

# **RACHEL BRUMMERT**

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## **KEY COMPETENCIES**

- Able to work well under pressure of deadlines
- Strong multitasking abilities
- Professional demeanor
- Exceptional critical thinking and problem solving skills

## **EXPERIENCE**

### **January 2020- present | CEO, Courage To Continue, LLC**

- Overseeing the cinematography and technical aspects of documentary films in production.
- Coordinates staff on set, project managing timelines, and ensuring that deadlines are met.
- Preparing marketing packages for promotions and usage.
- Location management and assessment
- Composition and lighting management

### **January 2019- present | Ombudsman, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Aging and Adult Services**

- Partnering with other service providers on development of coalitions and/or training regarding the Prevention of Elder Abuse
- Complaint investigation about resident rights including mediation services to resolve issues
- Making regular visits to the facilities to establish rapport with residents, families and staff and work on issues of common concern

### **April 2017 to present | FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT, PATIENT SAFETY IMPACT**

Works in partnership with established consumer advocacy groups and agencies whose work centers around patient safety

- Advocating for patients who have suffered preventable harm from pharmaceutical drugs and medical devices.
- Analyzing research
- Advising on policy change to protect patients
- Promoting antibiotic stewardship programs
- Shaping policy

### **March 2017- October 2017 | PRESIDENT, USA PATIENT NETWORK**

- Responsible for building a network of patient advocates to share the patient perspective with federal agencies and researchers whose work determines which outcome measures provide adequate evidence of the safety and effectiveness of treatments.

- Collaborating with committee members on drug and device safety
- Educating key audiences
- Strategic planning
- Shaping policy

**February 4, 2017 – February 8, 2019 | PEER RESEARCH REVIEWER, PATIENT CENTERED OUTCOMES RESEARCH INSTITUTE (PCORI)**

- Identifying conflicts of interest following PCORI guidelines
- Reading, reviewing, and preparing a written critique for all assigned applications
- Representing the perspective of a broad or targeted group of patients

**January 2017- present | SPECIAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE (SGE), GENERAL AND PLASTIC SURGERY ADVISORY PANEL, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL DEVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

- Analyzing scientific data
- Liaising between advisory panel committee and interested consumers, associations, coalitions, and consumer organizations
- Facilitating dialogue with the advisory committees on scientific issues that affect consumers.

**November 2016- present | SPECIAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE (SGE), FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION CENTER FOR DEVICES AND RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH (CDRH) ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

- Analyzing scientific data
- Liaising between advisory panel committee and interested consumers, associations, coalitions, and consumer organizations
- Facilitating dialogue with the advisory committees on scientific issues that affect consumers

**May 2012- April 2017 | PRESIDENT, QUINOLONE VIGILANCE FOUNDATION**

Responsible for the leadership, development, implementation and strategic direction of programs and functions within the scope of patient safety activities throughout the organization.

- Guiding strategic planning for the organization and acts as its spokesperson
- Overseeing the implementation and evaluation of the organization's programs
- Promoting collaboration with researchers, donors, politicians, community groups, other organizations and agencies to further the organization's mission
- Demonstrating ability to lead and implement quality improvement and patient safety initiatives with objective data collection, analysis, interventions and assessment of effectiveness
- Closely following and evaluating FDA Adverse Event Reporting System (FAERS) to help educate patients and the medical community about fluoroquinolone antibiotic toxicity
- Promotes antibiotic stewardship programs

## **April 2012 – May 2012 | CORPORATE SECRETARY, QUINOLONE VIGILANCE FOUNDATION**

Responsible for ensuring that accurate and sufficient documentation exists to meet legal requirements, and enable authorized persons to determine when, how, and by whom the board's business is conducted.

- Managing all Board and committee meeting logistics, attending and recording minutes of all board
- Advising the Board on its roles and responsibilities
- Facilitating the orientation of new Directors and assist in Director training and development
- Maintaining key corporate documents and records
- Responsibility for corporate disclosure and compliance with state and federal corporation laws

## **EDUCATION**

- **Master of Science in Drug and Alcohol Studies**, August 2000  
Rutgers University  
New Brunswick, NJ
- **Bachelor of Science in Elementary and Special Education**, December 1992  
Cabrini College  
Radnor, PA

## **TRAINING**

- **North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services | Office of Long-Term Care Ombudsman**, February 2019
- **Mecklenburg County Community Support Services | Safe Alliance**, February 2019
- **Food and Drug Administration Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) Advisory Program Series | Medical Devices Advisory Committee**, June 2018
- **Patient Training Workshop, National Center For Health Research**, October 2016
- **Southern Kentucky Area Health Education Center | Health Policy and Conflict of Interest**, November 2017

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- "Rachel's Story", American Society of Pharmacovigilance, January 7, 2020
- "Breast Implants: Should They Be Banned?", Medshadow Foundation, May 2, 2019
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- Levaquin: I have ruptured over two dozen tendons, Safest Drug, August 16, 2019
- "Levaquin Turned Me Into Frankenwoman", *Drug Watch*, August 23, 2018
- "When Prescribed Incorrectly, Lifesaving Antibiotics Can Be Dangerous, Carry Real Risks", *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guest blog*, August 17, 2018

- “The Scars That Leave a Road Map”, *The i'Mpossible Project: Reengaging With Life, Creating a New You*, January 13, 2016
- “A Cautionary Tale: Dangers of Antibiotic Overuse”, The Safe Patient Project, January 5, 2016
- “Prescription for Destruction”, *CareNovate Magazine*, June 30, 2014