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A proven leader with a demonstrated record of success in the public and non-profit sectors. Successful leadership experience in the highest level of state government developing and implementing the state budget (\$5 billion) and aligning these budgets to the Governor's strategic direction spanning multiple departments including but not limited to Higher Education, Public Education, Human Services, General Services, Environment, Public Safety, etc. As the Governor's Chief of Staff have the unique experience of supervising cabinet secretaries from diverse disciplines from education to health to tax policy. Successfully have worked with diverse stake holders; such as the legislature, community advocates and activists, cabinet secretaries, policy advisors, and non-profit board of directors. Possess a strong and deep understanding of New Mexico's unique political and cultural landscape having demonstrated effective leadership to achieve policy and strategic goals in multiple settings.

Expertise and Skills

Strategic and Visionary Leadership	Overall Finance Management	Collaborator
Organizational Development	Win-Win Orientation	Facilitator
Strategic Planning	Public Finance Mgt.& Reporting	Team Builder
Leadership in Complex Orgs.	Analytics and Data Mgt.	Public Policy
Labor/Management Relations	Legislative & Gov. Relations	Negotiator
Chief Operations Officer	Media Relations	Communicator
Cultural Competence		

Professional Experience

Executive Director – New Mexico Voices for Children (August 2016 – present)

Responsible for all aspects of the organization, chief financial officer, chief operations officer and chief executive officer: including human resources, financial management, fund development, policy development and advocacy, communications, information technology, strategic planning, partnership development and legal reporting. In our national networks I have served on the national Steering Committee for the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Kids Count Program and now serve on the national Steering Committee for the Center on Budget and Policy Priority's State Priorities Partnership.

Director of Policy and Research – New Mexico Voices for Children (September 2013 – July 2016)

Responsibilities included managing and coordinating research and policy development staff to advance policies to improve child and family well-being, ensuring that our advocacy efforts are well grounded in evidence. Others responsibilities included participation in strategic partnerships, grant writing and reporting and periodically reporting to the Board of Directors on accomplishment of the agency's approved policy agenda

Adjunct Faculty – University of New Mexico, School of Public Administration (August 2009 – 2016)

Courses taught included Administration of State Government, Public Budgeting and Intergovernmental Relations. Focus of classes was on the development of policy priorities in a political environment and the strategic use of the budget and other resources to accomplish those priorities.

New Mexico Municipal League Instructor (2012 - present)

Courses taught to municipal elected officials include introductory and advanced public budgeting.

City Manager – City of Rio Rancho, NM (October 2008 – July 2012 and July 1999 – December 2002)

Chief Administrative Officer for the city. Managed the City Manager's staff and all department directors which included police, fire, information management, planning, infrastructure development, human resources and finance to meet the service delivery priorities established the six-member city council and mayor. Guided the mayor and city council in the development of strategic policies and priorities. Ensured alignment of the budget to policy and strategic directives. Directed policy development and implementation efforts

New Mexico's Governor's Chief of Staff – Office of the Governor (April 2006 –August 2008)

Directed a staff of 35 employees in the Governor's Office and all state government department heads and cabinet secretaries. Advised the governor on and directed policy development and implementation efforts and legislative strategy. Responsibilities included overseeing legal staff, policy advisors, communications staff, and constituent services. Ensured budgetary and policy alignment with the Governor's strategic goals and

directives. Worked with legislators and legislative staff as well as diverse stakeholders in advance of meetings with the Governor. Advised the Governor on budgetary and policy direction.

Cabinet Secretary – New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration
(January 2003 – April 2006)

Provided leadership, supervision, and direction to the Department of Finance and Administration. Served as senior budget and finance advisor to the governor of New Mexico. Advised on and directed budget policy, budget development and execution and legislative strategy. Responsible for negotiating operating and capital budget agreements with the Legislature. Directed budget staff during legislative session. Oversaw State Controller's Office, Financial Control Division, Local Government Division, State Board of Finance and State Budget Office. Served as executive officer for the State Board of Finance. Served on numerous boards and commissions including the State Investment Council, and the Public School Finance Authority.

Other Relevant Experience

Prior to 1999 worked for the City of Rio Rancho as the Finance Director, for the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration as an Economist and Deputy Secretary and for the New Mexico Legislative Finance Committee as an Economist and Supervisor of the Performance Audit Unit.

EDUCATION/AWARDS

Master of Public Administration, University of New Mexico NM, 2001 and awarded the Ferrell Heady Prize for outstanding professional paper.

B.A. Economics, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, 1986

Awarded distinguished alumnus award, Economics Department, University of New Mexico, 2002.

Awarded Professor of the Year prize by UNM Public Administration Student Association, 2014.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Serve on the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities State Priority Partnership's Racial Equity Work Group, the Gender Equity Committee and on the Racial Equity Workgroup of the Partnership for America's Children.

Abrazos Family Support Services – member and past chairman of Board of Directors.

University of New Mexico School of Public Administration – member and past chair.

Previous Volunteer Activities:

Member of the Board of Trustees of Presbyterian Health Services (PHS) Central Delivery System

Designee to PHS Finance Committee and Rust Medical Center Advisory Committee

Adelante Development Corporation

Member of the Board of Directors of the United Way of Central New Mexico and chaired the Rural Communities Committee;

University of New Mexico West Advisory Board

Court Appointed Special Advisor in Sandoval County

Chair- City of Rio Rancho Charter Review Committee

President for the New Mexico Municipal League City Managers Affiliate

Youth Sports Coach.