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**Education** Master in Social Work

San Diego State University Degree Expected: May 2011

Bachelor of Science in Music Therapy

Texas Woman's University

Degree Received: December 2003 GPA: 3.7

Certification

2003 Board Certified Music Therapist (MT-BC)

# **Work Experience**

# 2003-Present MusicWorx of California

Director: Barbara Reuer, PhD, MT-BC

Subcontractor, serving as a music therapist in various settings across San Diego County. Specializing in music therapy in hospice settings for adults and children, Hematology/Oncology patients at Rady's Children's Hospital, and facilitating inclusion preschool groups for children with disabilities through ARC of San

Diego.

#### 2004-2009 St. Madeline's Sophie Center

Executive Director: Debra Turner-Emerson

Primary music therapist at facility, led group music therapy sessions for adults with developmental disabilities, as well as create and direct choir & hand bell

choir for consumers in the program.

#### 2004-2008 The Music Therapy Center of California (formerly Vivo Music Therapy)

Directors: Julie Guy, M.M., MT-BC & Angela Neve, MT-BC

Subcontractor, led group sessions for adults and adolescents with developmental disabilities, as well as work with Hospice patients and other various settings.

#### 2003 Coast Music Therapy

Director: Michelle Lazar, MT-BC

Teacher for adapted piano lessons. Taught piano to children with developmental

disabilities ranging from Down syndrome to autism.

#### **Clinical Training**

# 2011 MSW Intern at UCSD Moores Cancer Center – Radiation/Oncology

August 2010 - May 2011

Supervisor: Carmen Ayala, LCSW

Served as a social work intern in the Radiation/Oncology department providing emotional support, practical, and financial resources to patients and families undergoing radiation treatment for various cancer diagnoses.

# 2010 MSW Intern at San Diego Hospice and the Institute of Palliative Medicine

August 2009 - May 2010

Supervisor: Hollie Davlin, MSW

Served as a social worker on a homecare team in the South Bay providing support and resources to patients and their families in their homes and care facilities.

# 2003 Music and Premature Infants, American Music Therapy Association Conference 2003, November 19, 2003

Attended institute. Received special certification and training to work in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit with premature infants.

# 2003 Internship: MusicWorx of California, San Diego, CA, April – September 2003 Clinical Training Director (CTD): Barbara Reuer, Ph.D., MT-BC

The internship requires that you complete of 1040 hours of service in a variety of facilities in the San Diego area as well as participate in professional presentations, in-service meetings, and preparing a case study to name a few. Direct services were provided to the following contracted facilities:

#### Scripps Health - Medical and Rehabilitation

Intern Supervisor: CTD

Responsibilities: Facilitated bedside music therapy sessions for hospitalized patients on medical and rehabilitation units. Experiences focused on pain management, relaxation, fine and gross motor movement, psychosocial support, emotional support, and family support.

#### Teri, Inc.

Intern Supervisor: Terri Wiener

Responsibilities: Led 5 weekly music therapy sessions for adults with developmental disabilities. Experiences focused on cognitive and social development.

# Scripps Health - The McDonald Center

Intern Supervisor: CTD

Responsibilities: Facilitated weekly music therapy sessions for adults in a substance abuse recovery program. Experiences were designed to promote self-awareness, relaxation, increase self-expression, and provide additional coping skills.

# Scripps Health – Integrative Center, Healing Hearts Program

Intern Supervisor: CTD

Responsibilities: Facilitated weekly music therapy session for adults prone to heart disease. Experiences were designed to promote self-awareness, enhance creativity, relaxation, and provide stress management techniques.

# Scripps Health - Polster Breast Care Center

Intern Supervisor: CTD

Responsibilities: Co-led a weekly support group for women with breast cancer. Experiences focused on pain management, relaxation, emotional support, and creative outlets for self-expression.

#### Coast Music Therapy

Intern Supervisors: Michelle Lazar, MT-BC & Angela Neve, MT-BC Responsibilities: Led four individual music therapy sessions for children with a variety of developmental disabilities and autism.

# Individual Music Therapy Sessions

Intern Supervisor: CTD

Responsibilities: Co-led weekly music therapy sessions for a female with Rett

Syndrome at her home.

# St. Paul's Hospice

Intern Supervisor: CTD

Responsibilities: Facilitated bedside music therapy sessions for hospice patients. Experiences focused on pain management, relaxation, fine and gross motor movement, psychosocial support, emotional support, and family support.

# 1998-2002 Texas Woman's University

Practica Experience:

#### Denton Bell Band, Fall 2002

Supervisor: Joe Pinson, MT-BC

Responsibilities: Help led bell band group made up of adults with developmental

disabilities once a week for rehearsals.

# Alterra Sterling House, Fall 2002

Supervisor: Joe Pinson, MT-BC

Responsibilities: Led two individual music therapy sessions with two elderly

women in a nursing home.

#### Denton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Summer 2002

Supervisor: Joe Pinson, MT-BC

Responsibilities: Co-led group music therapy sessions for older adults with varying abilities. Group was made up of healthy individuals as well as persons

with Alzheimer's and dementia.

# The Nelson Center, Spring 2002

Supervisor: Joe Pinson, MT-BC

Responsibilities: Facilitated a weekly group music therapy session for girls ages 9-12 with varying psychiatric diagnoses. Experiences included structured rhythm songs, question/answer songs, and focused on listening and appropriate

behaviors.

#### Denton State School, Summer 2001

Supervisor: Marta McRae-Setliff, MT-BC

Responsibilities: Facilitated weekly group music therapy sessions for adults with developmental disabilities as well as led the choir and two hand bell groups.

# Denton Bell Band Tour, Summer 2000

Supervisor: Joe Pinson, MT-BC

Responsibilities: Help led bell band group made up of adults with developmental disabilities on a weekend tour to nursing homes and other facilities in the North Texas area.

# Our Children's House, Baylor University Medical Center, Fall 2000

Supervisor: Janice Harris, MT-BC

Responsibilities: Facilitated weekly individual music therapy sessions to children with varying disabilities. Disabilities included children with head injury, sleep apnea, and cancer to name a few.

Denton ISD, Spring 2000

Supervisor: Sherri Ross, MT-BC

Responsibilities: Facilitated weekly music therapy sessions with a group of preschool age children with developmental disabilities. Primary focus of experiences was on improving language and functioning skills.

#### **Private Sessions**

# Texas Woman's University Music Therapy Clinic, Fall 1999

Supervisor: Joe Pinson, MT-BC

Responsibilities: Facilitated weekly music therapy sessions for an adult male with developmental disabilities. Experiences were focused on improving cognitive and social skills.

# Texas Woman's University Music Therapy Clinic, Fall 1998

Supervisor: Joe Pinson, MT-BC

Responsibilities: Facilitated weekly music therapy sessions with a young female with traumatic brain injury. Experiences were focused on gross motor and speech rehabilitation.

#### Honors, Awards & Scholarships

**2000** Golden Key National Honors Society, Member from 2000 to present.

1999 Gamma Beta Phi Honors Society

**1998-2002** Abe & Annie Scholarship **1998-2000** James Avery Scholarship

#### **Professional Affiliations**

2009-present National Association of Social Workers (NASW), Student national member

2009 to present

2000-present American Music Therapy Association (AMTA), Student national member 2000

to present and regional member 1999 to present. Attended regional conferences

1998 to present.

#### **Music Therapy Presentations**

2008 San Diego Hospice, June 2008

Led team building exercise for employees at San Diego Hospice.

2006 San Diego Hospice

Led presentation on benefits of music therapy for children on hospice.

2004 SCANN- Southern California of Neonatal Nurses, January 5, 2004

Led presentation on the benefits of music therapy in the Neonatal Intensive Care

Unit.

2003 Children's Hospital Child Life Department, December 8, 2003

Co-led presentation on benefits of music therapy in the children's hospital setting.

2003 American Music Therapy Association National Conference,

November 21, 2003

Co-led presentation entitled Integrated Health Care: A Music Therapy and

Medicine Approach.

#### 2003 Kaiser Medical Theatre Group, Los Angeles, July 22, 2003

Co-led a three hour-long educational and experiential presentation on music therapy. Facilitated a drum circle with the group and gave information on the benefits of music in everyday our lives for stress management and self-expression.

# 2003 Scripps Center for Integrative Medicine: Emerging Risk Factors in Cardiac

**Disease**, May 16, 2003

Co-led a presentation on the benefits of music therapy for the use of patients prone to cardiac disease to a group of nurses from major corporations. Facilitated a drum circle with participants and gave information on the use of music and drumming for stress reduction and other health benefits.

#### 2003 Society for the Arts in Healthcare Annual Conference

Transforming Healthcare Through the Arts: Healing Our Patients, Our

Communities, and Ourselves, April 12, 2003

Helped facilitate a drum circle for convention participants as part of the closing ceremony.

# 2003 Southwestern College, April 2, 2003

Co-led one and a half-hour educational and experiential music therapy presentation for a class of nursing students.

# Volunteer Experience

2001-2002 SPAN, Inc.

Delivered meals to elderly persons at their homes once a week.

1996 UTMB Children's Hospital

Volunteered over 200 hours during the summer of 1996.

#### References available upon request

Barbara Reuer, Ph.D., MT-BC, Director of MusicWorx of California.

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