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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **2012 - present**

***Distinguished Professor of Practice, Bouvé College of Health Sciences***  
***Director, Institute on Urban Health Research***  
**Northeastern University**

- Director of an Institute with numerous research grants from federal agencies, foundations and health departments. The Institute has multi-disciplinary faculty and staff and both masters and Ph.D.-level students. Its focus is on understanding the social and environmental conditions of urban living in order to inform public health intervention strategies, policies and professional training.
- Instructor of undergraduate and graduate students in the functioning of and policy development within the public health and health care systems

### **2007- 2012**

***Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Public Health***

- Senior health policy adviser to the Governor and the Secretary of Health and Human Services
- Manager of an organization of 3,000 employees and a budget of \$800 million including 4 public health hospitals, the Hinton Laboratory and 100 programmatic areas
- Chair of the Public Health Council, the state's highest regulatory and policy-making board
- Established major programmatic initiatives in combating obesity (*Mass in Motion*), in eliminating racial and ethnic disparities, in responding to emergencies and in reducing chronic disease
- Oversight of state emergency mobilization to address H1N1 influenza prevention and vaccination efforts as well as other comprehensive and broad-based emergency response activities

### **1998-2007**

***Executive Director, Boston Public Health Commission, City of Boston.***

- Public Health Commissioner for largest city in New England with a budget of \$130 million and 1,200 employees.
- First permanent director of major city agency launched in 1996 as part of re-organization of the Boston Health and Hospitals Department. Initial tasks included establishment of new organizational mission, structure, and division of labor.

- ❑ Created new set of health priorities for the City of Boston, including conceiving and establishing programs addressing the elimination of racial and ethnic disparities, and asthma, diabetes, and cancer prevention and control.
- ❑ Member of Mayor's Cabinet.

### **1990-1998**

***Assistant Commissioner/Director of the HIV/AIDS Bureau, Department of Public Health, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.***

- ❑ Established State's first multi-faceted governmental response to the AIDS epidemic.
- ❑ Oversaw development of State's HIV policy, planning, program implementation, and monitoring.
- ❑ Co-founded national organization of state AIDS directors to increase federal influence.

### **1987-1990**

***Chief of Staff, Department of Public Health, Commonwealth of Massachusetts (for Commissioner Deborah Prothrow-Stith, MD).***

- ❑ Oversaw policy, program, and administration of a wide range of public health issues in a \$300 million Department with 4,000 employees.

### **1986-1988**

***Senior Planner, Department of Health and Hospitals for the City of Boston.***

- ❑ Planned and implemented managed care services for Boston City Hospital, two chronic hospitals, and numerous community health centers.

### **1986-1988**

***Administrator, Section of General Internal Medicine, Boston City Hospital/Boston University School of Medicine.***

- ❑ Managed a residency-training program in medicine with a focus on primary care and community-based health care delivery.
- ❑ Oversaw medical services in the primary care clinics at Boston City Hospital.

### **1979-1985**

***Administrator, Uphams Corner Community Health Center.***

- ❑ Managed the largest Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program in the State.
- ❑ Coordinated nutrition and food supplementation services at six community health centers in Dorchester and South Boston.

## **EDUCATION**

**-M.B.A., Boston University School of Management, Concentration in Health Care Administration, Highest honors**

**-B.A., Clark University, Worcester, MA, History, summa cum laude**

**-Graduate, Public Health Leadership Institute, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention & the University of California**

## **BOARD LEADERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION**

**Member, Advisory Committee to the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,**  
State, Tribal and Territorial Subcommittee

**Member, Advisory Committee on Health Care Cost Policy** (for Consumer Reports and the  
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation)

**Member, CDC State, Territorial, Local and Tribal Workgroup, 2010 –**

**Member, APHA Public Health Systems Transformation Advisory Committee, 2012 -**

**Member, Leadership Committee, Kraft Center for Community Health, Partners  
HealthCare, 2012 -**

**President, Association of State and Territorial Health Officers (ASTHO), 2010-2011**

Member of Board of Directors, 2008-2012

**Member, Board of Directors, National Association of County and City Health  
Officers (NACCHO), 2004 – 2007**

Chairman, Education Committee, 2001- 2004

**Member, Board of Directors, Boston Medical Center, 1998 – 2007**

**President, Board of Directors, Massachusetts Public Health Association (MPHS), 2006 –  
2007**

Member, Board of Directors, MPHA, 2004 – 2007

**Member, Editorial Board, Journal of Public Health Management and Practice,**  
1995 - present.

**Member, Executive Committee, National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS  
Directors (NASTAD), 1992-1998, Chair, 1993-1994. Vice Chair, 1992-1993.**

## **AWARDS**

Lifetime Achievement Award – National Association of State and Territorial AIDS Directors –  
2013

Creation of *John Auerbach Community Leader Award* by Health Care for All – 2013

Peter Medoff Award - Victory Programs - 2013

Massachusetts Health Council Lifetime Achievement Award, 2012

ASTHO McCormack Award for demonstrated excellence as a state health commissioner, 2012

Harvard Pilgrim Foundation Distinguished Leadership Award – *Growing Up Healthy* - 2012

Health Care for All Leadership Award, 2010

Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers Chair Award, 2010

Revere Public Health Leadership Award, Massachusetts Public Health Association, 2008

Ruth Batson Social Justice Award, Harvard Medical School, 2008

Boston University Distinguished Alumni Award, 2008

Municipal Official of the Year Award, Massachusetts Council of Human Service Providers, Inc., 2006.