

## Leslyn Wong, MPH

Senior Program Manager

#### **QUICK FACTS**

- ✓ 15+ years of experience working in public health, including
- ✓ 12+ years managing health-related projects
- ✓ Serves as Karna's Senior Program Manager

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# I live by the golden rule: treat others the way you want to be treated.

Leslyn Wong is a tested program manager and proven problem-solver, with more than 12 years of experience managing health-related projects, including more than 7 years contracting with the Federal government. Her Karna portfolio includes 10 completed and six current projects. Her project management responsibilities include managing personnel and budgets in both public and private sectors, providing communication, as well as scientific, technical, and programmatic support to both domestic and global health partners.

At Karna, she puts her solution-oriented mindset to work. Recently, her team provided technical support to the CDC Division of Global HIV & Tuberculosis (DGHT) in order to facilitate the transfer of orphans in two countries (Uganda and DRC) from the USAID portfolio to the CDC portfolio. This support included providing a template to evaluate the transfer process, creating training to assist the independent contractors on the ground, working with CDC headquarters and the local field offices to address any issues or concerns, and creating lessons learned documentation.

Leslyn holds a Master of Public Health in Community Health Education from New York University and a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Science Education from New York University.

She honed her public health skills at Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM), National Center for Primary Care (NCPC). There, she supported several community-based participatory research (CBPR) initiatives in areas of chronic diseases that disproportionally affected minority populations.

She is a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) and serves as a mentor for new and upcoming Public Health Professionals.

#### **SPECIAL TRAINING**

- Certificate Completed- CDC TRAIN- Writing for the Public
- Effective Report Writing
- Project Management Refresher

- Certificate Completed -University of Michigan Summer Institute of Survey Techniques
- Certificate Completed- Emory: Principles and Practice of Cancer Registration, Surveillance, and Control
- UAB-TU-MSM Summer Research Program: Grant Writing Boot Camp
- National Cancer Institute (NCI), "How to write a competitive contract proposal" Workshop University of Cape Town: International Health Seminar

#### **EXPERTISE**

- Project Management
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Research Support
- Social Determinants of Health
- Study Design
- Study Development
- Study Protocol
- Violence Prevention
- Chronic Disease

- Education
- Evaluation & Assessment
- Focus Group Moderation
- Global Health
- Health Disparities
- Prevention Research
- Program Evaluation

### **PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHTS & INSIGHTS**

- African Americans Knowledge and Beliefs of Colorectal Cancer, Imani Ma'at, M.Ed., MCP, Elvan C Daniels M.D.
  Leslyn Wong MPH, Rene Jackson. Department of Community Oriented Health Care, Morehouse School of Medicine, Second Annual Women Health Summit, Atlanta GA (April, 2006)
- The Role of Ethnic Identity on the Health-Related Attitudes of African American and Jamaican Black Men in the South; Shanita Williams PhD, MPH, APRN.BC, Lisa Hinton, MPH, Leslyn Wong, MPH: 29th AnnualnMinority Health Conference, Chapel Hill NC (February, 2008)
- African-Americans of Atlanta and Milwaukee discuss reaching and motivating their peers to engage cancer prevention, risk reduction and early detection. C Casares; I Ma'at; L Wong; R Gooden; A Esparza. American Cancer Society (CC; AE) National Center for Primary Care Morehouse School ofnMedicine (IM; LW; RG). Xavier University's 6th Health Disparities Conference, New Orleans March 4-6th (2013)
- "Attitudes and Perspectives on Genomic Research and Data Sharing." Venice E. Haynes, Rakale C. Quarells, Leslyn Wong, Charmaine Royal, and Stephanie D. Fullerton. [Poster Presentation, 7th Annual Conference on Health Disparities, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, November 2013.]
- "Perspectives of African Americans Participating in Genomic Research." Leslyn Wong, Venice E. Haynes, Charmaine Royal, Stephanie D. Fullerton, and Rakale C. Quarells. [Poster Presentation, 2nd Annual Health Disparities in Genomic Medicine Conference, San Francisco, CA, May 2013.]