

# Breana Taylor

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

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With over 15 years in healthcare, and the variety of roles I have served in, the one constant that I continually observe to be true is: while healthcare is ever changing, patient advocacy remains the priority. Having started as a certified nursing assistant, to working as a senior-level nursing director, patient advocacy has been at the heart of each. I gained great insight to the complexity of in-patient nursing care as a bed-side registered nurse, and when asked to move into management was given boundless opportunities to grow in ways unimaginable. Presently I am working as a school nurse and greatly enjoy the complexity of the role and working with children.

## CERTIFICATION/LICENSES/MEMBERSHIPS/AWARDS

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- Nevada Director- National Association of School Nurses (NASN)
- Registered Nurse
- Board member of Immunize Nevada
- Board member of the Nevada Cancer Task Force
- Former Co-Chair of Maternal Child Health Coalition of Northern Nevada (2012-August 2017)
- Former Member of Washoe County's Child Death Review Board
- Former Member of Washoe County's Infant Safe Sleep Board
- Former Member of Washoe County's Fetal Infant Mortality Review Board
- 2011 Medical-Surgical Nurse of the Year
- Speaker on Safe Sleep at Nevada Health Conference (Las Vegas, Nevada)
- Speaker at Infant and Perinatal Loss Conference (Reno, Nevada)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### School Nurse Coordinator

Nevada Department of Education

July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021-Present

The School Nurse Coordinator role is in the Office for a Safe and Respectful Learning Environment. In this role I serve as a liaison between the school nurses throughout the state and the State departments. As a liaison I assist with:

- Collaborate with other State departments to facilitate the integration of physical and mental health
- policy development
- connection of resources
- research funding opportunities
- evaluation of school health, safety, and wellness policies/programs
- assist school nurses in training around MTSS
- behavioral health integration
- Medicaid expansion
- COVID-19 mitigation measures

### School Nurse

Elko County School District

February 25, 2019-June 11, 2021

As the school nurse of Spring Creek Elementary my role varies from day to day with the focus being on promoting health to ensure students have the best learning opportunities. On average I see about 35 students per day for a variety of reasons and have many other important tasks. The greatest joy of being a school nurse is working with each student.

- Manage day to day injuries and illness
- Assist in managing diabetic students, students with allergies and those who are asthmatic
- Manage 504's for students with medical needs.
- American Heart certified CPR instructor.
- Work closely with School Counselor to assist in meeting student needs

### **Senior Practice Manager**

Nevada Health Centers- Elko, Nev.

January 22, 2018-February 22, 2019

\*Initially Manager of Clinical Services and promoted to Senior Practice Manager October 2018

*Nevada Health Centers is a nonprofit, Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), that provides healthcare services throughout Nevada. The organization is a Title X grantee and offers a variety of healthcare services including family planning, obstetric, family practice, and dental. Motivational interviewing is critical in the care for the diverse population that is served.*

- Develop and implement Medical Assistant orientation curriculum
- Develop education program for Title X
- Case Manage telehealth patients
- Assist in managing the Title X grantee program
- Manage Elko County Public Health contract
- Organize immunization clinics
- Process improvement/development
- Community relations
- Clinical oversight to medical assistants

### **Director, Maternal Child Health Services**

Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center - Reno, Nev.

December 2014-February 2018

*Saint Mary's is a 380-bed hospital, designated as a tertiary care center with a level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The organization has been nationally recognized, most recently by the Leapfrog Group for receiving a letter A grade patient safety award, the only hospital in Nevada to earn this accolade.*

- Direct leadership of division including employee relations and team communications with all staff and providers.
  - Labor and Delivery: 14 labor rooms and 2 Operating Rooms
  - Lactation: 4 International Board-Certified Lactation Consultants (IBCLC), 2 Certified Lactation Consultants (CLC), and a Childbirth Educator
  - Post-Partum: 22 beds
  - Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU): Level III with 29 beds and transport team
  - Pediatrics: 15 beds
- Exclusively responsible for the division's annual growth plan involving establishing strong provider relationships, addressing feedback in a timely manner, visiting rural hospitals and providing transport options, and building creative strategies to garner additional growth.
- Successfully led entire division through a corporate ownership change (July 2012) inclusive of staffing restructure, leadership training, policy updates, provider outreach, and internal process modifications.

- Supported and provided leadership during the opening of the Network's new Women's Health Center outpatient OBGYN practice. Continue to provide leadership and provider education to this team.
- Develop performance and process improvement initiatives that are responsive to division needs and address core measures and safety policies of the hospital.
- Consistently monitor and develop strategies for the management and productivity of staff. This includes proactively recruiting top talent to maintain smooth operations.
- Manage core measure expectations and developed strategies that improved perinatal core measures by 10 percent.
- Review budget goals regularly to ensure division meets all targets including the reduction in supply costs through streamlined ordering.
- Enhance provider relationships by acquiring new partnerships with perinatology and genetics providers.
- Directly responsible for engaging staff in patient satisfaction initiatives and supported the department by increasing scores from 72 percent to 85 percent within one year.
- Maintain exemplary infection rates in NICU annually. The unit's last CLABSI was in 2008, and the last VAP was in 2010. This was maintained by creating hospital-wide protocols on the care of central lines.
- Serve as a leader for Prime Healthcare corporate offices in perinatology by performing site visits to other hospitals and supporting the development of their divisions, as well as sharing best practice methods.
- Serve as the Patient Safety Chair for the hospital, and actively work with staff on process improvement initiatives.

\*Acquired the Directorship of Oncology services in conjunction with my role as Maternal Child Health Services Director in June 2017. This oversight includes the inpatient oncology department, infusion room, and oversight of the radiation nurses.

**Other roles at Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center:**

**Director, NICU/Pediatrics**

May 2012 to December 2014

Maintained direct leadership over the Pediatric and NICU staff, which includes the oversight of two Neonatal Nurse Practitioners. Promoted collaboration within the maternal child division with staff and our physician partners. The role of Director included managing the budget, payroll, staffing needs, ensuring current policy and procedure practices, and implementing new programs for both the staff and community needs.

**Manager, Pediatrics/Post-Partum**

September 2011 to May 2012

Direct supervision of staff included but not limited to staff oversight, managing budget, payroll, ensuring current policy and procedure practices, and physician collaboration. Responsible for transitioning the departments due to a corporate owner change, which involved transitioning from a non-profit organization to a for-profit organization. *Prior served as the Supervisor from August 2011 to January 2012.*

**Pediatric Registered Nurse/Charge Nurse**

May 2007 to August 2011

Assessment, nursing diagnosis, planning, implementation, and evaluation of patient directed nursing care. Charge Nurse responsibilities included staff assignments, scheduling staff, ensuring positive patient experiences, and efficient flow of patient care in the department.

**Certified Nursing Assistant/Unit Coordinator**

September 2003 to May 2007

Certified Nursing Assistant duties included but were not limited to obtaining patient vital signs, activities of daily living, assessment of patient needs, and assisting the RN with patient care.

**EDUCATION**

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<b>Chamberlain College of Nursing</b>	Downers Grove, Illinois.	Master of Science in Nursing – Executive Track	August 2016
<b>Chamberlain College of Nursing</b>	Downers Grove, Illinois.	Bachelor of Science in Nursing	October 2008
<b>Truckee Meadows Community College</b>	Reno, Nevada	Associate Degree in Nursing	May 2007

*\*References available upon request*