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WORK EXPERIENCE

James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital; Tampa, FL.

Section Chief Speech Pathology

3/2019 - current

Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP).

3/2002 - current

- Section Chief (2019-current): Duties and responsibilities include all clinical/patient care as well as supervisory/managerial duties including: establishing clinic schedules; distribution of workload among staff; monitoring staff workload to ensure quality and quantity; establishing performance plans and completes performance appraisals; ensuring policy and procedures are implemented to provide consistent high-quality service; participating in the evaluation, recommendation and selection and candidates for Speech Pathology positions; provide service specific orientation and training for new staff; make decisions with wide latitude of control and independent judgment and use knowledge of contemporary Speech Pathology practice; provide outstanding customer service; serve as Acting Service Chief in the Service Chief's absence;
- Speech Language-Pathologist (2002 – current): Comprehensive knowledge of, and ability to utilize, evidence-based practices and clinical practice guidelines involving the evaluation and/or treatment of communication disorders (aphasia (language), voice, dysphagia (swallowing), cognition, and speech (dysarthria and apraxia)). Specialties include: Aphasia, Polytrauma, Spinal Cord Injury and Disease (MS, ALS, etc.), ventilator and tracheostomy, Traumatic Brain Injury, and Cerebral Vascular Accident. Integral multi-disciplinary team member. Provide client and family education and counseling. Participate in interdisciplinary staffings, team meetings, and family conferences. Stay abreast of current SLP practices via continuing education, participation in ASHA Special Interest Divisions (Administration and Supervision, Telehealth, Dysphagia, Neurogenic Communication Disorders).
- Clinical Training Director (2006-current) - Responsible for planning, assessing, and evaluating the training program, maintaining University affiliations, interviewing and evaluating candidates, training SLPs to become student supervisors, growing the supervisor program from 2 to 12 SLPs, providing Service Specific Orientation to incoming students, evaluating students' and Clinical Fellows' performance and providing ongoing feedback re: progress towards goals. Updated and wrote HPM re: Dysphagia and the Supervision of Speech Pathology Graduate students, trainees, and fellows.
- Coding Champion (2017-current)– Responsible for analyzing and utilizing data to develop a coding education program, administrating, and auditing section staff re: documentation and unified use of appropriate coding to maximize hospital revenue and accurately capture productivity/work-load within the section. Provided feedback to SLPs and remained consistently available for consultation.
- Telehealth Champion (2018-current) – Plan, assess, and evaluate the Telehealth program to ensure proper coordination between care delivery within the section and overall efficacious, timely, Veteran centered healthcare. Responsible for training SLPs, implementing effective solutions/troubleshooting and supporting the SLPs as they transition to providing Telehealth services.
- Polytrauma Transitional Rehabilitation Program (PTRP)– Key member of the interdisciplinary team that developed the initial PTRP at James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital.

Brain Rehabilitation and Research Center/Malcom Randall Veterans' Hospital; Gainesville, FL. 4/2001-7/2004

Stationed at the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital (WOC); Tampa, FL

Research Speech-Language Pathologist/Study Coordinator

- Responsible for subject recruitment (stroke survivors), scheduling, obtaining informed consent, protocol implementation, and documentation for two RR&D funded research projects (Project A 4/2001-4/2002; Project B 7/2001-7/2004). Responsible for hiring, training, and scheduling for data collectors. Additional experience: Member of interdisciplinary treatment team developing state of the art rehabilitation program for stroke survivors.

**Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine; Seattle, WA
Stationed at the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital (WOC); Tampa, FL
Speech-Language Pathologist/Cognitive Therapist**

5/1998-4/2001

- Clinical Fellowship 5/98-1/99.
- Conducted comprehensive evaluation and treatment for adults with mild-profound traumatic, anoxic, and cerebrovascular brain injury as a member of the interdisciplinary Cognitive Rehabilitation Head Injury Team. Provided coma stimulation, augmentative communication services, and instrumental swallowing assessments. Provided client and family education and counseling. Participated in interdisciplinary staffings, team meetings, and family conferences. Collected UDS/FIM data. Assisted with preparation for CARF accreditation for the Brain Injury Program.
- Participated in a multi-center, national research study with the Defense and Veterans' Head Injury Program (DVHIP), Department of Defense, and the Brain Injury Association (BIA) to investigate the efficacy and cost-effectiveness of two treatment approaches for persons with traumatic brain injuries.
- Developed protocols for the DVHIP Cognitive treatment arm.

EDUCATION

- 1998 **M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology.** University of South Florida (USF); Tampa, Florida. Member of N.S.S.L.H.A. and F.L.A.S.H.A. GPA: 4.0.
- 1991 **B.A. in Psychology.** USF; Tampa, Florida.

AWARDS/HONORS

Professional: Multiple ACE Continuing Education Awards - ASHA
Scholastic: National Dean's List, Dean's List, Arts and Sciences Honor Society, Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, Golden Key National Honor Society, Pi Gamma Mu, Themis Honor Society

CERTIFICATION/ LICENSURE:

Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology issued by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) #12009796 in February 1999. Current expiration date December 31, 2022.
State License #SA-5566 in Speech-Language Pathology initially issued by the State of Florida in December 1999. Current expiration date December 31, 2022.
CPR valid through Nov 2022
Functional Independence Measure (FIM) Certification 2021
Porch Index of Communicative Abilities (PICA) Certified 2002

PUBLICATIONS:

Maher, L.M., Kendall, D., Swearingin, J.A., Rodriguez, A., Leon, S., Pingel, K., Holland, A., Gonzalez Rothi, L.J. (2003). Poster 40: Comparison of constraint-induced language therapy and traditional therapy in the rehabilitation of chronic aphasia: preliminary findings. *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*, Vol. 84, Issue 10, E11.

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