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Please describe your primary workplace and role: Director of the Center for Community Research at DePaul University

Please describe any work you do related to public policy (paid or voluntary): Working with patient groups and researchers in the areas of ME/CFS and recovery homes.

What training/education do you have in community psychology? How has this training contributed to your work in public policy? The training I received was from reading and practicing following graduation from my graduate program.

What other training or experiences helped prepare you for your work in public policy?

Lots of trial and error, and learning from others in the community.

What advice might you give to students and others thinking about working in public policy?

Stay with an area long enough to get to know all the gatekeepers and issues. Also, try to focus on second order structural change.

Is there anything else you would like to say about your involvement in public policy? Power abuses occur in much of the work we do, so trying to work collaboratively with other organizations is critical for success.

Please list any professional affiliations that relate to your involvement in public policy. International Association of ME/CFS. National Alliance of Recovery Residences. Oxford House Inc.

