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## MELISSA A. RODRIGUEZ PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2006-present      *Senior Associate :: Community Development*  
Agnew :: Beck Consulting, LLC  
Provide organizational development, project development, program evaluation and grant writing services to state and local organizations. Successfully raised more than \$41 million dollars for capital projects and human service programs located in urban and rural areas throughout Alaska. Provide funding research and develop fundraising strategies for capital campaigns and program start-up. Perform health and community needs assessments. Oversee event coordination and administration. Provide training and technical assistance for a variety of community development projects in rural communities.
- 2006      *Associate*  
Coop Consulting, Inc., Santa Fe, NM  
Collaborated and provided leadership, including program coordination and planning on projects with a focus on behavioral health programs. Oversaw the preparation of federal grant reporting for programs such as: State Incentive Enhancement Grant, Strategic Prevention Framework State Initiative Grant, Access to Recovery, and Early Learning Opportunities Act programming. Participated and facilitated committee and workgroup meetings. Provided research and evaluations for state agencies and social service agencies. Contributed to grant writing activities.
- 2004-05      *Public Guardian*  
State of Alaska, Office of Public Advocacy, Anchorage, AK  
Acted in capacity of advocate and legal decision-maker as appointed by Probate court for incapacitated adults managing all placement, financial, and medical decisions.
- 2003-04      *Building Coordinator*  
Cook Inlet Housing Authority, Anchorage, AK  
Managed Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) senior properties for Regional Native Housing Authority. Developed Resident Services Plans for resident activities and events.
- 2001-03      *Outpatient Counselor*  
Alaska Women's Resource Center, Anchorage, AK  
Provided individual and group substance abuse counseling, advocacy, support and outreach to women and their families identified as having substance abuse issues.
- 2000-01      *Case Management Specialist*  
Rural Alaska Community Action Group (RurAL CAP), Anchorage, AK  
Responsible for program development for the Community Bound Program, a project of RurAL CAP's Homeward Bound Transitional Housing Program for homeless chronic public inebriates. Coordinated the Speaker's Bureau, designed to promote advocacy and self-empowerment training to homeless chronic public inebriates.

2000  
*Project Manager*  
Technology Consultant  
Indian Health Service, Urban Indian Health Program, Boston, Massachusetts  
Responsible for contract management and planning for the IHS Urban Indian Health Program's Y2K technology upgrade funds.

## REPRESENTATIVE PROJECTS

2011-present  
*Project Manager*  
Research and Grant Writing Assistance  
Cook Inlet Housing Authority : : Maria Tagliavento, 907.793.3035; Provide research related to grant opportunities that align with the priorities of a Tribally Designated Housing Authority serving the Cook Inlet Region. Provide project development services for promising opportunities. Develop proposals for funding opportunities related to affordable housing, neighborhood revitalization, and community development projects.

2011-present  
*Co-Project Manager*  
Project Development and Grant Writing Assistance  
Yurok Indian Housing Authority, Klamath, CA: : Judith Marasco 707.482.1506; Provide pre-planning and grant writing services for a Tribally Designated Housing Authority serving the Yurok Tribe. Conduct research and market demand study and develop a HUD Section 202 application to secure funding to construct a supportive housing project for low-income tribal Elders in the area.

2010-2011  
*Senior Associate*  
Iliuliuk Family Health Services, Unalaska, Alaska : : Sonia Handforth-Kome, 907.581.1202 x4112; Provide data collection and analysis to inform the assessment of community needs and existing health services, determine financial feasibility of expanding existing clinic, and recommend strategy for aligning services to best meet current and future patient needs.

2009-2011  
*Senior Associate*  
Prince of Wales Behavioral Health Needs Assessment + Strategic Plan : : Esther Hammerschlag, PeaceHealth Network, 907.826.2410; Conducted island-wide behavioral health needs assessment for Prince of Wales Island in year one. During year two, develop and train a local coalition and facilitate a strategic planning process to improve behavioral health services on the island.

2009-present  
*Co-Project Manager*  
Project Development and Grant Writing Assistance  
Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation : : Alice Ruby, 907.842.4336  
Provide project development and grant writing services to the 17 BBEDC member communities with the goal of helping to promote economic growth within the Bristol Bay region by encouraging and assisting the establishment of infrastructure.

- 2008-2010 *Project Manager*  
Elder Long Term Care Needs Assessment  
Kodiak Area Native Association (KANA) : : Mike Pfeffer, 907.486.9810  
Conduct a needs assessment to assess existing services, facilities and Long-Term Care options available to Elders in the KANA region. Incorporating feedback and recommendations from Elders and their families being served within each community and identifying any gaps in those services and ways to enhance the Long-Term Care service continuum.
- 2007-2009 *Lead Associate, Program Evaluator*  
Yup'it Piciryarait Cultural Center and Museum Native Archive  
Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP) : : Vivian Korthuis, 907.543.7300  
Provide program evaluation services to determine whether the project has met the objectives identified, as well as the quality and accuracy of products developed. Measure the overall outcome of the Yup'it Piciryarait Cultural Center and Museum Native Archive project.
- 2007 *Project Manager*  
Bring the Kids Home Regional Summit Facilitation  
State of Alaska, Division of Behavioral Health : : Valerie Kenny, 907.269.3797  
Provide facilitation services for the Bring the Kids Home (BTKH) Regional Summits throughout the State of Alaska to ensure that the BTKH Initiative is individualized to the needs in the community. Assist regions in the State to identify barriers, resources, solutions, priorities, and community leaders to service children with Severe Emotional Disturbance as close to their communities as possible.
- 2006-present *Project Manager*  
Proposal Development + Research  
Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (The Trust) : : Bill Herman, 907.269.7962  
Research grant funding opportunities that relate to The Trust's four funding focus areas; provide bi-weekly reports on eligible opportunities to The Trust's program officers; provide coordination and proposal development services to beneficiary serving organizations designated by program officers to develop projects for grant funding.
- 2006-present *Senior Associate : : Rural Technical Assistance Consultant*  
Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (The Trust) : : Bill Herman, 907.269.7962  
Provide technical assistance including facility planning, develop and edit grant proposals, funding research, and connect those in need of assistance with appropriate services.
- 2006 *Program Evaluator*  
United Way of Santa Fe County, Agua Fria Children's Zone (AFCZ)  
Michael Coop, 505.424.4365; Provided program evaluation activities for the AFCZ, Pre-K and Baby University programs, which was a program modeled after the Harlem Children's Zone in New York. Participated in program development and agency strategic planning activities. Responsible for federal reporting requirements for Early Learning Opportunities Act (ELOA) Discretionary Grant.

- 2006 *Program Evaluator*  
New Mexico Aging and Long Term Services Department, Aging and Disability Resource Center Grant : : Michael Coop, 505.424.4365; Compiled and reported data to inform quality assurance efforts gathered through customer satisfaction surveys.
- 2006 *Statewide Coordinator : : Access to Recovery (ATR) Program*  
State of New Mexico, Department of Health, Behavioral Health Services Division Kirsten Dollinger-Jones, 505.827.2611; Provided coordination and program planning for ATR program. Participated in bi-weekly management team planning sessions. Co-chair of Services Committee, responsible for convening committee and developing policy recommendations to management team. Oversee provider enrollment and credentialing processes. Responsible for communicating program policy revisions to community level sub-grantees.

## EDUCATION

- 2006 *Coursework in the Masters in Public Administration Program*  
University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM
- 2000 *Bachelor of Arts in Sociology*  
Brandeis University, Waltham, MA  
Course work included: Racial and Class Inequalities and Independent Research.

## VOLUNTEER + COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- 2008-present *Anchorage Boxing Academy : : Anchorage, AK*  
Plan and develop an Amateur boxing program designed to engage at-risk youth and provide opportunities for achievement and empowerment.
- 1998-2000 *Brandeis University, Transitional Year Program (TYP) : : Waltham, MA*  
Participate in college recruitments activities for TYP, a year-long preparatory program whose principles for the program draw upon Brandeis' founding and enduring commitment and action toward the achievement of social justice.

## SELECTED RESEARCH + PUBLICATIONS

- 2011 *Prince of Wales Health Network : : "Behavioral Health System Needs Assessment"* Co-Author and primary researcher for needs assessment focused on an assessment of the current behavioral health system and planning for improved prevention and early intervention services to serve Prince of Wales Island residents.
- 2010 *Iliuliuk Family and Health Services, Inc. : : "Community Health Needs Assessment"* Co-Author and primary researcher conducting a community health needs assessment to better understand current and future health care needs in Unalaska and ensure the community health center is positioned to meet those needs.
- 2009 *Kodiak Area Native Association : : "Long Term Care Needs Assessment"* Co-Author and primary researcher for a needs assessment for Elder care services in Kodiak and six remote villages.
- 2008 *Association of Village Council Presidents : : "Yupit Piciryait Cultural Center and Museum Native Archive Final Evaluation Report"* Program Evaluator + Author of final evaluation report for a project funded under a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.