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EXPERIENCE:

January 1997 – Present **Chief** – Florida Department of Health, Bureau of HIV/AIDS

This position is responsible for the overall leadership direction and management of the statewide Florida HIV/AIDS Program. Statewide responsibilities include developing goals and operational objectives for HIV prevention initiatives patient care programs and ongoing surveillance and seroprevalence activities. This position has overall responsibility for the HIV/AIDS budget that includes five federal grants and general revenue funding, which totals over 110 million dollars. This leadership position is responsible for keeping the department secretary, governor's office and national organizations up to date on Florida's response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Overall management of staff includes approximately 90 positions in headquarters and 600 in the field.

July 1993 - January 1997 **Program Administrator** - Bureau of Disease Intervention, Florida Department of Health

Provides administrative supervision and direction to the field services unit, which is responsible for providing support and expertise to the county public health units, community-based organizations and other providers concerning the practical application of existing and innovative strategies related to HIV/STD and TB control. This action-oriented unit of twenty-five staff coordinates statewide policy and procedures in support of surveillance and reporting, as a basis for ongoing assessment of resources and needs.

July 6, 1990 - June 1993 **Deputy Chief of the AIDS Program** - Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services

Assist the chief in providing administrative leadership for the statewide AIDS Program of the HRS State Health Office. Service areas include surveillance, information and education, HIV antibody testing, and patient care. Assists chief in supervising staff, providing technical support to HRS county public health units, preparing federal grant proposals, administering programs in compliance with state and federal guidelines, and implementing Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services goals and objectives. Assists the chief in supervising a headquarters staff of (75) persons and a budget of \$43 million. Performs the duties of the chief in his absence.

September 1987 - July 1990 **Disease Control and AIDS Coordinator** –
Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services
District 6 Office

Coordination of all AIDS, STD and TB activities in HRS District 6, a five county area, including Hillsborough County. Independent and complex administrative, supervisory, and consultative work including operational management coordination, and program analysis, development, monitoring and evaluation.

Supervision of seven professional and support positions assigned to the Disease Control Program. Analysis of operational problems specific to the above programs, mediation to develop optimum resolutions and implementation of solutions and action plans. Oversight and evaluation of programs to ensure compliance with appropriate public health statutes. Participation in statewide, district and county planning, development, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation of the above programmatic areas, including the development of goals, objectives, priorities, methodologies and quality assurance methods and procedures.

June 1980 - September 1987 **District STD Program Manager** - Florida
Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services
District 5 Office (Pinellas and Pasco Counties)

Responsibility for sexually transmitted disease control activities in a large metropolitan area. Supervision of nine health services representatives; orientation and training of all new and permanent employees; and review and evaluation of progress and performance of all employees. Oversight of technical assistance and educational programs provided to private physicians, hospitals, laboratories, nurses, and schools. Supervision of HIV testing and anonymous testing sites, and counseling for STD.

April 1974 - June 1980 **Public Health Supervisor** - Florida
Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services
Dade and Monroe County Public Health Unit

Supervision of a large metropolitan STD clinic; operation of satellite clinics; assistance to the Haitian and Cuban refugee program; coordination of program assistance and educational programs provided to private physicians, schools, hospitals, laboratories and the general public. Field investigation and follow-up of STD patients; training of field and nursing school staff in the care and management of sexually transmitted diseases.

EDUCATION: B.S. in Health Sciences, 1973
State University of New York College (Dean's List)
Brockport, New York

AA, 1971
Monroe Community College
Rochester, New York

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION:

Testing and Counseling HIV Patients, CDC
Miami, 1985
Epidemiology Supervisor School, CDC
Atlanta, 1980
Epidemiology III, Case Management, CDC
Atlanta, 1980
Leadership Fundamentals, CDC
Atlanta, 1979
Darkfield Microscopy and RPR School, HRS
Jacksonville, 1976
Epidemiology I and II, CDC
Atlanta, 1974

**PROFESSIONAL
TRAINING:**

September 1973 – December 1973: Public Health Educator
New York State Health Department, Albany, New York

January 1973 – June 1973: Sociotherapist. Convalescent Hospital
for Children, Rochester, New York

**PROFESSIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS:**

Florida Public Health Association
National Association of State and Territorial AIDS Directors
HRSA HIV/AIDS Advisory Committee
University of Miami Drug Abuse and AIDS Research Center
External Advisory Board
Florida Supportive Housing Coalition

AWARDS:

- 2000 Nicklas A. Rango, M.D., Leadership Award
- 1995 James H. Nakano Citation for an outstanding scientific paper
published in 1994. Awarded by the Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention.
- 1993 Outstanding Service Award for efforts during Hurricane Andrew by
Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services, District 11
- 1985 Outstanding District Supervisor Award by Florida Department of
Health and Rehabilitative Services
- 1979 Quality Performance Award by Florida Department of Health and
Rehabilitative Services