**Mary-Ellen (Marlo) J. Smith, MMT, MT-BC**

**Hospice & Palliative Care Music Therapist (HPMT)**

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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & INTERNSHIPS**

**Sonata Hospice,** San Diego, CA April 2015 – current

* Part-time to full-time music therapy supervisor for home, facility-, hospital-based hospice organization. Built the music therapy program and assisted in census growth through community in services and presence in the field.

**Pacific Music Therapy,** San Diego, CA March 2015 – current

* Sole proprietor of a hospice and palliative care music therapy practice. Providing community education, in services, team building, bereavement groups and counseling, rolling new music therapy programs – from policy and protocol to field practice.

**Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care,** San Diego, CA April 2010 – March 2015

* Full-time supervising board certified music therapist for home-, facility-, and hospital-based hospice. Helped build the program from 0 patients. Individualized assessments, care planning and treatment implementation within an interdisciplinary group, as well as ongoing bereavement groups and memorials. Clinical internship supervisor for 3 years. Frequent in services and community presentations to assist with education and census building. Ongoing teambuilding through expressive arts experiences. Deep understanding of Medicare guidelines and documentation expectations.

**Private Practice,** San Diego, CA; Hancock County, ME February 2009 – April 2010

* Primarily work with geriatric clients and terminally ill patients, as well as addiction recovery and children with special needs, through contracts with various facilities and organizations.

**Samaritan Hospice**, Marlton, NJ January 2008 – October 2008

* Music therapy with patients of all ages for a home- and facility-based hospice, as well as In-Patient Unit.

**United Presbyterian Church**, Millstone, NJ September 2007 – June 2008

*Children’s Music Director*

* Founded and conducted a community youth choir.

**LBI Foundation of the Arts**, Loveladies, NJ June 2007 – August 2007

*Summer Camp Music Director*

* Music sessions with three age groups up to age 12 at a summer camp for the arts.

**Tabernacle Elementary School**, Tabernacle, NJ September – December 2007

* Group and individual music therapy sessions with children with disabilities.

**Essex County Psychiatric Hospital**, Newark, NJ September 2006 – May 2007

* Group music therapy sessions in a county psychiatric facility addressing appropriate goals such as basic activities of daily living, gaining insight, and overall quality of life.

**Runnells Specialized Hospital**, Berkeley Heights, NJ September 2006 – May 2007

* Group music therapy sessions with a geriatric population in all stages of Dementia enhancing and maintaining cognitive functioning, improving and maintaining motor skills, elevating mood, increasing emotional expression, and overall quality of life.

**EDUCATION**

**Temple University**, Philadelphia, PA

Esther Boyer College of Music, Master of Arts in Music Therapy, Fall 2007 - Fall 2010

4.0 GPA

**Montclair University**, Montclair, NJ

John J. Cali School of Music, Master of Arts in Music Therapy Program, enrolled January 2006 – May 2007

4.0 GPA

**Macquarie University**, Sydney, Australia

Exchange Student, Fall Semester 1999

**University of New Hampshire**, Durham, NH

Bachelor of Arts in Music Performance, 1997 – 2001

**AWARDS & HONORS**

***Anni Baker Memorial Scholarship Recipient***, Temple University, 2008

* Award given to student for outstanding abilities as a performing musician, academic excellence in music therapy, outstanding potential for clinical work in music therapy, as demonstrated in field work and internship experiences, and the commitment to the field through additional activities.

***Jenny Shinn Memorial Scholarship***, Mid-Atlantic Region of Music Therapy, 2008

* Awarded for the demonstration of potential for outstanding service as a music therapist.

***Graduate Scholarship,*** Mid-Atlantic Region of Music Therapy, 2008

* Awarded to a graduate student demonstrating clinical potential.

***Temple University Dean’s List***, 2008, 2009

***Montclair State University Dean’s List***, 2007

**PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

***Music Therapy Supervision: A Dual Perspective.*** Western Region Music Therapy Association Conference, San Jose, CA, 2015

***From Legacy to Ethics: Hot Topics in Hospice Music Therapy,*** CMTE (CEU), AMTA National Conference, 2014.

***Learning the Language: Strategies for success in hospice music therapy.*** American Music Therapy Association (AMTA) National Conference, Jacksonville, FL, 2013.

***Music & the Military: Hospice music therapy with Veterans and families.*** VA Hospital, San Diego, 2010, 2013, 2014.

***Medical Music Therapy: Theory, Practice & Research,*** CEU for Hospitalists, Scripps Green Hospital, San Diego, CA, 2013

***When We Only Have the Moment: The clinical use of improvisation to facilitate communication and draw out the human spirit with patients with dementia and families***, Arts & QOL Conference, Philadelphia, PA, 2013.

***The Use of Music to Reduce Stress and Anxiety in Patients Awaiting Liver & Kidney Transplants***, Scripps Green Hospital, San Diego, CA, 2012.

***Living while dying: Existential Issues in End-of-Life Music Therapy***, AMTA National Conference, Atlanta, GA, 2011.

**ADDITIONAL TRAININGS & ACTIVITIES**

**Hospice & Palliative Care Music Therapy Training**

* Completed 3 out of 3 extensive Hospice & Palliative Care Music Therapy (HPMT) trainings and received certification through the Center for Music Therapy in End of Life Care. Hospice & Palliative Care Music Therapy Institute; Grief & Loss Music Therapy Institute; Counseling Skills for Music Therapists Institute.

**Hospice Action Network Advocate – Advocacy Intensive,** Washington, D.C.,2014

* Hospice Action Network is dedicated to preserving and expanding access to hospice care in America. As an active member I attended the annual advocacy intensive and met with Congress and Representatives to successfully lift implementation of changes made to Medicare Part D.

**Seasons Hospice Foundation Volunteer**

* Non-profit foundation whose mission is to provide for basic needs and grant wishes for terminally ill patients and their families.

**Guided Imagery and Music**

* Currently a Level II Trainee under the instruction of Lisa Summer and supervision of Fran Goldberg.

**The Village Farm School,** San Diego, CA April 2012 – Present

* Child-led group music instruction, composition, improvisation and music expression with children ages 5-10 fostering group dynamics, community and open expression in a supportive and nurturing environment. Various instruments and voice used; basic rhythmic and harmonic concepts taught.

**Xara Garden School,** San Diego, CA September 2010 – June 2011

* Child-centered group music experiences. Emphasis on instruction, composition, improvisation and music expression with children ages 5-8 emphasizing group dynamics, social skills, community and open expression in a supportive milieu. Keyboard skills, percussion and basic music theory taught.

**Trained Doula**

* Assisting women and their partners in the labor and delivery of their newborns. It has been solely volunteer-based work. Being an active participant in birth has informed practice in end-of-life care.

**Mid-Atlantic Region Annual Music Therapy Conference**

*Conference Planning Committee*

* Procured, organized and tracked conference exhibitors and vendors.

**Womanspace Volunteer**

* Served as a volunteer for a center for domestic violence and child abuse in Trenton, New Jersey.

**REFERENCES** Furnished upon request