

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

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NAME <b>J. Renea Austin-Duffin, MPA</b>		POSITION TITLE Vice-President	
eRA COMMONS USER NAME (credential, e.g., agency login) <b>CARENETWORK</b>		Cancer Support and Outreach Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center	
EDUCATION/TRAINING (Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, such as nursing, include postdoctoral training and residency training if applicable.)			
INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE (if applicable)	MM/YY	FIELD OF STUDY
Louisiana State University – Baton Rouge, LA	BS	05/87	Business & Public Administration
Southern University – Baton Rouge, LA	MPA	5/89	Master of Public Administration

**A. Personal Statement**

The goal of the proposed project is to expand cancer research, including increased accruals to clinical trials, particularly for minority and underserved populations throughout the Gulf South. As the senior executive at Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center (MBPCC), I am responsible for the strategic development and implementation of all programs and services within an 18 parish service area that lessen the burden of cancer in the community (social services, awareness and education, research, and early detection), I have the experience necessary to help complete the goals of the project. I currently administer the early detection program which provides, at no cost, five different types of cancer screenings in an 18 parish service in southeast Louisiana through the use of medical mobile unit and in partnership with other local healthcare providers. Also, I am responsible for the delivery of cancer supportive services to patients undergoing treatment, including implementation of a comprehensive patient navigation program from screening through survivorship, quality of care components embedded in cancer care delivery models. I served as Principal Investigator on a three (3) year \$315,000 grant from the Ralph Lauren Cancer Center in Harlem, New York for patient navigation, one of only 5 grantees in the United States. I manage the delivery of patient and community education and awareness about cancer and cancer prevention as well as serve as an expert resource in the community as it relates to cancer incidence, mortality and prevention through our speaker's bureau and media appearances. I have overseen the successful development and implementation of both outpatient and inpatient tobacco cessation programs that have resulted in an average quit rate of 50%. I currently serve on the Leadership Teams of community hospital partners with whom we have cooperative endeavor agreements to ensure the delivery of comprehensive cancer care.

**B. Positions and Honors**

Positions and Employment

1989 – 1995	Research & Fiscal Analyst, Louisiana Legislature, Baton Rouge, LA
1995 – 1996	Administrative Director, Louisiana HIV/AIDS Program Office, New Orleans, LA
1996 – 1998	Undersecretary, Louisiana Department of Social Services, Baton Rouge, LA
1998 – 1999	Deputy Commissioner of Administration, State of Louisiana, Baton Rouge, LA
1999 - 2001	Secretary, Louisiana Department of Social Services, Baton Rouge, LA
2001 – 2006	Senior Vice-President, Member and Community Relations, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana, Baton Rouge, LA
2007 – Present	Vice-President, Cancer Support & Outreach, Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center, Baton Rouge, LA

### Honors

2000 Leadership Louisiana, Class of 2000, Baton Rouge, LA  
2001 Baton Rouge Business Report Top 40 under 40, Baton Rouge, LA  
2011 Baton Rouge Business Report Influential Women in Business, Baton Rouge, LA

### **C. Selected Peer-reviewed Publications**

1. Duffin, R. (2008). Putting breast health first: establishing no-cost comprehensive breast care for the indigent and underinsured requires a well-orchestrated community collaboration. *Seminars in Breast Disease*.
2. Duffin, R., Katurakes, N., Hood, D., Berger, M., Costa, D., and Dawkins, D. How ncccp outreach efforts help reduce cancer disparities. *Oncology Issues*, July/August 2011.
3. Duffin, R., Donaldson, E., Holtgrave, D., Feltner, F., Funderbunk, W., and Freeman, H.P. Patient navigation for breast and colorectal cancer in three community hospital settings. *Cancer*. October 2012

### **D. Research Support**

#### Ongoing Research Support

U10CA063845 (NIH NCI) Veith (PI) 06/01/2009 – 05/31/2014  
LSUHSC Minority-Based Community Clinical Oncology Program  
The goal of this project is to increase minority participation in state-of-the-art, NCI clinical trials in the Greater New Orleans area and surrounding regions.  
Role: Community Outreach and Education Lead – Mary Bird Perkins

#### Completed Research Support

U10CA063845-11S1 (NIH NCI) Veith (PI) 09/30/2009 – 09/29/2013  
ARRA APMC Supplement to LSUHSC Minority-Based Community Clinical Oncology Program (MB-CCOP)  
The goal of the overall program to increase minority participation in state-of-the-art, NCI clinical trials offered through the Aids Malignancy Consortium in the Greater New Orleans area and surrounding regions.  
Role: Community Outreach and Education Lead – Mary Bird Perkins

H75DO001753 Duffin (PI) 09/01/2008 - 08/31/2011  
DHH-CDC  
Early Detection, Outreach, Cancer Screenings And Patient Education Program  
The program aims to increase community outreach, education, and cancer screenings for over 18 parishes in Louisiana.

National Community Cancer Centers Program Berger (PI) 07/01/2007 – 06/30/2012  
NIH-NCI  
The NCCCP supports and conducts basic, clinical, and population-based research in risk assessment, prevention, detection, diagnosis, treatment, surveillance, and end-of-life care, and are working to apply the latest research findings to their cancer practices.  
Role: Co-Principal Investigator