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My passion for Public Health began back in high school when my father supported and encouraged my volunteering for organizations providing health care in Mexico, Central America and West Africa. The flame these opportunities ignited in me continued to burn throughout dental school, with my participating in public health events with the Christian Medical and Dental Association, Smiles on Wheels, and the San Antonio Christian Dental Clinic. My volunteer work eventually led me from working as an associate in a dental practice to an incredibly fulfilling role with the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (SAMHD) in the Oral Health Program where I would transition from serving as a clinical dentist to the Clinical Dental Director. In this role, I try to not only continue my service to our community but also to spark a passion for public health service in the next generation of dental professionals.

The mission of the SAMHD Oral Health Program is to advance oral health, enrich knowledge with trustworthy education, and provide access to quality care for San Antonians, but our service area extends beyond the city of San Antonio to all of Bexar County.