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Board Certified in Psychiatry

Articulate, Board certified Psychiatrist with more than 15 years of clinical expertise and 1 year of medical-legal expertise. Highly specialized in Psychiatry, Neurology, and Preventive Medicine.

EDUCATION

- **Cal Poly Humboldt, Arcata, CA (1999)**
Bachelor of Science, Cellular/Molecular Biology
- **Western University of Health Sciences, Pomona, CA (2006)**
Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, DO
- **University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM (2010)**
Internship and Residency, Psychiatry

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **U.S. Public Health Services, Zuni HIS Hospital, Outpatient Psychiatrist (2010 to 2012)**
- **Humboldt County DHHS, Inpatient Psychiatrist (2012 to 2015)**
- **Open Door Community Health Centers, Outpatient Psychiatrist (2015 to 2019)**
- **UNM Health Sciences Center, School of Medicine Faculty (2019 to present)**
- **University of New Mexico Hospital, Executive Medical Director (2022 to 2023)**
- **Behavioral Health Integration and Expansion, Medical Director (2019 to present)**

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- **Western University of Health Sciences, Assistant Clinical Professor (2016)**
- **UNM Health Sciences Center, School of Medicine, Associate Professor (2019 to present)**

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

- American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology
- American Board of Preventive Medicine
- California Board Certified Medical License
- New Mexico Board Certified Medical License

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Psychiatric Association, Fellow

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Featured in training and informational materials by the American Psychiatric Association
- Robert A. Senescu Memorial Scholarship Award
- iCare Award, University of New Mexico (2020, 2022, 2023)

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

Publications

Christensen J. Case Challenges: A 25-year-old Man with a History of Schizophrenia. *Psychiatric Annals*. March 2010; 40(3):132-135.

Osilla, K.C., Hurley, B., Jacobsohn, V., MarJneau, M., Bharadwaj, S., Leamon, I., Meredith, L., Ceballos, V., Hindmarch, G., Chitwood-Sedore, V., Brown, L., **Christensen, J.**, Watkins, K.E., & Komaromy, M. CLARO intervenJon user manual: A guide for care teams and individual pracJJoners, RAND CorporaJon, TL-A618-1, 2023.

American Association of Addiction Psychiatry's Core Competencies for the use of Collaborative care in treating substance use disorders - a psychiatrist's guide. (In process) May-October 2023.

Research

Involved (as co-medical director) in research and clinical support, through the ECHO institute, to determine if the teleECHO teaching/case discussion platform can be used to improve opioid stewardship and reduce opioid pain medication prescribing via increased use of non-opioid interventions for chronic pain.

Involved in research funded by NIMH to determine if the Collaborative Care model can improve outcomes in patients who are diagnosed with Opiate Use Disorder as well as either Major Depression or PTSD. This project has allowed use to use NIMH grand funds to hire Care Coordinators at 3 UNM Family Medicine clinics, who have then served to improve care delivery to this vulnerable patient population. I directly support these care coordinators in 1:1 weekly meetings and am implementing the project in close association with primary investigators at Stanford University, UCLA and Boston University.

Involved in research funded by NIDA to develop culturally appropriate motivational interviewing methods for use in Native American populations for patients wrestling with Opiate Use Disorder.

Co-medical director of a year-long project using the teleECHO platform to improve mental health delivery and support resilience among IHS healthcare providers in the time of COVID-19; this IHS grant-funded project features national and international guest lecturers including Donald Warne, MD (associate dean of the University of North Dakota School of Medicine), Linda Tuhiwai Smith, PhD (professor of indigenous education at University of Waikato, Hamilton New Zealand), and Joy Harjo (current poet laureate of the United States).

Developed a Psychiatric Interprofessional Consultation service to support UNM primary care providers in their provision of psychiatric care within the medical home. This project has included the development of billing and documentation workflows. I continue to provide Psych InterPro consults currently. This service was developed in collaboration with the Department of Family and Community Medicine, The Center for Telehealth, Departments of Coding and Compliance, and the UNMH IT department.

Interested in teaching psychiatric interventions to practicing primary care providers and family medicine residents. I enjoy this type of teaching via elective FM resident rotations in my clinics, via didactics and case discussion at the FM resident school and via project ECHO.

Partnering with providers in my department, and other departments, to modernize the provision of integrated care within UNMH primary care clinics. This modernization seeks to improve BH access issues (at the primary care clinics and at the UNM MHC), to improve BH provider retention, and to reduce the cost of care provided. A comprehensive proposal (white paper) was presented to UNMH leadership as a roadmap in December of 2021; co-authors were myself, Amy Rouse MD, Brian Isakson PhD, and Dan Williams PhD.

Initial clinical lead in developing the New Mexico Alcohol Use and Mental Health ECHO. This project is funded by the State of New Mexico and is for the purpose of supporting NM PCPs with evidence-based approaches to cases as well as circulating information about treatment resources. I recruited and was joined by two co-medical directors (Sara Doorley, MD, of UNM Department of Internal Medicine / Cassandra Boness, PhD, of UNM CASAA). This ECHO was launched in July of 2022 and continues to run with twice monthly sessions. Our initial session had 300 participants (from many parts of New Mexico, 17 other states, Burkina Faso, Uganda, South Africa, India, the Caribbean and New Zealand), and featured Dr. Antoine Douaihy of the University of Pittsburgh as our guest speaker (Senior Academic Director of Addiction Medicine Services and Director of the Addiction Psychiatry Fellowship Program).