

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

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EDUCATION/TRAINING (Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, such as nursing, include postdoctoral training and residency training if applicable.)			
INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE (if applicable)	MM/YY	FIELD OF STUDY
LSU School of Nursing	AD	08/89	Nursing

**A. Personal Statement**

The Louisiana Health Sciences Center of New Orleans MBCCOP has a proven history of providing access to community-based cancer clinical trials to the underserved and minority populations within southeast Louisiana for 20 years. The goal of the proposed research is to improve cancer care among this population by allowing greater access to clinical trials. The development of a collaborative and integrated network such as the GS-NCORP, will serve as the framework to achieve this goal not only for the populations in Southeast Louisiana but, to expand the access to the entire State. Although new to the clinical trials industry, joining LSU in 2011, I have twenty-four years' experience as a professional registered nurse with the majority of my work history in systems design and management. Following my first five years as a critical care nurse, I moved into trauma systems management and administration where I successfully implemented new programs culminating in the development of the Medical Center of Louisiana, South Louisiana's first designated Level One Trauma Center.

In 2005, I joined the Louisiana Emergency Response Network (LERN), an agency of state government created by the Louisiana Legislature in 2004, charged with the responsibility of developing and maintaining a statewide system of care coordination for patients suddenly stricken by serious traumatic injury or time-sensitive illness (such as heart attack and stroke). As the Administrative Director, I was responsible for designing and implementing the local and regional care protocols used by EMS and hospital providers, communicated LERN's mission to the various stakeholders throughout the state, developed and implemented state and regional policies and procedures consistent with LERN's strategic goals, and designed the state wide registry used by hospitals and EMS agencies for trauma, STEMI & stroke care. As the Program Manager of the GS-MB-NCORP, my main objective will be to work with the PI and stakeholders to create an inclusive environment and infrastructure necessary to improve the care and access of clinical trials to the citizens of Louisiana.

**B. Positions and Honors**

- 1989-1991 Staff Nurse, Charity Hospital, New Orleans, LA
- 1991-1992 Research Associate, LSUHSC Department of Pulmonary Medicine, New Orleans, LA
- 1993-1998 Trauma Coordinator, Medical Center of Louisiana, New Orleans, LA
- 1996-2005 Clinical Instructor (Gratis Appointment), LSUHSC Department of Surgery
- 1999-2005 Trauma Program Manager, Medical Center of Louisiana, New Orleans, LA
- 2005-2011 Administrative Director, Louisiana Emergency Response Network, Baton Rouge, LA
- 2011-2012 RN Clinical Research Associate, LSUHSC MBCCOP, New Orleans, LA
- 2012- Governor Appointed, Board member, Health Education Authority of Louisiana, Baton Rouge, LA
- 2012- Program Manager, LSUHSC MBCCOP, New Orleans, LA

**Honors**

- 2004 Great 100 Nurses of Louisiana sponsored by American Nursing, Inc.

### C. Selected Peer-reviewed Publications

1. Sockinger, Z., Holloway, V., McSwain, N., Thomas, D., Mederos, E. Hunt, J. (2003). New Orleans Charity Hospital – Your Trauma Center at Work. *Journal of Louisiana State Medical Society*, 156(3),138-9.
2. Mattox, K., McSwain, N., Frykberg, E., Mederos, E.,McDevitt, S., Klein, J., Flint, L. (2007). Position Statement from the Steering Committee of the Atlantic-Gulf States Disaster Medical Coalition: Integrated Collaborative Networks will Facilitate Mass Casualty Medical Response. *Journal of American College of Surgeons*, 205(4),612-616.

### D. Research Support

#### Current Research Support

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LSUHSC Minority-Based Community Clinical Oncology Program

The goal of this project is to increase minority participation in state-of-the-art, NCI clinical trials in the Greater New Orleans area and surrounding regions.

Role: Program Manager