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Professional Profile

- An energetic and accomplished public policy leader with 14 years of service as a state legislator, 10 years with Indiana's executive branch, 4 years with Congress, combined with 18 years of clinical nursing practice.
- Proven record of moving forward public policy through: tenacious work; honest and accurate communication; collaboration and cooperation with all stakeholders; respect for diverse perspectives and views; active listening; and trustworthy negotiating.
- Excellent skills in communicating with numerous audiences, including public, private, and media.
- Recognized for high standards of integrity, professionalism, transparency, responsive leadership, and ability to recognize and make introductions of beneficial professional connections.

Professional Experience

- Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, Chief Advocacy Officer, April 2016 to current
- Indiana Lieutenant Governor Sue Ellspermann, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, July 2014 to April 2016
- Indiana Medical Device Manufacturers Council, Executive Director, January 2013 to July 2014
- Indiana General Assembly, State Representative, November 1998 to November 2012:
 - Served on standing committees of: Ways and Means; Public Health; Government Reduction; State Budget
 - Interim Study Committees: Health Finance Commission; Select Joint Commission on Medicaid Oversight; Military Base Planning Commission
 - Focused efforts on issues affecting: healthcare; taxes; budget; and safety
- Indiana University Bloomington School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Adjunct Instructor, Fall 2011 and Fall 2012
- Indiana University Health Bloomington Hospital, Registered Nurse, July 1995 to November 2013. May to November 2013, floor nurse at Hospice House; April 1996 to May 2013, floor nurse, oncology unit; June 1995 to October 1996, floor nurse, critical care units; January to December 1997, part-time physician extender for two cardiovascular surgeons
- Indiana University Department of Theatre and Drama, Graduate Secretary, August 1991 to August 1994
- Monroe County Community School Corporation, Substitute Teacher, January 1991 to May 1991
- Lamaze of Bloomington, Inc., Certified Childbirth Educator, October 1983 to December 1994

- Monroe County Probation Department, First Director of the Monroe County Community Corrections Program and probation officer, October 1983 to December 1990
- Monroe County Community School Corporation, Substitute Teacher, August 1981 to April 1982
- United States Senator Thad Cochran, Legislative Assistant, Washington, DC, January 1979 to July 1981
- United States Representative Thad Cochran, Special Projects Coordinator and Constituent Caseworker, May 1977 to January 1979

Current Activities

- Indiana Leadership Prayer Breakfast Advisory Board, 25 years
- Wheeler Mission Development Committee, Bloomington
- Sherwood Oaks Christian Church, Bloomington: multiple volunteer positions
- Bloomington Salvation Army: varied engagement during Christmas fundraising

Relevant Past Activities

- Bloomington Salvation Army Advisory Board
- EDGE Mentoring: Mentor of 6 young professional women
- Ghana Rural Integrated Development, U.S. Board of Directors
- Monroe County Fair Board
- Indiana First Lady Karen Pence's Luncheon Planning Committee for First Lady's Charitable Foundation
- Indiana Attorney General's Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force
- National Conference of State Legislatures: Executive Committee; Chair of Health Committee; President of Women's Legislative Network
- Advisory Boards for Indiana University Bloomington School of Nursing and Ivy Tech Community College Bloomington Nursing Programs
- Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) State Advisory Roundtable
- Monroe County ACHIEVE Advisory Board (CDC and YMCAs of USA healthy community initiative)
- Bell Trace Senior Living Community Advisory Committee
- Harrison College Board of Trustees
- Healthcare Businesswomen's Association, Executive Advisory Council, Indiana Chapter
- Community College Consortium for Bioscience Credentials, Advisory Board
- American Heart Association Executive Leadership Team, Monroe County
- Global Health Outreach, medical missions, 4 years; Assistant Team Director
- Milbank Memorial Fund Reforming States Group Steering Committee
- Indiana Department of Correction PLUS Board of Advisors (PLUS is a faith and character-based program for inmates)

Recognitions

Honored with numerous recognitions, including:

- ARC of Indiana, CEO Award, 2024
- Sagamore of the Wabash, January 2017, Governor Mike Pence
- Indiana University Office of Women's Affairs "Woman of Vision" Award
- Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce "Women Excel Bloomington" Award
- National Coalition for Capital Small Business Champion
- Indiana State Nurses Association Nyland Public Policy Award
- Indiana State Medical Society Legislator of the Year
- Great Lakes American Cancer Society Excalibur Award, inaugural recipient
- Indiana Association of Home and Hospice Care Welch Scholarship
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Public Service Award
- American Heart Association Heart of Indiana Award
- Indiana Chamber of Commerce Small Business Champion
- Indiana Safe Kids Coalition Child Safety Advocate Award
- Ivy Tech Community College's 2000 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year

Education

- Mississippi College, Bachelor of Science, Education, May 1977
- Ivy Tech Community College, Associate Science in Nursing, May 1995