

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Suzanne Marie Petrucci, BS, MSW, LCSW is a Social Work Professional with more than twenty-two (22) years of experience as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. She is licensed in the states of New Jersey and Delaware where she is qualified to evaluate, diagnose, and provide mental health treatment to children and adults. Her primary private practice out-patient location is in Woodbury, New Jersey. In response to the pandemic, she began offering telemedicine in April 2020. Her therapeutic approach is primarily oriented to the Cognitive Behavioral Therapeutic model of psychotherapy studied at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine where she received certification in 2002. Suzanne developed "Rehearse Engineering" as a method to assist with cognitive behavioral therapy using patient selected music selections that were considered resonating. Her contribution to the field of Social Work can be reviewed through the documentary she produced, "The Olive Branch", which describes the development of this unique tool. Suzanne has a unique blend of skill sets that encompass her background working in many different settings including inpatient hospital psychiatric units, in-home settings working with at-risk youth referred by the state and supporting adults in the community suffering from psycho affective disorders as well as traumatic stress.

Suzanne worked with the Department of Defense as a Military Family Life Consultant and voluntarily deployed to three military installations between 2011 and 2015. As the owner of a private practice since 1999, Suzanne is most passionate about her interest in forensic Social Work which developed early in her career. Her experience in documenting her clinical findings for legal purposes is a rare passion that brings cases to life in a humanistic manner, written in her own unique style to capture the essence of "what happened". Trauma is more easily overcome by having a voice and an opportunity to change how the story will end. Cognitive behavioral therapy, in the same way, is a form of therapy that heals through looking at how we assign meaning to events, and then providing the opportunity to choose different ways of thinking about events that will lead to better feelings and behavior. Finding the words is the essence of much of her work.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

LIFE DESIGN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, LLC / Woodbury, NJ

3/2014-1/2023

Founding Owner 2014, Licensed Clinical Social Worker - Therapist Private Practice

Solo entrepreneur managing clinical and business functions for outpatient behavioral health private practice. Specialization in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Forensic Social Work and Military Family Life Counseling. Contracted provider on all major behavioral health plan panels delivering HIPAA compliant telemedicine, in person outpatient treatment in her NJ private practice and occasional on-site critical incident support by request when available. Preferred Provider for The World Trade Center in the care of survivors of nine eleven. Strong emphasis in the provision of expert witness services through testimony, case review and consultation with counsel, and extensive role with written reports for use in litigation. Developed "Rehearse Engineering", a form of therapeutic intervention used in working with patients initially through telemedicine who were seeking services while in isolation during the pandemic. Suzanne produced and published a documentary titled "The Olive Branch" and recorded the song, "Find the Words" with professional music sheets, all with Life Design Behavioral Health, LLC copyright 2022.

Conducted research in support of Neuro Change and attended specialized training in Neuro Change through the Neuro Change Institute, which is a global leader in Neuro Change, Neuroscience and Neuroplasticity.

LIFE COUNSELING SERVICES, Turnersville, NJ**2/2013-3/2014****Psychotherapist**

Full time clinician/LCSW providing evaluation and psychotherapeutic sessions for a behavioral healthcare provider within the Rehab After Work unit. One of three hundred clinicians in the Tri-state area responsible for remote site patient care, documentation, scheduling, and computerized patient billing and financial reporting of bank deposits.

MHN, Fort Drum, NY**9/2011-12/2011*****Military Family Life Consultant***

Deployed to Army installation under DOD contract to support service members and their families with reintegration and other military lifestyle challenges. Designed community service education series to empower military family members effected by PTSD.

MHN, Fort Dix, NJ**1/2012-6/2012*****Child/Youth/Behavioral Military Family Life Consultant***

Deployed under DOD contract with Department of Defense to support service members and their families with lifestyle challenges related to the military lifestyle. Accessible to three hundred Ft. Dix Elementary School children pre-k through 5th grade. Provided non-medical services to both staff and students, through one-on-one consultation as well as formal presentations covering a range of military related topics around deployment such as reintegration, family separation, relocation and psychoeducation of invisible injuries/PTSD. Created and presented child-friendly workshops to address camaraderie, bullying and risk management during child transport. Presented Mind Your Own Bus-ness; a student friendly class presentation developed to reinforce appropriate behavior on the school bus. Students explored what it means to be a battle buddy while creating branch specific parent/child buddy bracelets using service member branch colors. Recognized by high level service member oversees for impact in this role.

THERACARE, Pennsauken, NJ***Intense In Community IIC Therapist*****9/2010-8/2011**

Employed as provider of in-home therapy to NJ State referred at-risk children and families with behavioral and emotional challenges. Provided clinical records of treatment provided and data for billing.

LIFEDESIGN HMA, Marlton, NJ**8/2003-9/2010*****Co-Founder/Chief Provider Officer***

Health Management Organization founded to offer an alternative and supplement for conventional healthcare. Developed and managed the execution of professional coaching programs intended as a foundation for developing personal and organizational wellness. Prospected, credentialed and executed over fifty provider contracts to deliver services. Served as Corporate Sponsor at The Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, overseeing research and externships of graduating seniors providing real world work experience prior to graduation. Partnered with Wharton Small Business Development Center in the creation of a company business plan with the help of Wharton MBA senior and undergraduate seniors.

AROMATHERAPETS, LLC Sewell, NJ**2004 - current*****Founding Owner***

Founded line of herbal filled clothing and accessories for the family pet, invented for use as a fashionable natural pain and stress reliever. Filed patent application in the name Suzanne Cohen. Created the original product and concepts and produced "A Pawdway Musical" which took place in Mantua Township, NJ, which represented a paradigm shift in pet clothing retail through community fashion shows. This event was held in honor of a retiring police dog named Rocky. Sponsored Wharton Business School senior students to work in this business in the

initial research phase to determine the nature of the potential market. Received \$25,000 contribution/investment from an institutional sales executive to develop the product and bring it to market. Provided all copy and content for professional brochure. Served as Corporate Sponsor at The Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, overseeing research and externships of graduating seniors providing real world work experience prior to graduation. Partnered with Wharton Small Business Development Center in the creation of a company marketing plan and website with the help of Wharton MBA senior and undergraduate seniors.

INSTITUTE FOR PROFESSIONAL EMPOWERMENT COACHING, Manalapan, NJ

5/2002-5/2003

Associate Director/Professional Coach

Assisted with public relations and marketing campaign for an internationally accredited professional coach training school. Delivered professional coach training to Comcast-Spectacore's professional sports sales executives in Philadelphia, Pa. Attended the school's ICF certified training program while serving as Associate Director. Suzanne blended her own coaching school, The Coaching Institute, with IPEC so that her students would have the opportunity to received ICF credentials.

TEMPLE HEALTH SYSTEM'S EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL, Philadelphia, PA

2/2001-1/2003

Psychiatric Social Worker/Cognitive Behavioral Therapist

Provided comprehensive management including utilization review for 16 bed in-patient psychiatric hospital including: admissions, discharge planning, bio-psycho-social assessments and court petitions. Member of multi-disciplinary treatment team. Presented Life Coaching workshops at Temple School of Nursing, Graduate School of Social Work and to Social Work peers at Episcopal Hospital. supervised and trained Social Work interns.

THE OUTPOST, COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER, Sewell, NJ

2/2000-2/2001

Manager, Out-Patient Medication Monitoring Psychiatric Clinic

Managed a medication management program for a newly established mental health clinic. Provided individual counseling and bio-psycho-social assessment for adults suffering from psycho affective disorders.

HAHNEMANN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

9/2000-11/2000

Medical Social Worker

While in graduate school, my personal efforts lead to the development of a four-month contract providing Master's level social work services (28 hours weekly) in a hospital setting providing discharge planning. This satisfied the field-work requirements for my second year/MSW.

FAMILY SERVICE OF BURLINGTON COUNTY, Mt. Holly, NJ

8/1998-8/2000

Psychotherapist / Integrated Case Manager / ICMS/Foster Home Support Specialist

Counseled and managed treatment plans for 15 mentally ill/dual diagnosed adult clients. Provided integrated case management services to at-risk clients in the community. Provided direct service support, advocacy, daily living skills remediation, and service linkage. Outreach services for DYFS funded foster care program. Conducted home visits to new foster parents. Prepared reports with professional recommendations to DYFS.

STAY AT HOME MOTHER

9/1994-8/1998

CORPORATE EXPERIENCE

U.S. BIOSCIENCE, INC., Exton, PA.

9/1992-9/1994

Administrative Associate/Buyer

Designed and administered the function and data management for a newly established R&D laboratory specializing in cancer drug research. Administered the procurement function by collaborating with the laboratory staff. Facilitated timely calibration for laboratory instrumentation.

GENERAL ELECTRIC AEROSPACE, Philadelphia, PA.

3/1986-3/1991

Compliance and Administration Specialist

Project Leader for Electronic Data Interchange (EDI), an enhanced electronic purchasing/invoicing system implemented at fourteen (14) sites. Developed and facilitated training program for employees, buyers and suppliers in the use of the new electronic system. Member of policy writing and review team that analyzed and consolidated the policies and procedures manual for the new consolidated purchasing system (CPS), representing an electronic merge for the purchasing function of 14 GE Aerospace sites.

EDUCATION

The Wharton School of The University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

2003-2009

Human Resources Management Program Executive Education. Selected Accomplishment: Developed business plan and offered position as corporate sponsor. Lead team of MBA and undergraduates in research to determine the market for health management coaching model, in partnership with Wharton's Small Business Development Center. Appeared on television and published in three newspapers. Contributing author to the first book written using a wiki; WE ARE SMARTER THAN ME, HOW TO UNLEASH THE POWER OF THE CROWDS IN YOUR BUSINESS. Published September 1st 2007 by Wharton School Publishing

Rutgers University, Camden, NJ

Master of Social Work - Concentration: Direct practice with children and families

2001

Eastern University, Saint David's, PA

Bachelor of Science - Organizational Management

1992

CERTIFICATION AND LICENSES

- NJ Certificate School Social Work Received 2002
- DE License Clinical Social Work (LCSW) #Q1-0001637 Exp 1/2025
- NJ License Clinical Social Work (LCSW) #44SC05267700 Exp 8/2024
- Certificate Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine 2003

PUBLICATIONS

LifeDesign Health Management Alternative, LLC LDHMA Member Toolkit April 2006

We Are Smarter Than Me, How to Unleash The Power of Crowds To Grow Your Business. Co-contributor, this is the first book written on a wiki. Pearson Education 2007 Listed on inside of front cover as Suzanne Cohen.

The Olive Branch (Documentary) Produced and Directed by Suzanne Petrucci, MSW LCSW Copywrite 2022

Find The Words - Produced by Suzanne Petrucci, MSW, LCSW Vocalist, Music Commissioned by Steve

Weatherman for "The Olive Branch" documentary Released/ Published Copyright 2022

Article, **Trauma and Memory, Innovative method for use with cognitive behavioral therapy**

Suzanne Petrucci, MSW LCSW Author Copyright 2022

Perfectly Imperfect, Article, Suzanne Petrucci, LCSW Author August 1, 2022

Coparenting Counseling Suzanne Petrucci, MSW LCSW August 1, 2022. Author

AFFILIATIONS

The Wharton School of Business - Corporate Sponsor for senior externships as Chief Provider Officer of **Life Design Health Management Alternative, LLC. LDHMA, LLC and Founding Owner of Aromatherapets, LLC 2006-2008**

Aromatherapets, LLC Founding owner/designer of herbal filled line of pet clothing and accessories

Life Design - Coaching and Counseling founded in Gloucester County in 1999

National Association of Social Work NASW Membership Special interest group Social Work for Social Justice

The Olive Branch – Documentary copyright 2022

Find The Words - copyright 2022 Song, Vocalist, Owner. Commissioned by Suzanne Petrucci, MSW LCSW.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Neuro Change Practitioner Course 2022

The Body Keeps the Score Book

The Meeting of the Profession Atlantic City, NJ Conference 2018

Social Justice Parts 1-2 of 3 part series

Ethical Boundaries Avoiding the slippery slope

Cultural competence

EAP Provider Training Magellan

Telemedicine Training 2021 MD Live

Telemedicine Training 2021 Teladoc

Telemedicine Training 2021 Amwell

Why Does He Do That/Batterer as Parent. Lundy Bancroft 1998. Workshop

“Trauma Informed Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, What we can learn from children about loss”

Attachment Theory

Life Design Health Management Alternative 14 CE granted by Board of Social Work for my contribution to the creation of this Mental Health Business Model published 2002 and work with the students at Wharton and Wharton’s Small Business Development Center

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Certificate 4 part series Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine 2002 10 month program leading to Certificate in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy

Trauma Master Series NICABM 2022

Narcissistic Abuse and Gaslighting Treatment Course: Help clients End Emotional Manipulation and Reclaim their Lives from Toxic Relationships

Psychoeducation and Narcissistic Abuse - Different Types Different Experiences. PESI 2022

Gaslighting Recognition and Recovery for Manipulated and Controlled Clients

After Self-Betrayal: Strategies to Help Clients Find Their Authentic Selves

Disarming the Narcissist in Couples Therapy

Grief and Narcissistic Relationships: Clinical Skills to Process Past, Present and future Losses

Rebuild Clients’ Healthy Instincts and Restore Their Trust in Themselves after manipulation

Narcissism and Intimacy: Coming Down from Grandiosity and up from shame

Complex Trauma: Create change with Parts Work, Somatic Psychology and EMDR

Trauma Bonds to a Violating Partner: How Neurobiology Can Work Against Victims of Narcissistic Abuse

Safely Leaving the Abusive Relationship Do’s and Don’ts for Therapists

Boundary Setting Strategies How Your Clients Can Reclaim Emotional Autonomy Working with Narcissistic Abuse:

Addressing the Impact of High-Conflict Personality styles

Codependence: Treatment Strategies for Clients Who Lose themselves in Others

“Know Yourself, Understand Others” Implementing the DISC Model for Effective Communication and Positive Outcomes in Therapeutic Practice”.

Ethics for Delaware Mental Health Professionals PESI 2022

Latinos and Mental Health
The Immune System
Best Practice and HIPAA Compliance for Social Work Practitioners
The Psychology of Forgiveness
Online Counseling and Therapy: Critical Issues
The Role of Spirituality in Mental Health
Depression
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
Brief Strategic Family Therapy for Adolescent Drug Abuse
The Iraq War Clinician Guide, 2nd Edition
Psychotropic Medication: What Mental Health Professionals Want to Know Workshop

Public Speaking/Therapeutic Presentations/Workshops

Men's PTSD Group Coaching educational series delivered during 2019-- Special feature showing of a World Trade Center movie "The Day That Changed America," a Steven Spielberg Film. Suzanne **remains** an expert witness for a personal injury claim to the Victim's Compensation Fund.

Most Valuable Player Holistic Health Coaching, Women's health and wellness group, Co-facilitated the group with guest speaker Monica Berry from the Institute of Integrated Nutrition 2019

ARTiculate 2015- 2023 Presenting a unique form of art therapy to help in the healing of trauma. Painted rocks, created hats, used mosaic glass to create art on mirrors to reflect, created personal journals from fabric and card stock for patient use in between sessions to write or draw. A Jar Is Born series, Not My Prob Llama Jar

Television Interview / Presentation The Stephany J Show - Suzanne is featured on The Stephany J Show where she is interviewed and shares her love of professional coaching. She discusses her empowering belief that individuals can create gainful self employment working from home through sharing their inherent interest in personal development and services. 2007

Professional Research

Life Design Health Management Alternative, LLC LDHMA - Granted 14 credits for her work creating the first health care modeling using professional coaching as an instrument for health care change during our nation's health care crisis. David Gutwald, the cofounder provided a lengthy letter of testimony for use which was reviewed and approved for credit by the Deputy Attorney General of New Jersey in 2008.

"The Olive Branch" Documentary and Song Recording of "Find the Words".

Suzanne produced and directed a documentary called The Olive Branch. This is a movie about a psychotherapist who closes her business doors and changes her delivery of services to telemedicine overnight as a result of the pandemic and finds that her personal singing music lessons are useful in her own stress management healing from exposure to vicarious trauma connected to her work and in the treatment of her patients as they adjust to the new normal. This documentary offers live footage of singing lessons that take place in a local church where

Suzanne is learning to sing 50 feet away from her music teacher who is interviewed in the production along with two other musical mentors. One student (patient) is featured in the film who was seeking help from Suzanne at the urging of his mother at the beginning of the pandemic when remote learning began during his senior year of high school after 14 years of attending gymnastics 20 hours per week. While his only goal was to increase his school ranking by 1 percent, he shares his story in the documentary. The documentary was created after many surprising achievements and personal breakthroughs were noted in patients who had participated in the new form of rehearse engineering music therapy that Suzanne instructed as homework assignments (Isolation Rockstar) using patient selected songs. The United States was in isolation. Suzanne produced a song called "Find the Words" and included her 3 musical mentors in the recording who play the piano, flute and guitar which accompanied her singing voice which was written from an article she wrote and published about trauma in 2020.

FORENSIC HIGHLIGHTS EXPERT WITNESS

Dog bite with a minor patient. Suzanne treated a young girl with a traumatic history of being mauled by a pit bull on her way home from school when she was 9 years old. Suzanne encouraged her parents to contract with a new attorney because the current one had not contacted her to discuss her thoughts about the case or provide a letter of representation. Suzanne researched attorneys specializing in dog bites and made the referral. Suzanne received \$5,000 for her report of the injury and treatment history and this was the highest payout for a dog bite settlement in New Jersey involving policies of two different homeowners. Suzanne's report demonstrated the role of the homeowners as well as their relative owner of the visiting dog who was the responsibility of the homeowners at the time the dog bite occurred. The patient contacted Suzanne during the pandemic to resume counseling after nearly five years after being discharged and continues to work with her today while at college. The patient received \$525,000 for her settlement.

Suzanne coordinated a **Fitness for Duty** exam with a local medical doctor for a police officer who drove 23 hours from Kansas to be evaluated. The officer had been fired for suspected drunk driving, when his car was abandoned on the road one mile from his house early in the morning. The officer was made to take jobs and work with criminals he had arrested. An arbitrator determined that the officer was not found guilty of anything when tapes showed that his truck had been driven earlier that morning by his girlfriend, however, he was not allowed to return to driving a patrol car and was made to work only at the desk for two years leading to serious depression, which then led to his temporary leave from work with orders to return after having a favorable Fit for Duty exam. Suzanne provided this with a lengthy report of evaluation including character witness after extensive conversation using cognitive behavioral training, to understand and explain in the report how the police officer was assigning meaning to his circumstances. Today he is back in his patrol car, newly married with his first child.

Leaving the scene of an accident with fatality – Suzanne provided a ten-page report to the court for a single white male bartender who believed he had hit a deer on his way home from dinner with friends. After inspecting his vehicle in his driveway with proper lighting with the help of his roommate, he discovered signs that a human may have been hit. He returned to the scene of the accident and discovered the body unresponsive and called the police. He was taken for a legal blood draw and received a DWI after 6 months. While the judge appreciated his decision to call police to the scene, he received 9 months in jail for leaving the scene of an accident, which he did not report initially, in hopes to avoid involving his roommate. At sentencing, the patient was supported by 10 friends from AA and remains sober today.

Defamation of character – Suzanne flew to a California court room and her testimony as an expert witness was admitted into evidence as the closing witness of a seven-year trial involving 5 attorneys across 3 states. She was able to diagnose the client with PTSD and demonstrated her evaluation and findings were supported by a former psychologist at Harvard Medical School and the patient's primary care physician. Suzanne had reviewed

7 years of depositions, recorded phone calls, family medical records, and the patient's previous work history and scheduled payout bonuses documented in his offer letter and previous performance review with Human Resources at a pharmaceutical company and was able to show that the patient's mental health deteriorated after the defendant filed fraudulent charges (protection from abuse) which prevented the patient from caring for his mother and managing the family estate. Suzanne oriented the court to the detailed nature of the covert campaign that led to her client's alienation from the family, resulting in mental health decompensation, excessive alcohol usage, job loss and legal expenses of 250K. The client was prevented from caring for his mother who had been recently diagnosed with dementia of the Alzheimer's type, just one day prior to the death of his father. Suzanne had accepted the assignment for a set fee of \$2200 and spent no less than 40 hours researching the case, in addition to four days in California waiting to be called as a witness. She testified without providing any reports as no new evidence was permitted at that point. Suzanne testified again one month later from Delaware via zoom. After her final testimony, Suzanne received a later complaint from the defendant (filed prior to her second testimony) claiming she was a friend of the client's wife. Suzanne provided a very thorough package to the Board of Social Work (50 pages of her work) which was accepted as she demonstrated she had sought consultation prior to taking the case, and her paper trail demonstrated she conducted herself in a professional manner and had extensive clinical details, receipts for appropriate fees processed, and excellent transparency which was accepted by the board after investigating the complaint.

Workman's Compensation/Social Security Disability/Personal injury (PTSD) after NJ Bank robbery – Suzanne Evaluated a bank employee who felt she could no longer return to work after managing a traumatizing bank robbery with physical abuse and false imprisonment. The employee said she could not even drive her car past the exit to the bank. The robbery took place the day that the robber was released from prison after serving five years for robbing the same bank. After the evaluation, Suzanne was not authorized to treat the patient who was assigned to work with 4 different psychologists over the next three years, however, Suzanne was willing to work with the employee as an ongoing evaluator for private pay which the patient agreed to. Suzanne supported the patient throughout the three-year treatment period, providing clinical reports and completing forms which were approved for short term disability, long term disability, and finally social security disability. After the employee's last day of work at the bank, the bank provided a temporary security guard for only two weeks and the day after the guard was dismissed, the patient was taken to the emergency room by her 72 year-old mother, where she was evaluated and treated for a panic attack. The following day, the patient watched the news only to learn that the bank had been robbed again, only this time masked men had jumped the counter holding guns to the heads of her former coworkers/employees. The employee had been working at that position for over 20 years and endured sarcastic discussions from multiple professionals who attempted to bully her into walking into a competing bank during a snowstorm to open a bank account, in order to show her (a form of exposure therapy) that she would be safe to return to work. A psychologist who was part of the risk management company misled the patient, stating that he had spoken with Suzanne and that Suzanne was "on board" with the approach. Suzanne contacted the psychologist and "called him out about lying to her patient" and his mal-practice ways, and the patient was no longer bullied by anyone. The patient has not missed a day's pay in five years, and is awaiting settlement while on permanent disability. Suzanne's report to the social security administration was informative and pointed out that the risk management company refused to provide even one psychiatric evaluation to the patient, however, they were willing to pay for medication prescribed by her family doctor. Although four psychologists treated the patient, not one of them was willing to write a formal professional report using the industry standard assessment for the diagnosis of PTSD for her social security hearing. Suzanne provided 220 pages of detailed notes and a comprehensive 15-page report along with testing demonstrating the patient was suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and her permanent disability was approved.

COPARENTING AND CUSTODY

Suzanne has participated as an expert witness in numerous court cases over the last decade. Special areas of interest include guardianship, supervision, substance abuse, child support and parental responsibility in funding college expenses. Suzanne has extensive experience working with clients and legal professionals in the navigation of coparenting, recognizing parent alienation, reunification therapy and understanding the significance of a secure base and how that relates to attachment styles throughout the lifespan.

Testimonials/references furnished upon request.