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### Brief Speaker Biographies

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### Welcome

#### **Shayne Brannman, MS, MA**

Director, Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response

Ms. Brannman has extensive experience conducting independent evaluations and assessments of government healthcare policies and programs. She has worked on health issues for the U.S. Navy and Department of Defense healthcare systems, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. She is an established healthcare executive with more than 30 years of experience, within both strategic and operational settings. In addition, she is an experienced personnel-planning analyst, with an extensive understanding of personnel and training systems. Ms. Brannman currently serves as the ASPR Director for TRACIE.

### Moderator

#### **Cicely Waters, MS**

Director, Office of External Affairs, HHS ASPR

Mrs. Waters is Director, Incident Communications within the Office of Public Affairs for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). In this role, she manages communications during incidents requiring a coordinated federal response. She oversees the establishment and execution of the National Joint Information Center and leads information coordination with the White House as well as federal, state, local and international partners to ensure information provided to the public during national emergencies is timely and accurate. Additionally, she assists the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs in his role as the Director of Emergency Support Function #15 (External Affairs).

Mrs. Waters has served in federal service for more than 20 years and is a decorated veteran of the U.S. Air Force. As an Air Force officer, she held numerous positions of leadership and responsibility. Mrs. Waters served as lead engineer and deputy program manager for the Joint Chemical Agent Detector program, supporting the successful schedule and \$30 million budget of the initiative. She was also assigned to the United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) where she served as Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Aide-de-Camp to the Dean of the Faculty. Upon departure from USAFA, Mrs. Waters was hand-picked to serve as Chief, Air Force Congressional Liaison Branch at the Pentagon where she led the professionals responsible for direct coordination with Congress and staff on behalf of the Secretary of the Air Force.



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Prior to joining DHS in 2016, Mrs. Waters served as Chief, Strategic Communications Directorate for the Department of Defense's Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense. Mrs. Waters is an alumnus of Grambling State University (B.S.-Chemistry) and Tulane University (M.S.-Organic Chemistry).

### Presenters

#### **Derek Eisnor, MD, ABMT, ABEM**

Medical Officer, Division of Clinical Development, Biomedical/Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA); COVID-19 Allocation and Distribution Lead, HHS ASPR

Dr. Eisnor is an Emergency and Critical Care physician with over 25 years' experience across a broad range of practice environments both in the U.S. and abroad. Dr. Eisnor currently serves as a Medical Officer in the Department of Health and Human Services, Assistant Secretary of Preparedness and Response's (ASPR), Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA), Division of Clinical Development. He is also the lead for the COVID-19 Federal Response Team responsible for the federal government's allocation and distribution of COVID-19 therapeutics. Dr. Eisnor's special interests include toxicology, disaster medicine, bioterrorism and chemical response initiatives, telemedicine, and novel addiction medicine. He is currently a member of the American Telemedicine Association, the American Society of Addiction Medicine, the National Association of Clinical Toxicology, the American College of Medical Toxicology, and the Special Operations Medical Association. Dr. Eisnor earned his Medical Doctorate at the Albany Medical College and since received credentials in General Surgery from Baylor College of Medicine, in Emergency Medicine from the University of Florida, and in Medical Toxicology from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Emory University

#### **Meg Sullivan, MD, MPH**

Acting Chief Medical Officer, HHS ASPR

Dr. Sullivan is the Acting Chief Medical Officer for the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Preparedness and Response at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Sullivan is a board-certified pediatrician with extensive experience in public health, health equity, primary care, infectious disease prevention and control, and emergency response. Prior to joining ASPR, she served as the medical lead for COVID-19 response for the 15<sup>th</sup> largest city in the country as part of her role as the Medical Director at the Mecklenburg County Health Department in North Carolina. Previously, Dr. Sullivan has worked at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, a Federally Qualified Health Center in Washington, DC and as the Medical Director of an organization in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. Dr. Sullivan completed medical school at the University of California, San Diego and her residency at New York Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center. She received a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.



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**Michael Anderson, MD, MBA**  
Senior Advisor, HHS ASPR

Dr. Anderson's work in children's health, academic medicine and public policy has focused on assuring patients have the utmost in safe, high-quality, and patient-centered care while developing nationally renowned academic programs of excellence. Dr. Anderson has served in a number of important health care and policy leadership roles: Medical Director, Chief Medical Officer, Children's Hospital President, Professor of Pediatrics and Senior Advisor for the Federal COVID response.

Dr. Anderson is also a pediatric critical care specialist and has published/presented on a variety of pediatric topics including safety/high reliability, pediatric disaster preparedness, and physician workforce. He has received funding from the NIH, been promoted to Professor at CWRU, UCSF and George Washington University and had oversight of clinical, GME and Clinical Research programs during his career.

Dr Anderson served as the inaugural President of UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals from 2016 to 2020 where he focused on program integration, leadership recruitment and novel program development. Previously to his appointment at UCSF, Dr. Anderson was Chief Medical Officer for University Hospitals, Cleveland, OH, and Professor of Pediatrics at Case Western Reserve School of Medicine. As President George W. Bush's appointee, he served as Vice Chair of the National Commission on Children and Disasters. In 2014, Dr. Anderson was appointed by the Obama Administration to chair the National Advisory Committee on Children and Disasters at HHS.

He currently serves as a Senior Advisor at HHS/ASPR in Washington DC focused on COVID therapeutics and helping drive a pediatric-focused response agenda. Dr Anderson has also taken on the role of Senior Advisor at Children's National Hospital in DC, helping focus on pandemic response, leadership development and strategic planning.

Dr. Anderson has served on several nonprofit boards including the Marian K. Shaughnessy Nurse Leadership Academy at CWRU, the FBI Citizens Academy Foundation, Cuyahoga Health Alliance Program, the Children's Museum of Cleveland, John Carroll University Board of Directors, the Community Advisory Board for Cleveland State University's Urban Health Program, the Joint Powers Authority Health Care Committee, the American Heart Association Heart Ball and the Ignatian Solidarity Network.



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