

# RACHEL SHORT, BA, MPH

## EDUCATION/CERTIFICATIONS

Colorado School of Public Health  
Master of Public Health, May 2016

Colorado State University  
Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies, May 2014

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

RESEARCH AND PLANNING CONSULTANTS, LP  
Data Analyst (June 2018- Present)

- Analyze quantitative data for economic, statistical and financial reports used in litigation and regulatory proceedings
- Assist in the preparation of Certificate of Need Applications, including data analysis
- Review and analyze the materials, reports and analytical findings prepared by the opposing experts



TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION  
Program Specialist, Data and Evaluations (June 2016 – June 2018)

- Manage all projects related to data collection, monitoring and reporting for a Texas Medicaid waiver program
- Create timelines, assign tasks to team members, ensure quality of data submissions and prepare final reports
- Develop policies/procedures related to evaluation and reporting of waiver program services
- Train providers on data reporting guidelines and best practices
- Extract and analyze data for programmatic decision-making
- Create and present provider data dashboards at quarterly Best Practice meetings
- Prepare quarterly and annual reports to inform on waiver performance metrics
- Champion the development of the waiver program strategic plan
- Identify, plan and execute quality improvement projects
- Lead quality management audits to determine compliance with waiver program requirements, laws, regulations, policies, and procedures
- Prepare audit reports to communicate findings and determine course corrections when provider does not achieve goals and/or objectives
- Develop corrective action plans to address risks identified in audits

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- Ensure continuous quality monitoring is in place to identify, act upon and resolve issues promptly
- Participate in waiver renewal and amendment processes by providing subject matter expertise as it relates to data and evaluations including the revision and addition of new performance metrics
- Communicate with community and professional groups to secure support for the program

**COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING**

Program Coordinator, State Innovation Model (SIM) Office (August 2015 – April 2016)

- Managed all activities and projects for Steering Committee
- Facilitated process for identifying core set of quality, cost and utilization metrics for two health care programs
- Developed and monitored contract budgets and expenditures to ensure budget guidelines were met
- Handled contract management, including the determination of amount and appropriate division of funding
- Facilitated the identification and establishment of process and outcome measures for a health care program
- Collaborated with staff to develop efficient data collection and reporting processes
- Assisted in data uploading and reporting to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation
- Prepared and submitted detailed grant reports
- Displayed leadership skills when engaging with federal, state and local policymakers, as well as stakeholders
- Managed all communication for Steering Committee
- Provided timely and accurate completion of support functions for a Multi-Payer Collaborative and workgroups

**PRESENTATIONS**

- “National Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) Analysis”, Annual Transforming Collaborative Outcomes Management Conference, San Antonio, TX, October 2017
- “National Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS)”- Wraparound Analysis, Annual Research and Policy Conference on Child, Adolescent and Young Adult Behavioral Health, Tampa, FL, March 2018