring Disorders (Aug 2008), "Sex, Drugs, and Rock n Roll" (March 2006) *Created & facilitated the "Sex" portion of training.*
  - **Asian American Recovery Services:** "HIV Prevention and Risk Reduction" Nov. 2008
  - **UCSF, San Mateo County:** "Hepatitis 3-3-3" Oct, 2008 *Created & Facilitated training.*
  - **Tenderloin Health:** "HIV Counseling in the Tenderloin: Unique Challenges and Harm Reduction Strategies for Tenderloin Health Counselors" Oct. 2005. *Created & Facilitated training.*
  - **Continuum:** 12 week workshop on HIV prevention for high-risk women of color in the Tenderloin, San Francisco, April 2004. *Created & Facilitated training.*
  - **Tri City Health Center:** "Domestic Violence" Oct 2003, *Created & Facilitated training.*
  - **Harm Reduction Coalition:** "CHOW: Meeting the Community Where They are At" Nov. 2007 and "How to Better Serve Immigrant Workers" (Oct. 1999 with Silvia Arevalo).
  - **Institute on Community Health Outreach:** July 1999 to May 2002, *Facilitated trainings along with other members in the Institute.*

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## Conferences:

- Social Determinants of Health, KY HIV Conference; October 2016
- No longer your Token, US Conference on AIDS; September 2016
- Hepatitis C and HIV in Native Communities, Hep C Tribal Conference; April 2016
- Targeted HIV Testing, HIP Summit; February 2016
- Social Determinants of Health, Arizona HIV Conference; January 2016
- Targeted HIV Testing in the Pacific, National HIV Prevention Conference; December 2015
- Changing or Ending a HIV Program, US Conference on AIDS; September 2014
- [“Student Needs Assessment: Investigating Barriers to Accessing Health Services Among Urban Youth”](#) American Public Health Association: Rebecca Wildman-Tobriner, MPH,, Jeff Grantham, MPH, Pedro Contreras, MPH and Jennifer Awa, MPH: Oct. 29, 2008.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Harm Reduction Coalition Conference: “Meth and Women” Oct. 2006: *Invited speaker by Alex Kral, PhD*

## Work History:

<b>ManaFirst Consulting, Personal Business:</b> 1/17- Present  www.manafirst.com	Organizational development and management, fund development, grant writing, technical assistance, policy development, leadership development.
	Trainings: develop and facilitate, facilitate retreats, meetings, focus groups.
	Coaching: Certified Professional Coach, Leadership that Works, Feb 2016 providing leadership coaching to individuals seeking growth and transformation in the professional and personal lives.
<b>Human Sexuality Professor, Holy Names University:</b> Oct-Dec, 2016	Develop a human sexuality course for undergraduate psychology students. Facilitate a 7week course (4.0 hours each) on reproductive health, sexual health, relationships, communicable diseases, orientation, domestic violence, policy, politics, and culture.
<b>Capacity Building Specialist</b> <b>Capacity for Health, APIAHF:</b> 8/14 to 3/17	Provide national capacity building to CBO’s and health departments funded by CDC Applied expertise in sexual health, communicable disease prevention, program development and management to provide comprehensive technical assistance. Develop agency specific curricula and facilitate the trainings.
<b>Community Programs Manager</b> <b>Mental Health Association of San Francisco:</b> 8/11-6/14	Supervised Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) projects Develop, implement, and evaluate programs, grant writing, strategic planning, capacity building, contractual reporting, and budget management. Develop and implement trainings, community forums, and conferences. Co-chair of planning committee and implementation of annual MHSA Awards.
<b>MHSA Training Coordinator</b> <b>Harm Reduction Therapy Center:</b> 9/09-4/12	Coordinated and implemented 50 Cultural Sensitivity and Workforce Development trainings for the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). Conducted grant management, fiscal reporting, and coordination of activities for 25 sub-contracted agencies and trainers.
<b>HIV Early Intervention Specialist:</b> <b>HW III:</b> 8/10-3/11  <b>HIV Specialist:</b> 2/08-9/09  <b>Forensic AIDS Project:</b> <b>(SFDPH)</b>	Provided HIV/Hepatitis C testing and counseling individual risk reduction sessions, and linkage to services for individuals in San Francisco County jails. Facilitated health education groups utilizing multi-pronged prevention strategies and created and implemented a curricula for individuals with extensive trauma. Educated deputies, program staff, and inmates on public health interventions and advocated for and secured the installment of 16 condom machines in SF County Jail. Assisted in grant writing, capacity building, program development and implementation.
<b>NAVIGATOR Project Forensic Case Manager</b> <b>UCSF:</b> 9/09-8/10	Forensic case management to HIV positive individuals in San Francisco County jail. Assisted in the development of program systems, policies, and the implementation of an intensive, pe based case management research project “NAVIGATOR” and training development of the peer navigators.
<b>CSTEP Consultant</b> <b>APWC:</b> 11/06-4/09	Conduct CSTEP HIV Treatment Trainings at various CA regional locations. Ensure the fidelity of the certified Curriculum.
<b>Health Promotions Manager</b> <b>Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center and Tenderloin Health (TLH):</b> 8/05-2/08	Implemented and integrated Rapid HIV Testing in TLH & Tom Waddell Health Center. Supervised, developed, and implemented innovative prevention strategies: outreach, off-site testing, needle exchange, health education groups, transgender services. Developed, implemented, and evaluated trainings for multi-disciplinary teams, consumers within the agency and the community. Managed contracts, quality assurance, capacity building, and data collection.

*By resourcing our inner strengths first, we are able to complete anything we set out to do!*