**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH – MAUREEN NICHOLS**

**Education**

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| **Institution/Location** | **Degree (completed)** | **Dates Attended** | **Field of Study** |
| Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA | B.A. (1988) | 1984 – 1988 | History |

**Professional Experience**

**Positions and Employment**

2018- Present Principal Investigator/Director, South Southwest Addiction Technology Transfer Center (SSW ATTC)

Provides leadership and overall direction of the SSW ATTC. Provides conceptual and technical leadership and supervises staff in planning, implementation and delivery of training and technical assistance activities for the addictions field. Provides financial and grants management. Maintains effective linkage and communication with key state and federal collaborators, as well as the national coordinating offices and regional members of the SAMHSA TTC Network.

2020- Present Associate Director, Programs, Addiction Research Institute, Steve Hicks School of Social Work, University of Texas Austin

Provides overall direction of implementation projects, oversees grants and contracts portfolio, and manages program staff for the Addiction Research Institute (ARI). As a member of the Executive Leadership Team, participates in development of vision and direction of the Institute.

2020- Present Administrator/Director for Core Team 3 of the Peer Recovery Center of Excellence

Responsible for implementation of the workforce development initiatives for the Peer Recovery Center of Excellence. Supervises staff efforts in identifying and assembling subject matter experts, responding to technical assistance requests, and implementing communities of practice, leadership academies and learning communities for the peer recovery support workforce.

2018- Present Administrator/Director for HHS Region 6 Opioid Response Network

Responsible for implementation of the Opioid Response Network project for HHS Region 6. Supervise staff efforts in identifying and assembling local addiction medicine professionals and prevention, treatment and recovery support experts who can provide on-the ground, culturally appropriate technical assistance/

2017-2018 Co-Director, South Southwest ATTC

2014 - 2017 Project Coordinator, Texas Recovery Support Services Project, ARI

2004 - 2017 Principal, Shanti Consulting Services

1993 - 2000 Technical Assistance Specialist/Evaluation Analyst/Budget Analyst Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

**Selected Publications**

1. Early, J. Roberts, S. Nichols, M. (2024). Medicaid Reimbursement for Peer

Support Services: A Detailed Analysis of Rates, Processes, and Procedures. Peer

Recovery Center of Excellence, University of Missouri – Kansas City

1. Nichols, M., Saubers, T., Kues, D., Early, J., Lodge, A., Stevens Manser, S. (2023). Comparative Analysis of State Requirements for Peer Support Specialist Training and Certification in the United States. Kansas City, MO. University of Missouri Kansas City Peer Recovery Center of Excellence.
2. Mangrum, L. F., Nichols, M. Kaviani, C., Hutton, E. (2021) Recovery Support Services Project Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Recovery Support Regional Needs Assessment for the Texas Health and Human Services. Austin, TX. University of Texas Austin Addiction Research Institute.
3. Molfenter T, Roget N, Chaple M, Behlman S, Cody O, Hartzler B, Johnson E, Nichols M, Stilen P, Becker S. Use of Telehealth in Substance Use Disorder Services During and After COVID-19: Online Survey Study. JMIR Ment Health 2021;8(2):e25835 doi: 10.2196/25835
4. Nichols, M. (2020). Framework for Implementation of Telehealth Services in a Behavioral Health Setting in a Short Time Frame. Austin, TX. South Southwest ATTC. University of Texas Austin Addiction Research Institute.
5. Mangrum, L. F., Spence, R., Nichols, M. Kaviani, C. (August 2018). Recovery Support Services Project Fiscal Year 2018 Interim Process Evaluation Report for the Texas Department of State Health Services. Austin, TX. University of Texas Austin Addiction Research Institute.
6. Mangrum, L. F., Spence, R., Nichols, M. Kaviani, C. (May 2018). Recovery Support Services Project Fiscal Year 2017 Final Evaluation Report for the Texas Department of State Health Services. Austin, TX. University of Texas Austin Addiction Research Institute.
7. Mangrum, L. F., Spence, R., Nichols, M. Petersen, C. (May 2017). Recovery Support Services Project Fiscal Year 2016 Final Evaluation Report for the Texas Department of State Health Services. Austin, TX. University of Texas Austin Addiction Research Institute.