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How long have you been a DCS? 3 months

How long have you worked in county government? 16 years

Where did you attend college? Grad school? SUNY Geneseo, New York College of Osteopathic Medicine, University of Massachusetts Medical

Why did you choose to work in behavioral health? I was planning to be a pediatrician and then really enjoyed psychiatry so went into child and adolescent psychiatry (also, I realized I couldn't handle the noise level in a pediatrics office).

What's one thing - work-related or not - you learned in the last month? I'm learning how to speak Spanish and I've learned that I have a lot to learn.

What is the most important skill you have developed in your career? Patience, which is something I'm still working on.

In five words or less, what advice do you have for those pursuing a similar career path? It's a broader field than it appears (sorry, 7 words!)

Finish the sentence: "I couldn't get through the quarantine without..." Meditation, walking, WiFi and friends/family"

What is the strangest job you've ever had? I worked at a Renaissance Festival in high school...it draws a very unique crowd!

What three traits define you? I tend to be visual, I'm trying to be organized, fairness

After a hard day at work, how do you relax? Music, walking or television

If you were to write a self-help book, what would the topic be? Balancing your life

What is a movie that you've seen recently and would highly recommend? It's not a movie but I just watched Derry Girls on Netflix and it was the funniest thing I've seen in a long time.

If you had to eat one meal every day for the rest of your life, what would it be? Pizza

Which time period would you visit (or revisit!) in history? The 1960's

Who would you choose to switch places with for a day? Someone who does something very creative/visual for work

What is something - a food or activity - that you tried reluctantly, and it turns out you like it? Escargot

Finish the sentence: "I'm happiest when..." I feel things are in order and I'm with friends or family."