



Patricia D. Branham

Pat joined the Bernard & Associates, P.C. and the PAR Foundation after retiring from Unum to utilize her master's degree knowledge and skills. She was a psychiatric nurse at Moccasin Bend Mental Health Institute in Chattanooga. She was one of the first interns with Bernard & Associates, P.C. and is seeing individual clients. She has been a crisis responder for many years assisting with various responses including suicides, natural disasters, Tri-State Crematory, and others. Pat has been active with ZeroCOVID: Chattanooga and has assisted with the development and staffing of various online support groups during COVID. Pat is a proud mother and grandmother – and realtor.

Education:

- B.S. Business Administration, Major in Public Administration
University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, 1977
- A.D. Nursing
Chattanooga State Community College, 1994
- M.Ed. Community Counseling
University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, 1999

Licensed: Registered Nurse, State of Tennessee

Memberships: American Counseling Association

Employment:

Project Personnel Officer, Recruiter, Assistant Division Personnel Officer, Natural Resource Ops - **Tennessee Valley Authority** – 7 years

Unit Registered Nurse, then Patient Education Facilitator – **Moccasin Bend Mental Health Facility** – 4 years

RN Case Manager – **GENEX Services** (subsidiary of UNUM) . Evaluated medical records. Contacted claimant, employee, and employer to assist in return to work plans. Promoted to supervisor of 8-10 RNs – 2 years

Sr. Clinical Consultant, Manager, then Director – Chattanooga Appeals Clinical-Vocational Staff, **UNUM**. Analyzed medical information in claims to determine whether restrictions and limitations of attending physician were supported by medical information in the file. Was primary author of mass prophylaxis plan for Chattanooga UNUM Employees along with the Head of Safety & Security and with Chattanooga Health & Safety Officer. Guided by the Health Dept. outline.

Volunteer Activities:

American Red Cross, Hamilton County – Crisis Counseling, Shelter RN, and as needed- 10 years

Critical Incident Stress Debriefing – Assist Dr Sam Bernard in various cases where a crisis occurred, for small and large groups.

Medical Reserve Corps – 20 Years off and on as needed. Currently Hamilton Co Health Dept Volunteer – Vaccinator, Explain and pass out COVID test kits, and other duties as needed.

Tennessee Community Services Agency – Board Member 2 Years. Met monthly to make decisions for expenditures of various needs across the state relative to various community agencies.

Chattanooga-Hamilton County Regional Health Council Appointee – Monthly roundtable meetings with other appointees to be informed, educated, and plan with other appointees to raise awareness in the community, set health priorities, etc – 2 yrs

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