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**SUMMARY:** 14 years experience as a public health professional, specializing in health communication; 5 years of director-level federal contracting experience overseeing \$1-5M budget projects and leading multidisciplinary account teams across research, strategy, and marketing; passion for developing and promoting innovative solutions at the intersection of technology, mass media and community health.

**SKILLS:** Digital Communications • Community Outreach • Strategic Partnership Development  
Business Development • Applied Marketing & Communications Research • Health Product Strategy

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

**12/2018 - present: Inspire Communication Solutions, LLC. - *Freelance communication consulting***  
**Communications Consultant**

- Produced and hosted [The Heart of the Matter](#), a CDC-funded podcast sponsored by The National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD).
- Produced a [new series of video vignettes](#) that highlight the value of the NACDD Cardiovascular Health Council to drive learning, collaboration, and capacity building for state and local health departments.
- Conducted a communications audit and developed strategic communication recommendations to enhance content strategy for The Atlanta Science Festival.
- Developed the communications plan and audience engagement toolkit for the [Cultivating Mattering for Maine Youth initiative](#) for suicide prevention in collaboration with the Maine Resilience Building Network.
- Provided in-kind technical assistance valued at \$40,000 as part of Build Healthy Places Network's [Community Innovations for Racial Equity \(CIRE\) initiative](#) to support building local BIPOC-led community development capacity, supporting community power, exploring innovative community ownership models, and addressing the barriers and gaps within community development and health partnerships to effectively propel racial equity.
- Developed 2 [quarterly digital newsletters](#) and a strategic communications plan for NIH National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) annual Women's Health Awareness Day, an in-person community engagement event.
- Managed and analyzed performance of CDC's HEAR Her maternal health campaign Facebook page to develop monthly recommendations to increase reach and engagement as an independent consultant to MarketVision, a sub-contractor to CDC.

**5/2023 - 10/2023: IQ Solutions - *Full service government contractor specializing in public health communications and health information technology***

**Senior Communications Strategist**

- Led the development of a strategic communication plan to increase the reach and recognition of publications and other products among specific audiences for the NIH National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS).
- Developed NIAMS strategic messages for multimedia channels, such as the organization's social media to reach and engage various audiences, including health care providers and researchers.
- Conducted an audit of case studies from company competitors to develop content and re-design recommendations for IQ Solutions' case studies.
- Developed a corporate press release to announce IQ Solutions commemorating 30 years since founding.
- Enhanced IQ Solutions company capabilities deck tailored to potential customers in higher education with federal funding allocated to dissemination strategy.

**2/2022 - 5/2023: Communicate Health, Inc. - Full service creative agency focused on health literacy**

**Health Communication Project Director**

- Oversaw strategy and approach for \$5M communication activities contract to support the U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services (HHS) Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion's (ODPHP) Division of General Communication and Web Support.
- Coached, managed and mentored 5-member middle and senior management team through account management negotiations, resource allocation, and communication strategy.
- Guided primary research with multicultural audiences and oversaw launch and evaluation of [ODPHP's Take Good Care](#) consumer campaign focused on recommended preventive health services, yielding 11M+ impressions and 1M website sessions.
- Partnered with The Marketing Doctor to deploy multicultural social media, print, and digital-out-of-home (dOOH) ads, reaching 504,415 people, with 2,751,260 paid social ad impressions, and an estimated 8,945,682 views on dOOH ads.
- Wrote past performance write ups for capture planning and re-compete proposal preparation.

**1/2018 - 2/2022: Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) - Private, medical institution**

**Director I, Communications & Dissemination, National COVID-19 Resiliency Network (NCRN)**

- Led strategy for integrated marketing and communications of a COVID-10 response initiative [funded by the HHS Office of Minority Health](#) (OMH), overseeing a \$1M marketing budget, 6-member team and 2 interns.
- Led market launch of web and mobile app ([www.covid-resources.org](http://www.covid-resources.org)), yielding 14K users and 630 subscribers over a 12-month period (Year 1 of grant).
- Pitched and successfully secured trade media stories to position NCRN as COVID-19 information clearinghouse, driving increased web traffic.
- Proactively positioned MSM faculty and physicians to secure over 20+ interviews in local and national news media coverage on COVID-19 disparities (See [Annual Report, pg. 38, Appendix D](#)).
- Developed partnership onboarding framework, orientation collateral strategy, and trained team to provide technical assistance for over [80 local and national organizations](#) including coalitions, healthcare provider groups, media, advocates, medical experts, and affinity groups.
- Produced partnership kit with key analytics and demographics securing \$6,200 in promotional ad sales. Enhanced capacity of communications unit, increasing number of new hires from three to six and scaled COVID-19 message dissemination technical assistance offered to a 80-organizational member network. Partnered with Cox Media Group to deploy multicultural social media ads, reaching 500K people, increasing website traffic by 20% in over 2 months (Year 1 of grant).
- Oversaw paid social strategy for NCRN's Facebook and Instagram, yielding a reach of 1,027,513 over a 12-month period (Year 2 of grant).
- Co-authored 3 abstracts accepted as a panel session to 2021 American Public Health Association Annual Meeting.

**Director, Marketing & Communications, Research and Community Engagement Programs**

- Oversaw design and layout services for digital and print scientific publications, marketing materials, and web properties for key research programs, targeting students, donors, federal funders, and research collaborators.
- Led strategy for bringing client department's external websites in-house, yielding \$18,000.00/fiscal year in savings.
- Increased consumer attendance by 50% and vendor/exhibitor partnerships by 20% for annual Community Engagement Day, providing clinical services and nutrition guidance.
- Cultivated relationships for the cross-promotion of all biomedical science, public health research and community engagement programs (e.g. lectureships/seminars, federal funder site visits, policy convenings,

and consumer-facing community events, etc.) to drive awareness, program participation and philanthropic support from individual and corporate donors.

- Built a media list and monitored media to pitched stories positioning MSM faculty and Ph.D. students as biomedical research leaders in 7+ trade media outlets.
- Developed press releases for major initiative announcements and managed national and local distribution using Meltwater.
- Contributing writer to the inaugural issue ([Fall 2019](#)) of *MSM Magazine Primarily Caring*
- Conducted presidential briefings and collaborated with Events Manager to plan campus visits for high-profile visitors.

**6/2015 - 1/2018: Banyan Communications** – *Full service creative agency and government contractor*  
**Project Manager & Communications Strategist**

- Developed creative briefs to guide Content, Design and Production teams in development of design concepts, scripts and storyboards.
- Developed communication plans for integrated marketing campaigns across web, email, social, ads, and digital games for client Boys Town National Hotline.
- Led UX strategy guiding software engineers on the development of websites targeting state health departments: [www.reviewtoaction.org](http://www.reviewtoaction.org) and [acapanningtool.com](http://acapanningtool.com).
- Co-authored thought leadership publications in high-impact peer-reviewed journals and identified strategic leads at industry conferences to help drive new business.

**6/2014 - 6/2015: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** – *U.S. federal protection agency*  
**Applied Research & Translation Fellow (ORISE)**

- Managed CDC's monthly guidance publication *Science-in-Brief* in the Division of Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention, targeting state and local health departments.
- Completed a 3-month detail assignment during the 2014 Ebola outbreak, ensuring prevention guidelines were translated into key messages for various audiences.
- Updated content on the Ebola website, regarding case counts, deaths, and deployments on a daily basis.

**8/2012 - 5/2014: Washington University Prevention Research Center** – *University*  
**Research Assistant**

- Developed key messages for policy briefs translating physical activity research into evidence-based practice recommendations for Brazilian Congress, part of Special Interest Project (SIP): Guide for Useful Interventions for Activity in Brazil and Latin America (GUIA).
- Delivered center-wide retreat presentations on communications strategies, tools, and techniques relevant to delivering public health messages to the media and lay audiences.

**7/2011 - 7/2012 Test Positive Aware Network** – *Non-profit HIV services organization*  
**Client Services and Prevention Associate**

- Planned HIV prevention outreach events at community health fairs, pharmacies, and college campuses in Chicago, Illinois.
- Provided one-on-one HIV & HepC. risk reduction counseling and coordinated a needle exchange program among illicit drug users.
- Co-led fundraising campaign for community development; identified assets and expenses to balance a project budget.

**6/2010-8/2011 Georgia Power/Southern Company** – *For profit utility company with corporate wellness initiatives*  
**Health & Wellness Services Intern**

- Coordinated scheduling correspondence to patients and vendors for an annual health fair.
- Co-developed employee outreach messaging, products, activities, and incentives for wellness.

## PUBLICATIONS

**Bethea BJ**, Rhonda Conerly Holliday, Anne Gaglioti, Tabia H Akintobi, Bria Carmichael, Lissette Badillo, Lora Wills, Rabab Zahidi, Dominic Mack. The National COVID-19 Resiliency Network: Employing a Community Engaged Message Development Strategy during a Pandemic. Accessible from

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<https://tobaccocontrol.bmj.com/content/29/2/217>.

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<https://source.wustl.edu/2013/11/effects-of-segregation-negatively-impact-health>

## AWARDS

- Co-recipient of [2017 Ragan's Healthcare PR & Marketing Award for "Best Mobile App"](#)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Honor Award for outstanding support and leadership in CDC's response to the Ebola Epidemic

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2016-2020 Graduate Teaching Assistant (stand-alone course) Georgia State University, Department of Communication. Courses: Intro to Human and Mass Communication (GSU SCOM 1000, JOUR 1000)

## EDUCATION

- 2016-present PhD Student in Dept. of Communications (Media and Society track), Georgia State University
- 2012-2014 Masters in Public Health (MPH), Behavior and Education, Washington University
- 2007-2011 BA Sociology, (minor: Public Health), Spelman College in Atlanta, GA

## LEADERSHIP & CERTIFICATIONS:

- January 2021 - present: Steering Committee Member, Society for Health Communication