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“Clinically, my work at the University of New Mexico has focused on treating individuals with complex substance use disorders and co-occurring mental illnesses. I directed the University of New Mexico’s Addiction and Substance Abuse Programs [ASAP]- a clinic that treats over 800 patients with a variety of substance use disorders- between 2012-2018. Over this period, we created a system that treats the whole person under one roof through

providing primary care, psychiatric care, psychotherapy, case management, and walk-in detoxification services all under a trauma-informed care model. While my focus has shifted to clinical research, I continue to provide clinical care at UNM ASAP. My other clinical endeavors have focused on providing care to the rural and underserved. I was one of the early proponents of utilizing telehealth to treat substance use disorders, doing so as early as 2009. Through my work as the addictions advisor for the Indian Health Service [IHS], I have provided clinical care to populations around New Mexico, as well as rural Montana. Finally, through a grant, we have focused over the past two years on helping rural emergency departments initiate on-demand treatment for people with substance use disorders, as well as establishing low barrier treatment models for SUD treatment. I have been grateful to have received the Indian Health Service Director’s Award for Community Engagement, as well as the US Attorney’s Award for Contribution to Public Safety of New Mexico.

Over the past several years, my research has shifted to I have successfully led multiple studies funded by National institutes on Drug Abuse [NIDA] focusing on treatments of substance use disorders that have added to our understanding of how to optimally treat individuals with these devastating illnesses. I have also created and implemented curricula focusing on treatment of co-occurring chronic pain and substance use disorders. The last major area of my work has focused on psychedelic assisted therapies. I am trained in psilocybin assisted therapy, MDMA assisted therapy for PTSD, as well as ketamine assisted therapy. I led the UNM arm of the now published study investigating psilocybin assisted therapy for alcohol use disorder, and will also lead the UNM arm of the next phase of this clinical trial. I am also currently working with psychiatry trainees at UNM to establish a ketamine assisted therapy clinic for individuals with PTSD.”