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Rebecca Michael Elderkin

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Basic Information

Name

Rebecca Michael Elderkin

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Brief resume of educational background:

Education:

Master of Public Health with concentration in Community Health and Prevention Sciences, University of Montana (2020)
Graduate Certificate in Natural Resource Conflict Resolution, University of Montana, Center for Natural Resource and Environmental Policy (2020)
Political Science Human Rights and History, BA, University of Dayton (2012)

Awards:

Rocky Mountain Public Health Training Center, Student Leader in Public Health (2019)

Certifications:

Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) National Commission for Health Credentialing, Inc.
Human Subjects Research, Social-Behavioral Basic Course, CITI Program
Indigenous Evaluation and Research, Urban Indian Health Institute

Work Experience:

Emergency Preparedness and Resilience Coordinator, All Nations Health Center (March 2021 - Present)
Independent Community Health Consultant, Yellowstone National Park (October 2021 - Present)
United States Correspondent, Sustainable Food Trust (December 2019 - Present)
Planning Section Deputy Leader, Missoula City County Health Department (June 2021 - March 2021)
Research Assistant, Double SNAP Dollar Nutrition Incentive Program Evaluation (January 2019 - October 2020)
Research Assistant, Missoula Invest Health (August - December 2018)
Project Coordinator, Community Dispute Resolution Center of Missoula (July 2019 - May 2020)

Work experience you feel is relevant to this particular board:

In May of 2020, I graduated from the University of Montana with a Master of Public Health, where my concentration was in Community Health and Prevention Sciences. I was inspired to focus my studies on agriculture and land use as well as food system health issues after living and working abroad with a community agriculture organization in the Sacred Valley of Peru. As a student, I worked steadfastly on my purpose to apply public health sciences to food system issues. I was a Teaching Assistant for nutrition for two years. I was also the first public health student to participate in the College of Forestry and Conservation's interdisciplinary environmental policy program, where I earned a graduate certificate in Natural Resource Conflict Resolution. As a research assistant for the Community Food and Agriculture Coalition, I worked with the principal investigator to evaluate the Double SNAP Dollars Program at farmers markets across Western Montana. We evaluate nutrition impacts for SNAP participants and measured program outcomes for participating farmers through economic multipliers. As a student, I earned supplemental income by launching a business selling tallow skin care from cattle raised here in the Bitterroot Valley. I am, also, a contributing author and US correspondent for food, nutrition, and agriculture topics to the Sustainable Food Trust, based out of Bristol, UK. The most recent piece I wrote was from August last summer, which describes the potential for urban agriculture to reduce urban heat island effect in a warming climate from climate change.

I am an advocate for food justice and sustainability. My work experience ranges from government agencies, domestic and international NGOs as well as to entrepreneurship. It would be a privilege to serve the city and county of Missoula at the intersection of public health, environmental and land policy, climate change and food.

Previous community service (boards, etc):

Mental Health and Climate Working Group - Climate Smart Missoula
Wildfire Smoke, Heat and Health Working Group - Climate Smart Missoula
Climate Advisory Intermediary Group Charter for a Climate and Equity Advisory Board

Number of years as a resident of Missoula County:

7 years

Please list three personal references and explain why you wish to serve on this board or committee.

Elizabeth Williams, Cultural Epidemiologist, All Nations Health Center [REDACTED]

Kim Gilchrist, KG Consulting, ([REDACTED])

Blakely Brown, RD PhD, University of Montana [REDACTED]

I currently serve the Missoula urban Native community as the Emergency Preparedness and Resilience Coordinator at All Nations Health Center. The position was created to respond to the 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic. Increasingly, my position is evolving to encompass preparedness for other natural disasters related to climate change. As local agriculture has dynamic links to disaster preparedness, public health and health equity, I hope to contribute this unique perspective to Missoula's food governance.

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Additional Information

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