

ASPR TRACIE Webinar Brief Speaker Biographies

Hidden Consequences: How the COVID Pandemic is Impacting Children Webinar Series

Webinar 3: The Effects of Secondary Disasters on Children October 23, 2020

Welcome

Shayne Brannman, MS, MA
Director, ASPR TRACIE

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 (Technical Resources, Assistance Center, & Information Exchange).

Andrew L. Garrett, MD, MPH
Senior Advisor, HHS ASPR

Dr. Garrett is a Senior Advisor to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) in a shared position with The George Washington (GW) University, where he works as an Associate Professor and Academic Section Chief for Emergency Health Operations at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences. His specialties are Pediatrics as well as EMS, Disaster Medicine, and Public Health.

Andy has over fifteen years of leadership experience in the federal disaster response community, most recently with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as a deputy chief medical officer and then director of the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS), overseeing a system of several thousand federal employees and over 75 medical, veterinary, and mass fatality disaster response teams. He then spent two years at the White House—one year as a charter fellow in the White House Leadership Development Program and then serving as the Director for Biodefense and Medical Preparedness on the National Security Council for both Presidents Obama and Trump. Andy then returned to HHS as the senior medical advisor to the ASPR and functioned as the medical liaison officer to the HHS Office of National Security. He departed HHS in 2018 to accept a faculty position at GW University. In 2020 he

rejoined the federal family in a unique shared position between HHS/ASPR and GW. He is clinically active as a clinical associate attending physician with the Department of Emergency Medicine at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, DC. and is currently a medical officer with the NDMS Maryland-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team. He holds a secondary faculty appointment with the Department of Emergency Medicine at GW University.

Moderator

Meghan Treber, MS

ICF TRACIE Project Director, ASPR TRACIE

Meghan Treber has over 24 years of experience in Emergency Public Health and Medical Preparedness and Response and Emergency Management. As a first responder, she has served as a departmental Emergency Medical Services Chief, Station Commander, Line Officer, and practicing paramedic. As a Senior Analyst for HHS/ASPR, Ms. Treber served as the Operations Chief. Following her federal service, Ms. Treber held numerous senior leadership positions for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, including: Pennsylvania Department of Health, Director, Office of Public Health Preparedness; Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, Director, Office of Policy and Strategic Planning; Special Assistant to the Governor for Emergency Preparedness and Emergency Management; and Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Health for Public Health and Medical System Resilience. Ms. Treber is currently a Senior Director for Public Health Preparedness Practice for ICF and serves as the ICF TRACIE Project Director.

Speakers (listed alphabetically)

Berkeley L. Bennett, MD, MS

Pediatric Emergency Medicine Physician, Nationwide Children's Hospital (Columbus, OH)

Dr. Bennett completed medical school at Loma Linda University in Loma Linda, California. She went on to complete a residency in Pediatrics at Children's Medical Center of Dallas. During that time, she realized her passion for emergency medicine and research. Berkeley pursued fellowship training in Pediatric Emergency Medicine at Texas Children's Hospital and concurrently obtained a Master of Science in Clinical Investigation at Baylor College of Medicine. She also realized an additional passion for caring for victims of physical and sexual abuse and desired additional training in this area. Berkeley completed a fellowship in Child Abuse Pediatrics at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center concurrently with her faculty position in Pediatric Emergency Medicine. Currently, Berkeley is the Director of Performance Improvement in the emergency department at Nationwide Children's Hospital and is looking forward to continuing clinical work in Pediatric Emergency Medicine and Child Abuse Pediatrics.

Brian Blaisch, MD

Contra Costa Regional Medical Center, Autism, Behavior and Child Development Center; and San Francisco Bay Area DMAT CA-6

Dr. Blaisch is a pediatrician whose primary focus is in working with children with developmental, learning and behavior concerns, especially with children affected by trauma exposure, at the Autism, Behavior and Child Development (ABCD) Clinic of the Contra Costa Regional Medical Center, where he is also a pediatric hospitalist.

Dr. Blaisch is a 20 plus year member of a federal Disaster Medical Assistance Team, DMAT CA-6, where he has served much of that time as the Team Medical Director/Chief Medical Officer. Formative deployments have included 911 World Trade Center, Hurricane Katrina, Hurricanes Ike & Gustav, the Haiti Earthquake, and Hurricane Irma. He has also deployed as an HHS employee to the US-Mexico border as part of an operation to reunify unaccompanied children with their parents.

Jay Fisher, MD, FAAP, FACEP

Director of Pediatric Emergency Services, University Medical Center Children's Hospital (Las Vegas, NV)

Dr. Fisher is medical director of Pediatric Emergency Services at Children's Hospital of NV where he has worked for 28 years. This year he helped to establish Nevada's first Pediatric Emergency Medicine fellowship and serves as its Program Director.

Gregory Nelsen, PharmD

Department of Pharmacy, Primary Children's Hospital, Intermountain Healthcare (Salt Lake City, UT)

Dr. Nelsen is a clinical pharmacist in the ED and OR at Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah. He is also a member of the Utah Health Emergency Response Team, the UT-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team (HHS/ASPR/NDMS) and a member of the Western Regional Alliance for Pediatric Emergency Management (WRAP-EM.org). He also has prior work experience at a regional adult hospital and retail pharmacy. Greg graduated from Midwestern University School of Pharmacy-Glendale in 2007.

Annette Newman, MS, RN, CCRN

Community Outreach/ Burn Disaster Coordinator, University of Utah Burn Center and Western Region Burn Disaster Consortium Coordinator

Ms. Newman is the Community Outreach and Disaster Coordinator for University of Utah Health Burn Center and has over thirty years of burn ICU experience. She coordinates burn education in a five-state region, and works closely with EMS, healthcare facilities, schools and community groups. In addition to burn prevention and outreach education, Annette is involved with State and National burn disaster planning and is a member of the Utah Healthcare Emergency Response Team (UHERT) and UT-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT). She is also the Western Region Burn Disaster Consortia Co-Coordinator and a Disaster Preparedness Consultant for the Utah Hospital Association.