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Tell us about yourself and why did you choose this type of work?

I wanted to make a difference in a bigger picture sort of way. I have taken care of individual patients for years, but helping providers find the right person to help provide care is very rewarding!

What motivated you to seek this career?

I love the region I live in and knew there was a void in connecting the dots for providers.

Describe some of your most important/proudest accomplishments?

Some of the best times come from the smallest of things- Helping someone who needs the ability to print medical records to obtain the correct applications, to larger scale accomplishments, such as , providing the correct introductions to allow affiliations to be formed between Critical Access hospitals and my organization.

What motivates you in your current position?

Doing the right thing and being supported to do so from my direct supervisor, to the top administration.

What are your biggest challenges to working in this field?

It is so big and changing all the time. It is hard to keep up.

What professional groups are you a member of, and how active have you been in those groups?

AAPL 3 years, AORN 25+

Why are you a member of AAPL, how long, what do you like about AAPL?

I thought it would help me to navigate the new waters of this position. 3 years. The people!



How do you engage in professional development and continue your education?

Reading, networking, looking to other professionals for advice and to help them also.

Who or what in your life would you say influenced you most with regard to your career objectives?

Currently, My director. My director has challenged and supported me to grow, but stay true to my original plans.

What motivates you to put forth your best effort?

Internal motivation to always do the best I can.

What things give you the greatest satisfaction in your job?

Happy people

If you had a personal mantra, what would it be?

What can be done to make this easier or better for all involved?

In what ways are you are making a contribution to your health system, hospital or physicians in your region?

Many ways- I make a financial and marketable presence to my organization. To the physicians in my region I am often their voice. I listen and always attempt to steer conversations in the correct direction.

What advice do you have for your colleagues who may be contemplating a career as a physician liaison or a move to a related-position?

Be flexible, but find a way to ground yourself. It is easy to get sidetracked. Have that 1 person that challenges you with Why questions!

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