

# Arlen Weiner

## Summary

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Experienced public health professional with expertise in reproductive health, women's health, program management and evaluation, implementation and strategic planning. Demonstrated history of successful partner management in the social, public, and private sectors. Strong interpersonal communications skills, coachable, eager to learn and contribute to a mission and vision.

## Experience

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**Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Remote** **March 2020 - Present**

*Consultant (Director Level) – Program Technical Lead*

- Recruited for consultancy to support the foundation's COVID-19 response.
- Manage stakeholder engagement to ensure strategy alignment across response workstreams.
- Translate scientific and emerging evidence to inform the foundation's investment strategy.
- Collaborate with non-COVID teams, including Family Planning and Gender Equality, to determine how the pandemic is impacting women as well as other marginalized communities.

**City of Cambridge, Cambridge, MA** **June 2019 – June 2020**

*Prevention Specialist, Domestic and Gender-Based Violence Prevention Initiative*

- Conduct needs assessments related to domestic and gender-based violence to inform strategic planning for citywide programs and campaigns.
- Collaborate with and provide guidance to community partners and city departments to implement new interventions and evaluate program performance, with emphasis on cultural competency and empathy.
- Identify new opportunities for collaboration and programming to improve quality of care for survivors and integrate prevention education into city programs (including sexual health programming for youth).

**Good Knight Communications and Consulting, Remote** **December 2018 - Present**

*Director & Lead Consultant*

- Provide strategic counsel to Praava Health (mission-driven startup in Bangladesh) on management, development, communications and business operations.
- Advise CEO and COO on operational improvements to increase productivity and quality of care.
- Mentor and train Praava's staff to improve patient interactions and internal coordination.
- Implement communications activities around Praava's work to improve quality of care in Bangladesh.

**Global Health Strategies, New York, NY** **July 2015 – August 2017**

*Manager (Mar - Aug 2017); Senior Associate (Jun 2016 - Feb 2017); Associate (Jul 2015 - Jun 2016)*

- Developed and executed strategic initiatives for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's family planning team, aimed at increasing access to contraceptives for 120 million additional women by 2020.
  - *Notable accomplishments:* Collaborated with stakeholders on an agreement to make Pfizer's contraceptive available at lower prices in low-income markets; Planned high-level meetings including the International Conference on Family Planning and the Family Planning Summit.
- Developed project scopes and workplans, monitored account budgets of more than \$1 million annually, and ensured all projects were completed on time and within budget.
- Prepared and presented strategic recommendations to executives at major global health organizations.
- Hired new staff; devised staffing plans that fell within budget parameters and appropriately utilized skills.
- Brought in new business, including US\$6 million contract to enhance reproductive health programs.
- Directly supervised junior staff and mentored them on writing, client interactions and time management.

**Office of Congressman Peter DeFazio (Oregon), Washington, DC** **September 2013 – June 2015**

*Legislative Assistant (May 2014 – Jun 2015); Legislative Correspondent (Sept 2013 – Sept 2014)*

- Served as lead staffer for healthcare, women's health, civil rights and social programs.
- Developed and analyzed legislative initiatives aligned with the Congressman's policy agenda.
- Represented the Congressman in meetings with diverse stakeholders, including government officials.

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## Other Leadership Experience

**Shanta Foundation**, Remote

**January 2018 - Present**

*Board Director; Vice Chair of the Board; Program Committee member*

- Advise Executive Director on finances, strategy and programs to improve women's health and economic opportunity in Myanmar.
- Provide public health expertise to health programs and women's empowerment programs.
- Review Shanta's programming to ensure fidelity to best practice, mission and guiding principles.
- Develop and approve annual and multi-year budgets and financial projections.
- Hire senior-level staff and lead executive sessions on sensitive staff/HR matters.

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## Education

**Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health**, Boston, MA

**March 2019**

*Master of Public Health, Social and Behavioral Sciences*

- **Awards & Activities:** Public Health Leadership Lab; Women and Public Policy Fellowship; Rose Service Learning Fellowship; Women, Gender & Health Working Group.
- **Research & Field Work:**
  - Assessing contraceptive counseling and options among recently-resettled refugees
  - Improving HIV/AIDS care delivery in Fortaleza, Brazil
  - Designed program to engage men in gender-based violence prevention, including developing objectives, logic models, implementation strategies, budget proposals, and evaluation plans

**Tufts University**, Somerville, MA

**May 2013**

*Bachelor of Arts, International Relations and Peace and Justice Studies*

- **Honors & Awards:** Summa Cum Laude; Highest Thesis Honors; Phi Beta Kappa; The National Honors Society for International Studies; Hale Award for Academic Excellence; Gibson International Award.

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## Skills & Personal Interests

Trained in program design, implementation and evaluation. Proficient in Microsoft Office, Stata, Google suite, and online collaboration and management platforms (Trello, Asana, Process St.). Interests include singing, yoga, rock and ice climbing, skiing and cooking.