

SUSAN PIZITZ, LCSW

Salt Lake City, Utah

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Project Connection, Salt Lake City, Utah

Nov 2018 - Present

Director of School Based Programs

- Coordinate with school district administration and location-based school staff to develop community-based intervention and prevention mental health supports for at risk youth and families
- Direct onboarding, development, and program supervision of the Project Connection school based clinical team
- Oversee all facets of the Project Connection school mental health program to include funding, census, access, program integrity, and integration into the health and wellness initiatives of respective schools and districts
- Ensure that school clinicians adhere to licensed mental health and school district policies and procedures

CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Salt Lake City, Utah

Jan 2018 – Present

Mental Health Specialist

- Provide mental health consultation and intervention strategies to district administration and school teams for tier two and three students
- Coordinate with community stakeholders to create access to a continuum of care of services to address the individual needs of at risk youth and families
- Link families with person centered resources and wrap around community based supports

HOPEFUL BEGINNINGS, Salt Lake City, Utah

Nov 2017 – Present

Director of School Based Services

- Develop onsite school based therapy services for at risk and underserved students in Salt Lake County
- Provide access to a coordinated continuum of culturally competent clinical services to address identified client need, which may include: mental health assessment, individual and family therapy, medication management, skills development, respite, day treatment, in home services, and crisis intervention
- Provide clinical oversight and supervision to clinicians on staff
- Develop relationships with targeted community stakeholders in order to strengthen and create additional and supportive access points for at risk youth and families

VALLEY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, Salt Lake City, Utah

Sept. 1995 – Sept. 2017

Clinical Director, Children's Services

May 2017 – Sept. 2017

- Oversaw daily operations of children's programs, serving more than 6,000 youth and families in Salt Lake and Tooele Counties, to include children's day treatment, outpatient, in home, and school-based programs
- Ensured clinical team members' implementation of evidence based treatment modalities
- Monitored and reported to the leadership team and stakeholders on data tracking and outcomes in the children's services division
- Provided direct clinical care to children and families for more than 20 years, to include assessment, diagnosis, crisis support, and skills development
- Dedicated collaboration with community stakeholders as evidenced by individualized treatment, increased access to treatment, decreased barriers to services, and heightened consumer satisfaction
- Demonstrated excellent communication skills, customer service, and solution-focused problem solving
- Provided clinical and operational data tracking and outcomes to leadership councils and interdisciplinary teams
- Led and supported clinical team of more than 100 employees to include hiring, training, and supervising staff
- Ensured clinical teams adhered to agency's policies and procedures, HIPAA policies, and licensing requirements
- Developed marketing campaigns and coordinated services with community partners reaching more than 150 agencies
- Spoke on-the-record to media as an expert in behavioral health and as a children's services trained spokesperson

Associate Director of Children's Services and Children's Services Operations Administrator **Oct. 2014 – May 2017**

- Supervised and managed school based mental health services, children's outpatient services, i-Wrap intensive in home program, and Adolescent Substance Abuse Program
- Provided clinical crisis support for youth and families in Salt Lake County
- Ensured clinical and office staff adhered to Valley Behavioral Health policies and procedures
- Coordinated access to Valley Behavioral Health services with more than 100 community stakeholders

Program Manager for School Based Mental Health

Oct. 2011 – Oct 2014

- Supervised three Children's Behavior Therapy Unit (CBTU) classrooms in Salt Lake and Granite School Districts
- Oversaw Early Intervention Behavioral Health Grant (EINT), serving at risk youth in their school settings in Salt Lake, Murray, Granite, and Canyons School Districts and provided supervision to clinicians in CBTU and EINT programs
- Served as Valley Behavioral Health liaison to area school districts
- Managed School Based Mental Health budget of more than \$200,000
- Provided consultation to Salt Lake City School District crisis intervention team

Program Supervisor / Therapist Children's Behavior Therapy Unit

Sept 1995 – 2011

- Maintained a full-time caseload and provided therapy for children and families (day treatment)
- Coordinated and communicated with clients, parents, and community partners
- Developed psychosocial and case management needs assessments and treatment plans
- Trained and supervised 15 employees to include: clinical social workers, case managers, and behavioral specialists
- Oversaw team building and staff development for the ten staff members on the CBTU team
- Conducted client mental health assessments, diagnosis, intervention, and treatment

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK UNIVERSITY of UTAH, Salt Lake City, Utah

July 2020- Present

Auxiliary Faculty / Clinical Instructor

Sept 1998-June 2000

- Provided clinical supervision, instruction, training, and on-site work experience to graduate level MSW students

HARBORVIEW DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER, Valdez, Alaska

June 1984 – Feb 1991

Unit Manager / Qualified Mental Retardation Professional

- Supervised and trained 15-member staff and managed activities of 15 developmentally disabled adults
- Conducted client assessments, behavior modification programming, and individual habilitation plans

EDUCATION & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK, UNIVERSITY OF UTAH, Salt Lake City, Utah

1995

- Master of Social Work
- Summa cum laude

DENVER UNIVERSITY, Denver, Colorado

1984

- Double Major- Bachelor of Arts: Psychology and French
- Cum laude

CENTRE D'ETUDES FRANCAIS, Avignon, France

1982

- Study Abroad

Awards / Honors

- Canyons School District APEX Community Partner of the Year Award – 2016
- Young Alumni Award, University of Utah, Graduate School of Social Work – 1999
- Faculty Award for Outstanding Scholarship & Promise, University of Utah, Graduate of Social Work – 1995
- Golden Key Honor Society
- Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society
- Phi Sigma Iota Foreign Language Honor Society

BOARD MEMBER POSITIONS

- Salt Lake County Behavioral Health, Advisory Council
- Utah Voices for Children, Board of Trustees
- Salt Lake County Home Visiting Community Advisory Board

January 2016 – Present

November 2017 – Present


June 2020-Present



Board Member Reappointment Form

All candidates for reappointment must complete this top section. By signing this form (electronically or by hand), you are confirming your willingness to continue serving on the identified board if reappointed.

Name (printed or typed): susan pizitz Date: 11/29/2020

Signature: 
Behavioral Health Services Advisory Council

Board: _____

If your contact information has changed since you submitted your original application, please include the updated information here. If nothing has changed, please leave this section blank.

Preferred Pronouns: She/Her/Hers
example: "He/Him/His"

Email Address: No changes

Mailing Address: No changes

City, State, Zip: No changes

Phone Number: No changes

Alternate Phone Number: No changes

Salt Lake County Council District #: District 3

Please provide the County District related to your residential address. To determine which district you live in, go to <http://slco.org/council/district-map>, click "Interactive Map", and enter your address in the Search bar.

This section should be filled out by the Board Coordinator

This is a 2 year term. The new term would begin 1/1/2021 and end 12/31/2022.

Comments: Susan Pizitz has served one 1-year term, one 3-year term, and is eligible for a third (and final) 2-year term (combined terms not to exceed 6-years as per the BHSAC Bylaws).