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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Executive Director**

**Obici Healthcare Foundation-Suffolk, VA**

2007-2008

Initial executive director for the Obici Healthcare Foundation, a new private health legacy foundation with over \$100 million in assets. Worked with Board of Trustees to develop the strategic vision and grantmaking priorities of the Foundation. Staffed the Governance, Grants, Facilities, and Executive Committees and co-staffed the Audit, Finance and Investment Committees of the Board. Provided leadership for the development of a new organization including the hiring a staff of six and managing the start-up operations of a new organization. Foundation awarded over \$10.5 million in grants in its first 20 months to improve health care for the medically indigent and support programs designed to prevent illness and disease in the Western Tidewater region. Served as primary spokesperson for the Foundation and developed funding partner relationships with local, Virginia, North Carolina and national philanthropies as well as state and city agencies in Virginia.

**Director, Rural Health Policy Center**

1997 – 2006

**Professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine**

**Penn State College of Medicine, Hershey PA**

Director of the Rural Health Policy Center of Penn State College of Medicine. Served as the National Program Director for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's *Southern Rural Access Program*, an effort to improve access to basic health care in eight of the most underserved rural states in the country. This long-term, intensive effort awarded over \$31 million to help improve the distribution of primary care providers and improve the rural health infrastructure in eight southern states. Developed productive partnerships with multiple federal agencies (e.g., Office of Rural Health Policy, Bureau of Primary Health Care, United States Department of Agriculture, Appalachian Regional Commission and Treasury Department), state health agencies and 43 southern philanthropies. Provided technical assistance to two federal Office of Rural Health Policy Programs: the Delta States Rural Development Network and Rural Health Network programs. Promoted from Associate Professor to Professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine in 2006.

**Senior Program Officer**

1991 – 1997

**Program Officer**

1987 - 1991

**The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation – Princeton, NJ**

Responsible for developing and overseeing several national grant programs funded by the nation's largest health philanthropy. Program interests and related national efforts include: Supply and Distribution of Primary Care Providers (Generalist Physician Initiative, Practice

Sights and Partnerships for Training); Substance Abuse (SmokeLess States and National Center for Tobacco-Free Kids); Maternal and Child Health ( Healthy Futures, Mental Health Services for Youth, and the Child Health Initiative); Access to Basic Health Care (Reach Out); and Costs, Quality and State Reform (Workers' Compensation Health Initiative and Community Health Facilities Fund). Served as the convener of the Substance Abuse Goal Group, one of three groups that develop the Foundation's grant programs.

**Assistant Deputy Commissioner** 1984 – 1987  
**Maine Department of Human Services – Augusta, ME**

Assisted the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner in the management of the department, an umbrella state agency for health, Medicaid, child welfare, rehabilitation, and elderly and public assistance services. Responsible for planning and developing new programs such as partially-subsidized insurance products for the medically indigent that required coordination among the six Bureaus and three Offices of the Department. Also aided in prioritizing of the department's \$650 million budget and was responsible for the implementation of selected personnel initiatives for the department's 2,300 employees.

**Comprehensive Health Planner II** 1982 – 1984  
**Maine Department of Human Services – Augusta, ME**

Administered the National Health Services Corps program in Maine including supervision of the program's two subcontractors. Also reviewed Certificate of Need applications and helped develop the State Health Plan for Maine.

**Community Health Planner** 1980 – 1982  
**Health Systems Agency of Southwestern Pennsylvania – Pittsburgh, PA**

Responsible for planning and Certificate of Need project review activities in a three county area including supervision of another community health planner. As Federal funds declined, assumed the responsibilities for three additional counties.

**Program Coordinator** 1979 – 1980  
**United Mental Health, Inc. – Pittsburgh, PA**

Recruited volunteers and staffed task forces to identify major needs in mental health, mental retardation, and substance abuse services in Allegheny County.

**Evaluation Coordinator** 1979 – 1980  
**St. Francis General Hospital – Pittsburgh, PA**

Developed evaluation format, including survey development and analysis for three year National Institute of Mental Health funded training grant.

**Tutor** 1976 – 1977  
**San Francisco Education Services – San Francisco, CA**

Tutored elementary, middle and high school students in math and English.

**Program Manager** 1975 – 1976

### **United Cerebral Palsy Association – Pittsburgh, PA**

Developed a day program for developmentally disabled adults who were transitioning from a state institution to the community.

### **Peace Corps Volunteer**

1974

### **United States Peace Corps – Micronesia**

Served as a Cooperative Advisor to help develop four consumer-fishing cooperatives in the Truk District.

## **EDUCATION**

**University of Pittsburgh**, Masters of Public Health, 1979

**Penn State University**, Bachelor of Arts in History, 1972; Summa Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa (offered)

## **AWARDS**

A.T. Still University of Health Sciences, School of Health Management, Honorary Doctorate Degree in Humane Letters, September, 2005

“Arkansas Traveler Award”-Commissioned to serve as Ambassador of Good Will for the State of Arkansas by Governor Mike Huckabee, October 11, 2002

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Beachler, Michael, Pathman Donald and Holloman, Curtis “Lessons Learned in Phase I of the Southern Rural Access Program” Journal of Rural Health September 2003

Beachler, Michael, Holloman, Curtis and Herman, James, “Southern Rural Access Program: An Overview” Journal of Rural Health, September 2003

Stewart, M Kathryn, Beachler, Michael and Slayton, Deborah “Improving Access to Capital for Health Care Infrastructure” Journal of Rural Health, September 2003

Stewart, M Kathryn, Redford, Robert, Poe, Kendall, Veach, Debbie, Hines, Rebecca and Beachler, Michael “The Arkansas River Valley Rural Health Cooperative: Building a Three-pronged Approach to Improved Health and Health Care,” Journal of Rural Health, September, 2003

Beachler, Michael, “AHEC’s and Philanthropy: Demystifying the Rubik’s Cube of Foundation Finding,” The National AHEC Bulletin, Autumn/Winter 1999/2000.

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Dembe, Allard, Himmelstein, Jay, Stevens, Beth and Beachler, Michael, "Improving Workers Compensation Health Care," Health Affairs, July/August 1997.

Schroeder, Steven and Beachler, Michael, "Physician Shortages in Rural America: A Long-Standing Problem with No Easy Care," Lancet, March 1995.

Beachler, Michael, "Improving Health Care for Underserved Infants, Children, and Adolescents: The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Experience," American Journal of Diseases of Children, May 1991.

Beachler, Michael, "Mental Health Services Program for Youth," Journal of Mental Health Administration, March 1990.

Beachler, Michael and McKeagney, Robert, "Maine Department of Human Services Medicaid Program Report," February 1986.

Beachler, Michael, "Physician's Services and Medicaid: Promoting a Healthy Partnership," June 1985.

Wiszinckas, Evelyn, Forquer, Sandra, Kane, Ruth, and Beachler, Michael, "A Training Program in the Primary Prevention of Childhood Mental Disorders," Journal of Primary Prevention, October 1980.

### **SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

Board Member, Capital Link, a national technical assistance center and lending intermediary designed to improve access to capital for community health centers, 2002-8

Board Member, Community Health Facilities Fund, a national intermediary designed to improve access to capital for not-for-profit behavioral health providers, 2002-8

Member, Southeast Council of Foundation's Health Legacy Foundation's Advisory Group, 2007-8

Member, Virginia Health Foundation Consortium, 2007-8

Volunteer, Bridges to Community Mission Trip, Los Conchitas, Nicaragua, 2004-7

Health Care Advisory Committee Member, Pennsylvania Economy League's Issues PA for the 2006 Gubernatorial Campaign-2006

Member, Community Health Award Selection Committee, Blue Foundation for a Healthy Florida, 2005-8

National Advisory Committee Member, Rapides Foundation's Health Systems Development Project in Central Louisiana, 2004-6

Consultant, Governor Mark Schweiker's Regional Health Care Summits, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 2002-3

Member, Federal Office of Rural Health Policy's Small Hospital Capital Work Group, 2001-2006

Member, Federal Office of Rural Health Policy's Rural Hospital Performance Improvement Project's Work Group, 2002-2006.

Member, National Rural Health Association's National Health Service Corps Reauthorization Task Force, 1999-2001

Member, Southeast Council of Foundation's Southern Philanthropy Consortium Task Force, 1999-2002 and Annual Meeting Planning Committee, 2005

Member, Hershey Medical Center's Strategic Relations Team, 2001-2004

Co-Chair, Grantmakers in Health Maternal and Child Health Task Force, 1996-1997

Johns Hopkins and George Washington University Child and Adolescent Health Policy Center Advisory Board, 1992-1996

Mayor's Advisory Council on Child Health, Finance Committee, New York, 1991-1992

Member of Governor's Commission on Nursing Supply and Educational Accessibility, Maine, 1987

Member of Governor's Interdepartmental Committee on AIDS, Maine, 1985-1987

Board Member, Maine Consortium for Health Professions Education, 1986-1987

Member, Pittsburgh Area Health Education Center Advisory Council, 1981-1982