



PROFILE

Driven, involved East Lansing resident and experienced human services professional with a strong track record of community activism and engagement centered on improving the City of East Lansing and Ingham County.

DANA WATSON

EDUCATION

Master of Science in Human & Social Services, Walden University
2018 Graduate

- ❖ Conflict Management & Negotiation

Bachelor of Arts in Communication, Michigan State University

- ❖ Concentration in interpersonal and organizational communication with an emphasis in social sciences

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ❖ **Fundamentals of Facilitation for Racial Justice Work**, Certificate of Completion
- ❖ **Health Equity & Social Justice 2018 Champion Award**
- ❖ **City of East Lansing Emerging Leaders** 2019

LEADERSHIP ROLES PAST & PRESENT

- ❖ **Capital Area Housing Partnership, Board of Directors** present
- ❖ **Volunteer Facilitator, Lansing People's Assembly** July 2020
- ❖ **City of East Lansing Planning Commission**, present
- ❖ **ELi's Community Advisory Team Chair**, quarterly input
- ❖ **City of East Lansing Community Development Advisory Committee for CDBG and Human Services Funds**
- ❖ **City of East Lansing Human Relations Commission**, 2016 term
- ❖ **The Davies Project, Board Member** 2018 - present
- ❖ **Marble Elementary Equity Team, Team Member/Secretary** 2018-present
- ❖ **ICEA-Professional Local 33 Union President, ICHD** 2014-2015
- ❖ **ICEA-Professional Local 33 Union Vice President, ICHD** 2013-2014

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ingham County Health Department (ICHD), Lansing, MI
Sept 2009-present

- A. **Health Educator II, ICHD**
Dec 2014-present

- ✓ **COVID 19, Special Populations Team** – Reduce disparities within Ingham County for Black and Latinx communities by increasing access to testing for COVID 19, eliminating barriers to seeking care and having safety during this epidemic
- ✓ Develop and conduct health education presentations
- ✓ Facilitate groups in the community alone or in collaboration with other organizations.
- ✓ Co-facilitate health equity and social justice
- ✓ Develop materials for health education
- ✓ Plan and implement community events
- ✓ Create awareness and educate the community about health problems
- ✓ Maintain external relationships by representing program and division
- ✓ Assist with grant writing

B. Assistant Social Worker, ICHD

Dec 2012-Dec 2014

- ✓ Reduced barriers to access care by assisting with access to insurance to include Medicaid, ADAP and ACA as the Medical Case Manager
- ✓ Documented and wrote health reports
- ✓ Engaged in direct client contact to offer resolutions
- ✓ Created and updated forms and reviewed manuals/protocols.
- ✓ Generated, distributed and coordinated information to providers, clients and team
- ✓ Established and maintained relationship with agencies and federal funder, HRSA
- ✓ Facilitated groups

C. Communicable Disease Investigator, ICHD

Nov 2011-Dec 2012

- ✓ Counseled and assessed clients to develop plans and identify risk areas
- ✓ Contacted medical clinics
- ✓ Identified resources and made referrals for clients
- ✓ Assisted in updating policies and protocols for the department
- ✓ Educated and discussed the benefits of testing and safer practices

D. Community Health Representative II, ICHD

Sep 2009-Nov 2011

- ✓ Participated in planning day to day front office operations to maintain clinic efficiency
- ✓ Maintained files by filing, updating, and preparing charts