

# ASPR TRACIE Webinar

## Brief Speaker Biographies

### Crisis Standards of Care and COVID-19: What's Working and What Isn't

#### 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).

#### 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)

##### **Dan Hanfling, M.D.**

Vice President, Technical Staff, In-Q-Tel

Dr. Hanfling is a Vice President, Technical Staff at In-Q-Tel, focused broadly on exploring the national security implications of epidemics and outbreak events. He previously served as a special advisor in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), focused chiefly on the National Healthcare Preparedness Program. He spent 18 years as principal consultant to the Inova Health System (Falls Church, VA) on matters related to emergency

preparedness and response and was instrumental in founding one of the nation's first healthcare coalitions, the Northern Virginia Hospital Alliance, in October 2002. He also served as a contributing scholar at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Center for Health Security,

He is the co-chair of the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine Forum on Medical and Public Health Preparedness for Catastrophic Events. During the COVID-19 response, he was appointed as a member to the National Academies Standing Committee on Emerging Infectious Diseases and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Health Threats, for which he co-authored two rapid emergency consultations on the topic of crisis standards of care.

He is a medical team manager for the Fairfax County–based FEMA and USAID-sanctioned international urban search and rescue team (VATF-1, USA-1) and has responded to catastrophic disaster events across the globe. He is clinical professor of emergency medicine at George Washington University, and a Professor of Medical Education at the University of Virginia. He has been board certified in emergency medicine since 1997 and remains on staff in the Emergency Department of Inova Fairfax Hospital.

**John Hick, M.D.**

Emergency Physician, Hennepin Healthcare

Dr. John L. Hick is a faculty emergency physician at Hennepin County Medical Center (HCMC) and a Professor of Emergency Medicine at the University of Minnesota Medical School. He serves as the Associate Medical Director for Hennepin County Emergency Medical Services and Medical Director for Emergency Preparedness at HCMC. He served the Minnesota Department of Health as the Medical Director for the Office of Emergency Preparedness and from 2002-2014. He is an expert on hospital preparedness and crisis medical care issues and has published over 50 peer-reviewed papers dealing with hospital preparedness for contaminated casualties, disaster standards of care, and surge capacity.

**Eric Toner, M.D.**

Senior Scholar, Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security; Senior Scientist, Department of Environmental Health and Engineering, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Dr. Toner is a Senior Scholar with the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security and a Senior Scientist in the Department of Environmental Health and Engineering at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. He is an internist and emergency physician. His primary areas of interest are healthcare preparedness for catastrophic events, pandemic influenza, and medical response to bioterrorism. He is Managing Editor of the online newsletter *Clinicians' Biosecurity News* and an Associate Editor of the journal *Health Security*, the leading peer-reviewed journal in this field.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Toner has authored numerous reports and journal articles including those describing hospital preparation approaches, estimating national personal protective equipment needs, and proposing an ethical framework for allocation of scarce COVID-19 vaccine. He has been interviewed frequently by major national and international news media.

Prior to the pandemic, Dr. Toner authored scores of scholarly papers and government reports on healthcare and pandemic preparedness, and he organized numerous meetings of national leaders on the topics of hospital preparedness, pandemic influenza, emerging infectious diseases, mass casualty disasters, biosecurity, and nuclear preparedness. He has spoken at many national and international

conferences on a range of biosecurity topics and appeared on a number of high-profile national television and news features on pandemic flu and bioterrorism preparedness. He was the project director and principal designer of the influential pandemic exercises *Clade X* and *Event 201* and has been the principal investigator of several US government-funded projects to assess and advance healthcare preparedness. Dr. Toner has served on a number of national working groups and committees.

Dr. Toner has been involved in hospital disaster planning since the mid-1980s. Prior to joining the Center, he was Medical Director of Disaster Preparedness at St. Joseph Medical Center in Towson, Maryland, where he practiced emergency medicine for 23 years. In 2003, he spearheaded the creation of a coalition of disaster preparedness personnel from the 5 Baltimore County hospitals, the health department, and the Office of Emergency Management. During this time, he also headed a large emergency medicine group practice and co-founded and managed a large primary care group practice and an independent urgent care center.