

ASPR TRACIE Webinar Brief Speaker Biographies

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Welcome

Shayne Brannman, MS, MA
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Ms. Brannman has extensive experience conducting independent evaluations and assessments of government healthcare policies and programs. She has worked on health and disaster 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).

Introductions

Joseph Lamana, BSN, MPA

Mr. Lamana is the Director of the Readiness Division in the Office of Emergency Management and Medical Operations within the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR). In his current position, he oversees the National Disaster Medical System, the National Hospital Preparedness Program, and the Medical Reserve Corps. Recent major disaster response operations that he has been involved include the H1N1 Pandemic (2009), Haiti Earthquake and Gulf Oil Spill (2010), the Japan Earthquake and Joplin Tornado (2011), Hurricane Sandy (2012) and the Sandy Hook Shooting (2012), Ebola Outbreak (2014), Zika Outbreak (2015), Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria (2017), and the recent COVID-19 Response (2020-2021).

Mr. Lamana also services as the U.S. Government medical representative and the Co-Vice Chair to NATO's Joint Health Agriculture and Food Group, a committee committed to developing emergency preparedness and resilience within member nations. His international experience has lead him to being one of the key architects/writer of an international planners' course provided the Defense Institute of Medical Operations. Mr. Lamana has extensive background as a clinician to include serving as Service Director for critical care at a community hospital in western North Carolina. He has thorough knowledge of military health support and international medical engagements as a result of over 21 years of military experience in the Air Force and Navy, serving in the United States and abroad. During this time, he has held positions as a communications analyst, registered nurse, medical planner and operations officer, flight commander, and international liaison. Mr. Lamana is a seasoned speaker and lecturer, having facilitated many working groups, presented at large conferences in the U.S. and abroad, and taught in a classroom setting internationally.

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)

Céline Gounder, MD, ScM, FIDSA

CEO, Just Human Productions; Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine & Infectious Diseases, NYU School of Medicine & Bellevue Hospital

Dr. Gounder is the CEO/President/Founder of Just Human Productions, a non-profit multimedia organization. She's also the host and producer of American Diagnosis, a podcast on health and social justice, and Epidemic, a podcast about the SARS-CoV-2 / COVID-19 / coronavirus pandemic. From November 9, 2020 to January 20, 2021, Dr. Gounder served on the Biden-Harris Transition COVID-19 Advisory Board.

She is a CNN Medical Analyst, and prior to that, was a frequent expert guest on CBS, MSNBC, CNBC, HLN, BBC, Al Jazeera America, MTV, Dr. Oz, and Oprah Prime. She's written for The New York Times, The New Yorker, The Atlantic, The Guardian US, The Washington Post, Reuters, Quartz, Sports Illustrated, and Bloomberg View. She's best known for her coverage of the Ebola, Zika, COVID-19, opioid overdose, and gun violence epidemics. Dr. Gounder is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine and Infectious Diseases at New York University's Grossman School of Medicine. She cares for patients on the wards at Bellevue Hospital Center.

In early 2015, Dr. Gounder spent two months volunteering as an Ebola aid worker in Guinea. In her free time, she interviewed locals to understand how the crisis was affecting them. She is currently making Dying to Talk, a feature-length documentary about the Ebola epidemic in Guinea.

Between 1998 and 2012, she studied TB and HIV in South Africa, Lesotho, Malawi, Ethiopia, and Brazil. While on faculty at Johns Hopkins, Dr. Gounder was the Director for Delivery for the Gates Foundation-funded Consortium to Respond Effectively to the AIDS/TB Epidemic. She later served as Assistant Commissioner and Director of the Bureau of Tuberculosis Control at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. She received her BA in Molecular Biology from Princeton University, her Master of Science in Epidemiology from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and her MD from the University of Washington. Dr. Gounder was an intern and resident in Internal Medicine at Harvard's Massachusetts General Hospital, and a post-doctoral fellow in Infectious Diseases at Johns Hopkins University. She was elected a fellow of the Infectious Diseases Society of America in 2016 and featured in the IDSA's 2017 Annual Report. In 2017, People Magazine named her one of 25 Women

Changing the World. In 2021, InStyle Magazine named her one of 50 Women Making the World a Better Place.

Dr. Gounder lives with her husband Grant Wahl in New York City.

Syra Madad, D.H.Sc, MCP

Senior Director, System-wide Special Pathogens Program, NYC Health + Hospitals and Fellow, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School at Harvard University

Read Dr. Madad's bio here: <https://files.asprtracie.hhs.gov/documents/syra-madad-bio-covid-19-role.pdf>