

Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Witness Disclosure Requirement - "Truth in Testimony"
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| 1. Your Name: Jessica Hulsey Nickel | | |
| 2. Your Title: President and CEO | | |
| 3. The Entity(ies) You are Representing: Addiction Policy Forum | | |
| 4. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity? | Yes | No x |
| 5. Please list any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, that you or the entity(ies) you represent have received on or after January 1, 2015. Only grants, contracts, or payments related to the subject matter of the hearing must be listed. | | |
| 6. Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form. | | |

Signature: _____



Date: March 19, 2018

Supplement

Contract number HHSP233201750090A, Understanding Treatment and Recovery Services

Under this contract, APF conducted a scan of available online informational resources for families/non-experts who want to learn about addiction, treatment, and recovery services. We identified trends and gaps in information and held a key stakeholder convening to review the findings. Using the findings to identify priority topics, we will create content concepts and obtain focus group feedback to develop new resources for families/non-experts to learn about addiction, treatment, and recovery.

Contract number HHSP233201750107A, Engaging Families in Mutual Support

Under this contract, APF conducted a scan of existing family support networks for families with a loved one who has a substance use disorder or who has died from overdose. We identified the characteristics and activities that create the most value for members of family support networks. We are developing a Model Family Support Network Guide that will provide direction to people who want to start a family support network or expand the services available through an existing family support network.

Addiction Policy Forum

2015 - present

Washington, DC

President and CEO

- Founder of the Addiction Policy Forum, a diverse partnership of organizations, policymakers and stakeholders committed to working together to elevate awareness around addiction and to improve national policy through a comprehensive response—including prevention, treatment, overdose reversal, recovery support, law enforcement strategies, and criminal justice reform.
- Provided key leadership in organizing and developing the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) and the House Opioid package, which was signed into law in July 2016.
- Provide practitioners, policymakers, and other stakeholders with educational materials that focus on a comprehensive response.

Government Relations/Public Policy

2010 - 2017

Washington, DC

Consultant

- Represent businesses, associations and nonprofit organizations on Capitol Hill, and before federal, state and local government agencies to advance policy and organizations goals.
- Provide strategic planning, guidance and implementation of government relations strategies that will help clients achieve their goals.
- Consulting services include proactive government relations to raise visibility and recognition on Capitol Hill and within key constituencies, strategic advice and activities to advance legislation or secure federal funding, input on federal rules and regulations, and assistance in planning and establishing grassroots initiatives.
- Monitor legislative activity and progress on specified priorities.
- Specialty areas include criminal justice policies, appropriations for federal, state and local grant programs, and developing grassroots initiatives

Council of State Governments

2005 - 2010

Washington, DC

Director, Government Affairs

- Represented CSG members— state legislators, governors and judges – interests and priorities with Congress and the Executive Branch.
- Helped identify criminal justice priorities for CSG Members and coordinate legislative strategies.
- Advised and prepared members for interaction with Congress and the Executive Branch.
- Acted as liaison between the states and federal government around emerging corrections, substance abuse, prisoner reentry and other criminal justice issues.
- Coordinated appearance of CSG members at Congressional hearings, meetings and other events.
- Drafted testimony for presentation at Congressional hearings and state proceedings.
- Developed legislative proposals and annual agenda that reflect state priorities and initiatives.
- Represented the Association's interests in issue-based coalitions.
- Let the efforts to pass and fund the Second Chance Act, increase funding and reauthorize the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act, and other legislative measures such as the Safe Prisons Communication Act and the Justice Reinvestment Act.

Congressman Rob Portman (R-OH)

2003 – 2005

Washington, DC

Legislative Assistant

- Developed new policy initiatives, including the Second Chance Act, the Drug Impaired Driving Research and Prevention Act and the Drug Free Workplace Reauthorization Act of 2004. Established and directed a coalition of staff, elected officials, interest groups and state and federal stakeholders to facilitate each initiative.
- Researched, advised and drafted legislative memoranda and correspondence for a senior Ways and Means Committee Member on Social Security, drug policy, budget, crime, telecommunications, labor, foreign affairs and government reform. Tracked and followed related legislation and appropriations projects. Met with constituents, elected officials, businesses and interest groups. Briefed Member for hearings and meetings.
- Lead staff on budget proceedings and conference for the Budget Committee Vice Chairman.
- Prepared columns, speeches and opinion editorials.
- Liaison for the Coalition for a Drug Free Greater Cincinnati.

Civic Solutions, LLC/Consultant

1999 – 2003

Washington, DC

Director of Communications and Public Policy

- Managed policy and communications project for The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and University of Akron \$15 million dollar study on the New DARE Program.
- Authored articles and publications for the U.S. Department of Justice, nonprofits, universities and foundations.
- Researched and authored monthly articles regarding promising practices and innovative policies for nonprofits and foundations.
- Helped clients determine and develop legislative priorities, researched and tracked specific legislation, and assisted clients in building relationships with policymakers.
- Assisted in the development of performance measurement tools and documents for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.
- Specific skills include communications planning, public policy, social marketing, research, writing and strategic planning. Managed a team to assist with above-referenced projects.

Office of National Drug Control Policy

1998 – 2003

Washington, DC

Co-Chair, President's Commission on Drug-Free Communities

- Served as Co-Chair of the Commission, which entailed facilitating meetings, making recommendations to ONDCP and representing drug-free communities nationally.
- Worked with Drug-Free Communities grantees and represented their interests in Washington.

Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA)

1998 – 1999

Alexandria, VA

Public Policy Associate & Director of Training

- Researched and composed legislative alerts on drug policy and juvenile justice legislation. Legislative alerts were widely disseminated to all CADCA members and other organizations.
- Produced a Voter's Guide of the 1996 Election, which outlined each candidate's position on specific drug policy issues. The Voter's Guide was distributed to 3,000 communities.
- Developed training materials and conducted training for members.

EDUCATION

Princeton University – B.A., Class of 1998

Princeton, NJ

- Major: English
- Allen Macey Dulles Award; Spirit of Princeton Award

PUBLICATIONS

- Reentry Partnerships: A Guide for States & Faith-Based and Community Organizations, J Yoon & J Nickel, Council of State Governments Justice Center, 2009
http://reentrypolicy.org/jc_publications/reentry_partnerships_guide/Reentry_Partnership_Web.pdf
 - Children of Incarcerated Parents: An Action Plan for Federal Policymakers, J Nickel, Council of State Governments Justice Center, 2009
http://reentrypolicy.org/jc_publications/federa_action_plan_/Children_Incarcerated_Parents_v8.pdf
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