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KEY COMPETENCIES

- Able to work well under pressure of deadlines
- Strong multitasking abilities
- Professional demeanor
- Exceptional critical thinking and problem solving skills

EXPERIENCE

January 2020- present | CEO, Courage To Continue, LLC

- Overseeing the cinematography and technical aspects of documentary films in production.
- Coordinates staff on set, project managing timelines, and ensuring that deadlines are met.
- Preparing marketing packages for promotions and usage.
- Location management and assessment
- Composition and lighting management

January 2019- present | Ombudsman, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Aging and Adult Services

- Partnering with other service providers on development of coalitions and/or training regarding the Prevention of Elder Abuse
- Complaint investigation about resident rights including mediation services to resolve issues
- Making regular visits to the facilities to establish rapport with residents, families and staff and work on issues of common concern

April 2017 to present | FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT, PATIENT SAFETY IMPACT

Works in partnership with established consumer advocacy groups and agencies whose work centers around patient safety

- Advocating for patients who have suffered preventable harm from pharmaceutical drugs and medical devices.
- Analyzing research
- Advising on policy change to protect patients
- Promoting antibiotic stewardship programs
- Shaping policy

March 2017- October 2017 | PRESIDENT, USA PATIENT NETWORK

- Responsible for building a network of patient advocates to share the patient perspective with federal agencies and researchers whose work determines which outcome measures provide adequate evidence of the safety and effectiveness of treatments.

- Collaborating with committee members on drug and device safety
- Educating key audiences
- Strategic planning
- Shaping policy

February 4, 2017 – February 8, 2019 | PEER RESEARCH REVIEWER, PATIENT CENTERED OUTCOMES RESEARCH INSTITUTE (PCORI)

- Identifying conflicts of interest following PCORI guidelines
- Reading, reviewing, and preparing a written critique for all assigned applications
- Representing the perspective of a broad or targeted group of patients

January 2017- present | SPECIAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE (SGE), GENERAL AND PLASTIC SURGERY ADVISORY PANEL, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL DEVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Analyzing scientific data
- Liaising between advisory panel committee and interested consumers, associations, coalitions, and consumer organizations
- Facilitating dialogue with the advisory committees on scientific issues that affect consumers.

November 2016- present | SPECIAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE (SGE), FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION CENTER FOR DEVICES AND RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH (CDRH) ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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- Liaising between advisory panel committee and interested consumers, associations, coalitions, and consumer organizations
- Facilitating dialogue with the advisory committees on scientific issues that affect consumers

May 2012- April 2017 | PRESIDENT, QUINOLONE VIGILANCE FOUNDATION

Responsible for the leadership, development, implementation and strategic direction of programs and functions within the scope of patient safety activities throughout the organization.

- Guiding strategic planning for the organization and acts as its spokesperson
- Overseeing the implementation and evaluation of the organization's programs
- Promoting collaboration with researchers, donors, politicians, community groups, other organizations and agencies to further the organization's mission
- Demonstrating ability to lead and implement quality improvement and patient safety initiatives with objective data collection, analysis, interventions and assessment of effectiveness
- Closely following and evaluating FDA Adverse Event Reporting System (FAERS) to help educate patients and the medical community about fluoroquinolone antibiotic toxicity
- Promotes antibiotic stewardship programs

April 2012 – May 2012 | CORPORATE SECRETARY, QUINOLONE VIGILANCE FOUNDATION

Responsible for ensuring that accurate and sufficient documentation exists to meet legal requirements, and enable authorized persons to determine when, how, and by whom the board's business is conducted.

- Managing all Board and committee meeting logistics, attending and recording minutes of all board
- Advising the Board on its roles and responsibilities
- Facilitating the orientation of new Directors and assist in Director training and development
- Maintaining key corporate documents and records
- Responsibility for corporate disclosure and compliance with state and federal corporation laws

EDUCATION

- **Master of Science in Drug and Alcohol Studies**, August 2000
Rutgers University
New Brunswick, NJ
- **Bachelor of Science in Elementary and Special Education**, December 1992
Cabrini College
Radnor, PA

TRAINING

- **North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services | Office of Long-Term Care Ombudsman**, February 2019
- **Mecklenburg County Community Support Services | Safe Alliance**, February 2019
- **Food and Drug Administration Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) Advisory Program Series | Medical Devices Advisory Committee**, June 2018
- **Patient Training Workshop, National Center For Health Research**, October 2016
- **Southern Kentucky Area Health Education Center | Health Policy and Conflict of Interest**, November 2017

PUBLICATIONS

- "Rachel's Story", American Society of Pharmacovigilance, January 7, 2020
- "Breast Implants: Should They Be Banned?", Medshadow Foundation, May 2, 2019
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- Levaquin: I have ruptured over two dozen tendons, Safest Drug, August 16, 2019
- "Levaquin Turned Me Into Frankenwoman", *Drug Watch*, August 23, 2018
- "When Prescribed Incorrectly, Lifesaving Antibiotics Can Be Dangerous, Carry Real Risks", *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guest blog*, August 17, 2018

- “The Scars That Leave a Road Map”, *The i'Mpossible Project: Reengaging With Life, Creating a New You*, January 13, 2016
- “A Cautionary Tale: Dangers of Antibiotic Overuse”, The Safe Patient Project, January 5, 2016
- “Prescription for Destruction”, *CareNovate Magazine*, June 30, 2014