

Asterhill Research Company

Research, Planning and Healthy Communities Advocate



Vickie Andrews, APHA, IEDC

Senior Community & Economic Development Specialist

Vickie Andrews is Senior Community Health & Economic Development Specialist focusing on developing strategies to improve economic conditions in communities and the quality of life. She holds a Masters in Public Health (Walden University), Master in Business Administration (John Hopkins University). Vickie will complete her PhD in Public in 2019. She has extensive experience and training with US Department of State, USAID, and Virginia Department of Health. Vickie has extensive experience working with community and economic development agencies in the northeastern United States, for the past 20 years. She is a strong advocate for health communities. Her approach calls for a collaboration of community partners, stakeholders and professionals to help clients develop strategies and solutions to increase health capacities of their communities and improve the quality of life.

EDUCATION

Doctoral Candidate Public Health (*Expected 2019*)
Master's in Public Health Walden University
Master's in Business Administration, John Hopkins University
Graduate Certificate : Leadership Development of Mgrs., John Hopkin University

FIELDS OF RESEARCH

International Economic Development
Leadership and Healthy Communities
Health and Inequity in vulnerable populations
Health literacy
Communities health capacities: economic, environmental, educational, ecological and social equity

CURRENT AFFILIATIONS

American Public Health Association
Greater Prince William Medical Reserve Corp
International Economic Development Council
Leadership Development Program Alumni
President, Ambassadors of Speech
(Toastmaster International), Washington, DC Chapter

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Superior Group Award, Office of Urban Programs – USAID 2003
Cognizant Technical Officer Certification – USAID 2004
Local Economic Development Case Studies – USAID 2003-2006
Publication, Research and Assessments – USAID 2003-2006
Facilitator - Economic Development Speaker Series – USAID 2003-2006

SELECTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE

USAID & Land O'Lakes

Engaged as an Economic Development Consultant to create and develop ecotourism strategy for conservation, floral biodiversity and cultural and religious heritage attractions

Collaborated with various local municipal officials, US State Department, USAID, universities, NGOS, United Nations, Food and Agriculture Organization, Ministry of Tourism and other organizations to build partnerships and promote sustainable biodiversity conservation with the goal of empowering community engagement.

United State Department of State

Developed and lead database management (Excel, Access, SharePoint, etc.) for the Office of Abduction's Division to provide country specific analysis on child abduction trends, abduction cases, public information, policy and guidance, in collaboration with other children's issues.

Convened interagency working group, identifying and following up on key issues on International Parental Child Abduction laws which prohibit a child being removed from the United States.

Provided technical support to other Divisions (Prevention, In-coming Abductions) on issues surrounding abductions nationally and abroad.

Coordinated with other technical working groups within the Consular Affairs Bureau creating talking points, presentations on abductions, adoptions and prevention efforts for other agencies and the public.

Liaised with other offices within the Office of Children's Issues (Adoptions, Prevention and Incoming) on children activities.

US Bureau for Economic Growth & Trade

Technical expert and Team Lead for Local Economic Development (LED) programs and strategies that responded to the problems and opportunities associated with urbanization.

Provided expert advice and guidance to USAID partners, missions and other development agencies related to monitoring and evaluation of LED programs, strategic planning of LED programs and frameworks.

Managed level of effort (LOE) and pipeline analysis for allocation of incremental funding.

Examples: CityLinks Program - \$1 million five-year Cooperative Agreement; Emerging Market Trends Training Course - \$500,000 two-year contract; Urban Partnerships Grant Program - \$500,000 annual assistance program; Youth and Employment - \$3 million GDA.

Developed programs and strategies that responded to the problems and opportunities associated with urbanization; built technical capacity through workshops and formulated online learning tools; managed level of effort (LOE), pipeline analysis for allocation of incremental funding.