# LAURA J. RAYMOND

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**SUMMARY:** More than 20 years in the non-profit/public sector • 15 years of varied resource development experience • grants and fiscal management • program planning, development, management, and evaluation • coalition building, outreach and communications experience • community health expertise • conversational Spanish • comfort interacting with diverse populations • anti-racism training and commitment to social justice

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE** (prior to consulting)

**Development and Finance Director, Coalition of Community Health Clinics**, Portland, Oregon (February 2011-June 2013)

- Planning and implementing the organization's fundraising program, with Board, Executive Director and community partners, with an emphasis on collaborative grants that have a larger potential impact
- Creating and monitoring the Coalition's annual budget and other financial oversight
- Contributing to strategic planning and to development and evaluation of Coalition programs
- Leading Coalition's marketing and communications efforts, including a new annual event
- Participating in community coalitions and health equity advocacy, including managing the Coalition's Policy Committee that processes policy decisions for Board of Directors' endorsement

#### **Congregational Wellness Project Coordinator, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon**, Portland (2009-2011)

Implementing a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation pilot project to involve faith communities in promoting children's health and preventing obesity by changing environments and policies, specifically:

- Managed the grant, including monitoring the grant contract and budget, funder reporting, hiring and supervising contractors, interns and an assistant, and seeking additional funding
- Conducted outreach to potential pilot sites and advisors, with a focus on low-income people and communities of color, and provided ongoing technical assistance to participating congregations
- Formed and managed a diverse Interfaith Wellness Coalition of pilot sites, community members and agency partners to support wellness work, promote collaboration, and advocate for community health
- Worked with congregations and agency partners to adapt the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's School Wellness Policy model for faith-based settings, including a new environmental assessment tool, team building and planning process, and sample policies and resources
- Created promotional and educational materials, presentations, and a project website
- Presented on outreach to Latino populations at 2009 Oregon Public Health Association meeting and on policy development and advocacy in faith communities at fall 2010 statewide Place Matters conference

#### Research, Communications & Curriculum Development Manager, Kids on the Block, Portland (2005-2009)

• Managed program development efforts: researching and applying knowledge to the agency's

educational topics and practices; creating evaluation tools and using collected data for program planning • Created strategic communications and represented the organization at community events

• Contributed to agency fundraising, including grants, reports, annual appeal, and Yoshida's Sand in the City event

#### Development Director, Neponset River Watershed Association, Canton, Massachusetts (2002-2005)

• Planned and directed NepRWA's fundraising program, with Board, Executive Director, and staff

• Contributed to marketing of the organization through NepRWA's website, newsletter, the media, events, and leading a campaign to build name recognition while promoting environmental stewardship

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### Project Manager, Alliance for the Prudent Use of Antibiotics (at Tufts University), Boston (1998-2002)

- Managed resource development activities, with an emphasis on corporate membership
- Facilitated development of Latin America chapters, served as a primary contact to foreign offices, and provided ongoing technical assistance or project coordination
- Directed public outreach efforts such as representing APUA at global scientific conferences

### Administrative Assistant, Centre for Development and Population Activities, Washington, D.C. (1996-1997)

- Acted as a liaison between CEDPA Washington and Romania offices
- Completed work plans, progress reports, and financial reports according to USAID regulations
- Oriented consultants on program history and objectives and monitored their contracts

#### **Bilingual Administrative Specialist, Washington County Department of Health and Human Services**, Hillsboro, Oregon (1990-1995)

Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Nutrition Program (3 years), and Health Clinic Finance Department (2 years):

- Performed intake, eligibility screening, and orientation for new participants
- Advocated on behalf of clients needing other social services or language assistance
- Interpreted for non-bilingual staff during clinic appointments

## **EDUCATION/OTHER ACTIVITIES**

<u>George Washington University</u>, Washington, D.C., Master of Arts in International Development, with a community health focus

Portland State University, Portland, Oregon	Instituto Cultural, Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico
Bachelor of Arts in English and Spanish	Spanish course work and cultural exchange

**Girl Scout co-leader** (2007-2011): Created a safe, inclusive atmosphere and organized learning and recreational experiences with  $1^{st} - 5^{th}$  graders, to foster their confidence, curiosity, and interest in social justice and leadership

# LANGUAGE ABILITY/CULTURAL COMPETENCE

- Oral and written Spanish language skills and good understanding of Latino culture
- Comfort with and respect for diverse people
- Completed two weekend intensive anti-racism trainings