

Diane Cherry

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HIGHLIGHTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Extensive public policy and communications experience in North Carolina and nationally
- Experienced public policy manager, communicator, and facilitator with a proven ability to construct public policy solutions
- Strengths in organization and coalition building to achieve public policy goals
- Skilled writer and strategic thinker
- Proven ability to form and lead talented groups of diverse people to accomplish tasks
- Regular presenter at statewide and national conferences

EXPERIENCE

PRINCIPAL, DIANE CHERRY CONSULTING

March 2019 - present

- Woman-owned small business providing energy and environmental consulting expertise
- Projects completed for non-profits, local government, clean energy companies, and higher education institutions

DIRECTOR OF ENGAGEMENT, NORTH CAROLINA SUSTAINABLE ENERGY ASSOCIATION (NCSEA)

February 2016 – February 2019

- Managed a team of communications and membership professionals responsible for all print and social media, newsletters, and other collateral
- Collaborated with stakeholders to develop deployment strategies for clean energy sectors including biogas, energy storage, and electric vehicles
- Managed and facilitated working groups with dozens of stakeholders to resolve contentious issues
- Communicated policy positions to stakeholders externally throughout North Carolina and Southeastern United States
- Fundraised for the organization and communicated issues in various clean energy regulatory dockets

ADJUNCT FACULTY, NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF PUBLIC & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

August 2014 – 2017

- Instructor in the Master in Public Administration (MPA) program at NC State University
- Designed and created four new courses including U.S. Environmental Policy, Written Communication for Public Policy Professionals, Special Topics in Public Policy, and Effective Communications

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ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY MANAGER, NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

March 2006 – February 2016

- Planned, developed, executed, and communicated the annual Emerging Issues Forum and dozens of other policy forums throughout North Carolina
- Facilitated numerous community and stakeholder meetings on issues from manufacturing to the creative economy to workforce development
- Worked with state leaders to restructure the way North Carolina decides energy policy
- Advised the community college system on training the state's green workforce

BUDGET ANALYST, CITY OF RALEIGH

September 1998 – February 2006

- Managed the City's public safety, solid waste, technology, public works' budgets for seven years
- Planned, budgeted, and executed the City's transition from backyard to curbside solid waste collection
- Developed City of Raleigh's disaster policy
- Served as staff to City Manager for special projects

SENIOR POLICY ADVISOR, NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND NATURAL RESOURCES

June 1994 – August 1998

- Served as an advisor to Assistant Secretary for Environmental Protection in charge of 2,200 employees in seven regulatory divisions
- Implemented regulatory reform legislation for the North Carolina General Counsel

PRESIDENTIAL MANAGEMENT FELLOW, U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, OFFICE OF POLICY, PLANNING, & EVALUATION, 1993-1994

RESEARCH ASSISTANT, RESOURCES FOR THE FUTURE, INC., 1989-1991

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recipient of Toastmaster's Certificate for Public Speaking Skills
- Graduate of Leadership North Carolina
- Awarded Highest Distinction in Economics at the University of Virginia
- Awarded Best Policy Analysis Exercise at Harvard Kennedy School

EDUCATION

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, JOHN F. KENNEDY SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT, MASTER'S IN PUBLIC POLICY, CONCENTRATION IN ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS, Graduated

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ECONOMICS, Graduated