

CRISTEN WOHLGEMUTH

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EXPERIENCE

EMPLOYMENT WITHIN THE STATE GOVERNMENT SPHERE

2004 - present

Office of State Representative Craig Goldman Austin, Texas January 2013 – present
Chief of Staff

- Perform research, review, analysis and development of policy and budgetary proposals.
- Assist constituents in communicating with state agencies and local governments.
- Develop effective and strategic relationships with stakeholders, including constituents, state agency personnel, and other legislative staff.
- Manage the Representative's office, including all personnel and budget matters.
- Serve as staff advisor to the House Republican Caucus Policy Committee by developing and managing the staff work group, selecting the staff, preparing briefing documents for the Committee, and advising the committee as needed during the meetings. Also organize an interim curriculum for staff policy education, and task staff during the legislative session for regular and special assignments.

Office of State Representative Warren Chisum Austin, Texas July 2008 – January 2013
Chief of Staff

- Managed the policy and administrative elements of the Representative's office
- Communicated with constituents, agencies, and interested parties regarding all aspects of the office as described above.
- Assisted in developing and managing the staff work group for the House Republican Caucus Policy Committee.

Office of the Governor Austin, Texas January 2007 – July 2008
Budget Planning & Policy Advisor

- Served as an advisor on budget and policy issues working collaboratively with the Governor, senior staff, other Budget Planning and Policy advisors, state agency and Office of the Governor (OOG) leadership. Also tracked proposed legislation, wrote legislation that furthered the Governor's agenda, worked with legislators and staff to amend legislation, and advised the Governor on legislation requiring his signature or veto.
- Liaised between the OOG and various state agencies on matters pertaining to policy, budgetary issues and short-, mid-, and long-range planning efforts.

Three Point Strategies Austin, Texas May 2006 – December 2006
Legislative Consultant, Academy of Independent Pharmacists - Texas

- This was a strategic shift to contract employment to give AIP and me greater flexibility

Texas Pharmacy Association Austin, Texas November 2004 – May 2006
Government Relations Coordinator, Academy of Independent Pharmacists - Texas

- Primary independent pharmacist liaison to the Texas Legislature
- Published weekly email and fax updates for investor members, and authorized all content relating to independent pharmacists in TPA publications
- Member recruitment and retention for the Academy Investor category
- Assisted in fundraising for the PAC, the legal defense fund, and special projects, as well as ongoing development of the pharmacists' grassroots system
- Created and delivered continuing education programs
- Organized an effective mentor program for new graduates and new store owners

- Conducted financial benefits research and programs to benefit investors

EMPLOYMENT WITH NON-PROFIT ENTITIES

2003 – 2004

Wohlgemuth for Congress

Cleburne, Texas

September – November 2004

Northern District Campaign Staff

- Grassroots development and utilization of volunteers in Hood County
- Public speaking engagements in place of candidate when schedules conflicted
- Represented the candidate at public appearances she was unable to attend

CancerTogether

Dallas, Texas

August 2003 – September 2004

Director of Operations

- Developed the organizational structure of the office, and managed day to day operation of business
- Prepared grant proposals to potential funding sources
- Represented CancerTogether at conferences and conventions at local and national levels concerning potential funding and partnerships

EMPLOYMENT IN EDUCATION

1998 – 2003

First Baptist Academy

Dallas, Texas

2002 – 2003

Advanced Placement Teacher

American Heritage Academy

Carrollton, Texas

2001 – 2002

Department Head for Social Studies & Advanced Placement Teacher

- Awarded *Teacher of the Year* 2001 – 2002

Garland ISD, Naaman Forrest HS

Garland, Texas

1998 – 2001

Advanced Placement U.S. Government Teacher

- Awarded *Social Studies Teacher of the Year* 2000 – 2001

EDUCATION

J.D., St. Mary's University School of Law

2011 – 2014

B.A. in Political Science

1994 – 1998

- Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas
- Texas Teaching Certificate in Government and History

REFERENCES

- Available upon request