

BRYAN M HARRIS

Richmond, CA

Professional Summary

Compassionate and highly skilled caregiver, nurse, and community advocate with decades of experience in public health, senior services, and adult education. I specialized in Alzheimer's/dementia care, restorative nursing, and client advocacy, including fiduciary and power of attorney roles. Proven leader in senior policy, program development, and event coordination, with a lifelong commitment to improving quality of life for older adults, people with disabilities, and long-term HIV survivors. Adept at working independently or collaboratively, with exceptional communication skills and physical endurance.

Core Competencies

- Alzheimer's/Dementia & Restorative Nursing Care
- Respite & In-Home Non-Medical Care
- Client Advocacy & Fiduciary Management
- Senior Policy & Program Development
- Event Planning & Community Engagement
- Adult Education & Literacy Instruction
- Strong Oral/Written Communication
- Physical Stamina & Safety Compliance

Professional Experiences

Secretary & Transportation Chair

Richmond Commission on Aging – City of Richmond, CA

April 2023 – Present

- Appointed by mayor and city council; serve on Executive Board.
- Lead transportation initiatives and senior mobility advocacy as Transportation Chair.
- Coordinate programs, senior services, and events including Senior Safety Summit, Senior Winter Ball, and Wellness & Nutrition Health Clinics and annual Health Fairs.
- Foster partnerships to address housing, health, and transportation needs for seniors.

Vice-Chair & Committee Chair

Oakland Transitional Grant Area (OTGA) Planning Council – Alameda County Dept Public Health

January 2023 – Present

- Oversee allocation of federal Ryan White funds for HIV/AIDS services in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Served as Chair from 2023-2025, now serving as Co-chair.
- Chair multiple committees including Persons Living with HIV and Planning, Priorities & Allocations, Planning Council, and Membership Committee.
- Represent Contra Costa County in regional HIV care planning in partnership with Contra Costa Health Services (CCHS).

GED Tutor & ESL Classroom Assistant

Literacy for Every Adult Program (LEAP) – City of Richmond, CA

July 2019 – December 2022

- Tutored adult learners to achieve GED certification; supported ESL students in reading, writing, and speaking English.
- Helped over 20 students earn their GEDs: several advanced to higher education.

Nurse & In-Home Support Services Provider

Contra Costa County Employment & Human Services Dept.

June 2015 – December 2022

- Delivered specialized care for Alzheimer's patients, COPD clients, and disabled veterans.
- Provided personal care, medication reminders, and mobility assistance.

Program Leader & On-site LVN

City of Richmond, Recreation Department

May 2007 – April 2014

- Managed senior center programs, supervised staff, and coordinated community events.
- First hired for the Business Office as Office Aide until July 2009, promoted to community services. Assigned to the Richmond Senior Center, I worked as program leader and nutrition lunch program manager.

Triage Nurse & Instructor

American Red Cross, San Francisco, CA

2007 – 2012

- Provided crisis nursing in disaster and international relief settings.
- Specialized in infectious disease and HIV/AIDS protocols.

(Additional roles in education, food security, and community outreach available upon request.)

Education

- **Certificates** – Nursing Assistant & Home Health Aide, West Contra Costa Adult Ed, 2007
- **M.S.** – Gerontology, College of Continuing Education, CSU Sacramento, 2004
- **B.A.** – Communication Studies (International/Intercultural), CSU Sacramento, 2000
- **A.A.** – Marketing (Graphic Design & Grant Writing), Sierra College, 1995
- **A.A.** – Hospitality Management, Keystone College, 1986

Licenses & Certifications

- California Nursing Assistant & Home Health Aide (CDPH)
- First Aid/CPR/AED – American Heart Association
- CBEST Teaching Credential, State of California
- IHSS Provider – Contra Costa County

Community & Memberships

- SEIU Local 2015 – Caregiver Union Member, lifetime membership
- Senior Mobility Action Council (SMAC), serving as Co-chair
- U.S. Navy Veteran – Culinary Management Specialist (Submarine Service)