

## **SYLVIA L. QUINTON, JD, CRA**

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### **QUALIFICATIONS**

A Juris Doctor (J.D.) from Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law; graduate of an 1890 Land-grant Historical Black College and University (HBCU), University of Maryland Eastern Shore; 20-year proposal developer and post award manager; external funding awards exceed \$20 million; 24-years training, collaborations and partnerships development with community service organizations, individuals, institutions of higher education, and governmental agencies sharing knowledge on public health; behavioral health; public health law, policy, and administration; program development; financial management; grants management; joint venture research and initiatives; and program sustainability and growth. A knowledge-based professional with a mindset and passion for training, monitoring programs, services, and research activities and managing the operations of an agency.

Doctoral candidate in the Community College (CC) Leadership Development Program at Morgan State University. Coursework completion Spring 2017.

Dissertation completion expected May 2021. Research area interest are factors that encourage and motivate community college students to transfer to HBCUs as well as factors that increase the diversity of students matriculating at HBCUs.

### **SKILLS/KNOWLEDGE AREAS**

Higher Education (CC & HBCU)  
Sponsored Programs & Research  
Public Speaking  
Agriculture  
Violence Against Women  
Capacity Building for Nonprofits  
Nonprofit Business Development  
Economics  
Youth Development and Youth Engagement

Proposal Development  
Post Award Management  
Facilitator/Trainer  
Technical Writing  
STEM Education  
HIV/AIDS Prevention  
Substance Abuse Prevention  
Public Policy  
Community Development

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

3/19 – present

University of Maryland School of Public Health  
Prevention Research Center - Faculty Researcher

Developing, implementing, and evaluating substance misuse and HIV prevention direct intervention and environmental strategies.

8/15 – 12/18

University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES), an 1890  
Land-grant HBCU

Directed Multi-discipline/departmental Prevention Works Initiative, day to day project implementation and grants management of direct prevention services for a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) funded project. \$1.8 million.

Other university projects include University Strategic Plan Research Committee, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) Campus Community Coalitions: Community of Practice (4CP) Initiative, Violence Against Women Campus Prevention Initiative, and Black Women's Health Imperative My Sister's Keeper Initiative.

3/99 - present

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.  
PRESIDENT

### Training/Speaking Experience

Elected Member, National Finance Committee of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. - Conduct training on the sorority's fiscal policies to more than 144 chapters in the eastern region of the United States of America. (2018-2022)

Toastmasters – Competent Communicator (2015) – Completed 10 speech projects to develop speaking skills.

Licensed Unity Teacher (LUT) – conduct workshops and seminars on New Thought spiritual practices (2015 – present).

Conducted training for SAMHSA/CSAP grantees in evaluation and sustainability (2002-2004).

### Sponsored Programs and Research

Serve as Principal Investigator/Project Director/Evaluator for substance abuse prevention and HIV prevention services grants from the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, Substance Abuse

and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Department of Health and Human Services (2003-2025) and the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy Drug Free Community Support Program (2003-2025). SAMHSA Minority AIDS Initiative - \$6 million - five consecutive awards and 20 DFC and DFC Mentor awards – over \$10 million. Coordinated the evaluation team that secured a listing on SAMHSA National Registry of Evidenced-based Program and Practices (NREPP), Hip Hop 2 Prevent Substance Abuse and HIV (H2P).

Serve as Contract Administrator for four contracts from the Prince George's County Health Department (2009-2014) (\$175,000).

Monitor contract research activities and ensure adherence to the timeliness of contract deliverables for Howard University Center for Drug Abuse Research, National African American Drug Policy Coalition, and 360 Degree Development Institute, and other (2008-present).

#### Collaborations and Partnerships

Direct the Health Action Forum of Prince George's County, a 28-interdisciplinary member health and wellness advocacy organization in the county (1999-2015)

Served as governmental relations consultant to the Maryland General Assembly for two HBCUs - Morgan State University and University of Maryland Eastern Shore (1999-2001)

#### Joint Venture Research and Entrepreneurial Initiatives

Manage a family farm established in 1820 in Wicomico County, Maryland (2014-present)

Published book entitled "Community Investors: Making Money While Making Social Change" (2013)

Established a 1-day community health festival with more than 50 sponsors and vendors (1999-2003)

1/97- present

SUITLAND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION ENGAGEMENT  
RESOUCE CENTER, INC. (STEER CENTER)  
DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Responsibility: Manage a community development corporation (CDC).

Sponsored Programs and Research

Serve as Principal Investigator/Project Director for the Maryland State Department of Education 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Program (2013-2022). (\$2,800,825)

Serve as Principal Investigator for a National Science Foundation Innovative Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers (NSF-ITEST) (2011-2014) (\$1,062,000)

Collaborations and Partnerships

Serve as coordinator for the 15-member interdisciplinary Suitland Promise Neighborhood academic enrichment team (2010-present)

Joint Venture Research and Entrepreneurial Initiatives

Directed a \$1 billion community revitalization project in Prince George's County, Maryland - including residential development, economic development, and redevelopment near the Suitland Federal Center.

3/90-3/99

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE  
ADMINISTRATION, CENTER FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
PREVENTION (CSAP/SAMHSA/DHHS)

Sponsored Programs and Research

Served as agency Grants and Contracts Appeals Officer – responsible for ensuring compliance with federal guidelines and regulations (1990-1999)

Collaborations and Partnerships

Interdisciplinary liaison between CSAP, SAMHSA, White House, DHHS agency heads, U.S. Congress, and CSAP constituents (1990-1999)

Managed CSAP National Advisory Council (1996-1998)

Interdisciplinary Advisor to Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Communities (EZ/EC) Interagency Task Force (1994-1995)

9/98-3/99

Executive Assistant to the Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP). Served as a liaison between the CSAP Director, CSAP senior management, U.S. Department of Health and Human Service senior officials, Congress, and constituency groups as well as advising the Director on policy, legal, and administrative matters. Agency budget \$150,000 million, directly responsible for \$3 million logistical contract.

- 7/96-9/98 Deputy Director, Office of Policy and Planning/CSAP. Responsible for agency-wide coordination of CSAP's National Prevention System Regional Meetings, Knowledge Development and Application Program, other policy and program initiatives; SAMHSA's representative on the Secretary's Children and Youth Council; managed CSAP's National Advisory Council; and served as CSAP's grants and contract review Appeals Officer.
- 9/95-7/96 Deputy Director, Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs. Coordinated linkages and networks with CSAP and the private sector, government agencies, and constituency groups. CSAP's Appeals Officer.
- 7/94-9/95 Public Health Advisor. Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Communities (EZ/EC) Interagency Task Force (Full-time detail to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development). Served as the Senior Public Health Specialist on the Task Force. Participated in the designation of the EZ/EC's, assisted with the development of the implementation process for the awardees, and designed a Community Team Training Institute for the Enterprise Communities.
- 04/92 - 01/94 Executive Assistant to the Acting CSAP Director, Served as a liaison between the CSAP Director, CSAP senior management, DHHS departmental officials, Congress, and constituency groups as well as advising the Acting Director on policy, legal, and administrative matters.
- 03/90 - 04/92 Branch Chief, Policy and Planning Branch, Office of Budget, Planning, and Evaluation. Planned, designed, and implemented policy, program planning, legislative, grant announcements, and executive correspondence functions of CSAP's programs as well as served as the Appeals Officer for the grant peer review system and participated in grant and contract reviews. Coordinated national policy development for alcohol and other drug problems issues as well as provided technical assistance to the field in proposal development and concept development.
- 04/87 - 03/90 STATE OF MARYLAND, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, BALTIMORE, MD
- 09/89 - 03/90 Executive Assistant for Public Health Policy, Financing, and Regulation. Key staff person for the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in the areas of HIV/AIDS, Family Health, Local Health, Developmental Disabilities, Alcohol and Other Drugs, Mental Health, Labs and Community

Health Surveillance as well as Staff Attorney to the Office of Governmental Affairs. Duties included: preparing issue and briefing papers as well as oral presentations; screening requests for meetings with the Secretary to ensure preliminary preparation is thoroughly performed and staff work is completed; performing technical and policy analysis on Public Health reports, studies, initiatives and evaluations; and representing the Secretary with Federal, State, local, and constituency groups.

07/88 - 04/90

Committee Staff to the Committee on Mandated Health Benefits, Governor's Commission on Health Care Policy and Financing. Performed all staff work for the Committee on Mandated Health Benefits which was charged with developing a coherent policy and statutory and administrative structure with respect to mandated health benefits. Duties included: preparing briefing and option papers; researching legal and health care issues; advising Chairperson on policy issues; liaison between Committee and the Department, State legislature, the Governor's administrative and legislative staff, and constituency groups; meeting planning and preparation; and monitoring Commission and four other committees attached to the Commission (Long Term Care, Uninsured Persons and Uncompensated Care, Simplified Medical Billing, and Health Care Cost Containment).

04/87 - 09/89

Legislative Liaison. Drafted departmental health and health occupation legislation and amendments to proposed State legislation, analyzed legislation to determine direct or indirect impact on the public health, prepared fiscal notes on legislation's impact on the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) and advised DHMH administrators on potential impact of legislative actions. Monitored and coordinated the DHMH activities involving the State legislature, the Governor's administrative and legislative staff, and constituency groups. Specialty area: Health Care Policy, Financing, and Regulation.

01/87 - 04/87

MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY, DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE, ANNAPOLIS, MD

Legislative Analyst. Drafted State legislation and amendments to proposed legislation on health and health occupations, observed legislative committee meetings and voting sessions, prepared bill analysis for the Committee Report System, and monitored the proceedings of the Maryland Senate. Subject matter area: health general and health occupations.

## **EDUCATION**

Morgan State University, Community College Leadership Doctoral Program, 2020 (expected)

University of Maryland Global College, Accounting, BA, 2022 (expected)

University of Maryland College Park, Courses in Economics, 2004

Temple University School of Law, Philadelphia, PA, JD - 1986

University of Maryland Eastern Shore-University of Maryland at Baltimore Honors Program, Princess Anne, MD, BA -1983

Major - Sociology; Minors - Mathematics and Computer Science

Bar Membership, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 1986

## **CERTIFICATION**

Certified Research Administrator (CRA), 2019

## **EXTRAMURAL FUNDING (PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT AND POST AWARD MANAGEMENT)**

Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC), Project Achieve: Platform for Reading. (\$2,800,825) FY 14- FY 22.

Center for Substance Abuse Prevention/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration/DHHS. Drug Free Community Support Program and Drug Free Community Mentoring Program. Funded in Dover, Delaware; Broward County, Florida; Somerset County, Maryland; Worcester County, Maryland, Prince George's County, Maryland; Louisville, Kentucky; East Baltimore, Maryland; Wards 1, 5 and 8 in the District of Columbia. \$8,375,000. FY 2003 - FY 2025.

Center for Substance Abuse Prevention/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration/DHHS. Minority Serving Institution-Community-based Organizations. UMES Prevention Works Initiative. \$1.8 million FY 2014 – FY 2018.

National Science Foundation (NSF), Innovative Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers (ITEST), Community Platform for Oceanic and Climate Education, Careers, and Workforce Development. \$1,056,000. FY 2011 - FY 2014.

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP). Farmers Market @ Suitland Federal Center. \$77,863. FY 2012 - FY 2014.

Center for Substance Abuse Prevention/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration/DHHS. Minority AIDS Initiative. Substance Abuse and HIV Integrated Prevention Services for Women (SHIPS). \$1,005,000. FY 2008 - FY 2013.

United States Department of Education. Mentoring Program. \$1,200,000. FY 2006 - FY 2008.

US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Youthbuild, \$400,000 (FY 2005-FY 2006)

Center for Substance Abuse Prevention/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration/DHHS. Minority AIDS Initiative. Hip Hop 2 Prevent Substance Abuse and HIV (H2P). \$1,050,000. FY 2003 - FY 2008.

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Quinton, S., Boyle, M, Lankford-Purnell, K., Lankford, G., and Boekeloo, B. (2020). The need for marijuana perceived risk interventions targeting college students at a historically Black college and university. Submitted for publication.

D'Silva, J., Boekeloo, B., Seaman, E., and Quinton, S. (2019). Marijuana risk perceptions are associated with past-month use among first-year college students at a historically Black university. *Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Abuse*. doi.10.1080/15332640.2018.15567765

Boekeloo, B., Boyle, M., Quinton, S., and Rashaw, B. (2018) College student sexual risks associated with first-time sex with someone after sexting them. *Health Behavior Policy Review*, 5(2), 3-11.

Ali, B., Boekeloo, B., Mittal, M., Ishman, N., and Quinton, S. (2017) *Psychological violence and HIV-related psychosocial and sexual risk behaviors among black women*. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*  
(<https://doi.org/10.1177/0886260517720734>)

Iles, I., Seate, A., Boekeloo, B., and Quinton, S. (2016). *The impact of spirituality and religiosity on Unprotected Sex for Adult Women*. *American Journal of Health Behavior* 40(2):240-247. PMID:26931756

Boekeloo, B., Geiger, T., Wang, M., Ishman, N., Quinton, S., Allen, G., and Snow, D. (2014). Evaluation of a Socio-Cultural Intervention to Reduce Unprotected Sex for HIV Among African American/Black Women. *Aids and Behavior*. doi.10.1007/s10461-015-1004-3.

Turner, J.O., Rhodes, W.A., Hicks Harper, P.T., and Quinton, S.L. (2008). Hip-Hop to prevent substance use and HIV among African American youth: A preliminary investigation. *Journal of Drug Education*, 38(4), 351-365.

Hicks Harper, P.T., Rhodes, W.A., Thomas, D., Leary, G., and Quinton, S. (Fall, 2007). Hip-Hop development<sup>tm</sup> : Bridging the generational divide for youth development. *Journal for Youth Development - Bridging Research and Practice*.



## **SPECIAL PROJECTS AND PUBLICATIONS**

Community Investor: Making Money While Making Social Change. Book on revenue generation, sustainability, and business development in the social sector. 2014

Substance Abuse and HIV Integrated Prevention Services for Women (SHIPS). Roundtable presentation at the United States Conference on AIDS. 2010

Hip Hop 2 Prevent Substance Abuse and HIV: A Youth Development Curriculum. An evidenced –based program listed on the SAMHSA National Registry of Evidenced-based Programs, Practices, and Policies (NREPP 2010). 2003 - 2008

District Heights Community Development Corporation, Working with community residents to develop the scope of work of the community development corporation, 1998 - 2000

Suitland Business Association/Suitland Civic Association, Working with neighborhood groups to develop the Suitland Business District , 1998 – present.

Support Center of Washington, 501(c)(3) Trainer, 1997.

Prince George’s Community Foundation, Inc., Board Retreat, Designed and implemented a strategic planning session for the board, 1996.

Prince George’s Community Foundation, Networking Conference, Workshop on the legal issues for nonprofit organizations, 1996.

Prince George’s County, Council District 7, Leadership Committee, Workshop for community leaders on the pros and cons of 501(c)(3) status, 1996.

Suitland High School, Suitland, MD. Sponsors positive youth development programs such as rite of passages, a violence prevention youth entrepreneurial initiative, and a teen parent luncheon session. 1996 – 2007.

Florence Crittenton Services of Baltimore, Inc. Served as the Resource Developer to enhance their educational program. 1996.

Prince George’s Department of Family Services. Workshop for community-based providers on obtaining 501(c)(3) status, 1995.

CareerNet. Designed staff orientation and training for the implementation of Prince George’s County One-Stop Career Center, CareerNet. Prince George’s Private Industry Council. 1995.

Suitland Family and Life Enrichment Center. Designed a one-stop multi-service human service center in Suitland, Maryland. Programs include employment and

entrepreneurial training, life skills development, youth prevention services, and an early learning center. Chair, Board of Directors. 1991- 1996. Executive Director 1997 – present.

Job Corps Campus. Prepared a credible and competitive grant application for a community Job Corps facility in Prince George's County, funds rescinded by Congress, 1995.

Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation, M-NCPPC. Evaluated after-school programs at four elementary schools and designed a community empowerment consortium model to assist with program continuation. 1995.

Victory Memorial Hospital, New York, New York. Provided assessment of medical facility and recommendations for survival in the 21st century health care arena. 1994.

Brookdale Medical Center, New York, New York. Designed and implemented a community outreach program. 1994.

4th Congressional District Healthcare Advisory Committee, Subcommittee for Direct Services, Special Populations, & Community Outreach, Subgroup Leader for Addictions (Alcohol and Drugs), Congressman Albert Wynn, 1993 – present.

Youth Empowerment: Building For The Future, Youth Braintrust, The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. 23rd Annual Legislative Weekend, Co-Coordinator, September, 1993.

Influencing Public Policy, Building the System for the Future: A Perinatal Conference, Sponsored by the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs and Operation PAR, Inc, Workshop, August, 1993.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Appeals System, SAMHSA Extramural Policies and Procedures Course, Presentation, April, 1993.

Maximizing Funding Opportunities, Sixth Annual Conference on Counseling & Treating People of Colour: An International Perspective, Workshop, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, October, 1992.

Community Prevention Programs, Sixth Annual Conference on Counseling & Treating People of Colour: An International Perspective, Workshop, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, October, 1992.

Your Role In Alcohol and Other Drug Community Prevention, Potomac District Annual Conference African Methodist Episcopal Church, Workshop, September, 1992.

HIV/AIDS and African-American Youth, Kiamsha Youth Empowerment Rites of Passage Program, Workshop, May, 1992.

A Response to Society's Mixed Messages: Environmental Strategies to Reduce Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug (ATOD) Problems, 1991 Issue Forum Summary Report, July, 1991 (Served as Project Officer for Issue Forum held at the University of Pennsylvania).

Identifying the Needs of Drug-Affected Children: Public Policy Issues, Office for Substance Abuse Prevention (OSAP), Prevention Monograph 11, 1990 (Monograph proceedings from OSAP Issue Forum in November 1990).

Washington, DC, on Drug-Exposed Children Ages 2 to 5: Identifying Their Needs and Planning for Early Intervention - served as the Project Officer for Issue Forum and monograph).

OSAP Blue Ribbon Panel on Scientific Rigor in Alcohol and Other Prevention Programs, October, 1990 (Project Officer).

Interim Report and Final Report, Governor's Commission on Health Care Policy and Financing, Committee on Mandated Health Benefits, January 1989 and January 1990, respectively.

State's Approached To Mandated Health Benefit Laws, Committee on Mandated Health Benefits, Paper, October 1988.

A Sui Genesis Approach To Protecting Computer Software, Temple University School of Law, Research Paper, Fall 1985.

The Protection Available to Computer Software, Temple University School of Law, Research Paper, Fall 1984.

## **VOLUNTEER AND COMMUNITY SERVICE/INFORMAL EDUCATION**

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. – Member, National Finance Committee (2019-2021)

Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay – Board Member (2018-2019)

The Links, Inc. (Princess Anne (MD) Chapter) – 2015 - present

NASPA Certification in Student Affairs Law and Policy - 2016

National Sponsored Programs Administrators Alliance of Historical Black Colleges and Universities (NSPAA-HBCU) - 2015

Toastmasters International: Competent Communication, 2015

Unity of Washington DC, 2013 - present

Unity Institute & Seminary, Spiritual Education and Enrichment, Licensed Unity Teacher, 2016

Suitland Design Review Committee - Member, 2011 - 2016

Gaston and Porter Health Improvement Center, Board Member, 2003 – 2013.

University of Maryland Eastern Shore National Alumnae Association, President - 2004-2006.

Suitland Business Association, President, 2000 - 2015

Prince George's Hospital Center, Board Member, 2004 – 2012.

Health Action Forum of Prince George's County, Program Manager, 2010 - 2012

Health Action Forum of Prince George's County, Board Member, 2000-2009.

Greater Washington Nonprofit Roundtable, Board Member, 2002-2003

NAACP Maryland State Conference of Branches, Health Chair, 2002.

National Black Women's Health Project, Board Member, Vice Chair, 1997 – 2003.

Girl Scouts of the Nation's Capital, Legislative Representative, Executive Board, 1988-1990.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Eastern Regional Representative, National Board Member, 1982-1984.

## **RELEVANT HONORS AND AWARDS**

Joint Civilian Orientation Conference (JCOC), 2006.

Washington Area Community Investment Fund (WACIF), Community Partner Award, 2002.

Washington Area Women's Foundation Leadership Award, 2000.

Public Health Service Special Recognition Award for work on the Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community Interagency Task Force, 1995.

Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service for work on the Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community Interagency Task Force, 1995.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration Performance Management and Recognition System - Outstanding Performance Rating, 1992-1995.

U.S. Public Health Service Special Recognition Award, (Outstanding contributions in conceptualizing, planning, and implementing the OSAP Issue Forum Series in support of the PHS mission of reducing alcohol and other drug abuse), 1992.

Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration Performance Management and Recognition System - Outstanding Performance Rating, 1991.

Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration Employee Performance Management System - Excellent Performance Rating, 1990.

State of Maryland, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Certificate of Appreciation, March, 1990.

Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, 1982 and 1983.

## **INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL**

Cambridge, England  
Grand Cayman Island  
Guanacaste, Costa Rica  
Paris, France  
Naples, Italy  
South Africa - Cape Town, Durban, & Johannesburg  
Stuttgart, Germany  
West Africa - Dakar, Senegal and The Gambia

## **LANGUAGES**

Spanish as a Second Language (Intermediate)