

ASPR TRACIE Webinar

Healthcare Facility Extreme Weather Resilience and Mitigation

Speaker Biographies

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Welcome

Rachel Lehman

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Rachel Lehman is the Acting System Owner and Director for ASPR TRACIE. She previously served as an analyst in ASPR's Division of Critical Infrastructure Protection where she led communications, helped manage the Healthcare and Public Health Sector Partnership, and worked on all-hazards risk assessment for the healthcare sector. Prior to joining ASPR, she supported the U.S. Environmental Protection Agencies Office of Research and Development working on chemical risk assessment.

Moderator

Aparna Bole, MD

Senior Consultant, HHS Office of Climate Change & Health Equity (OCCHE)

Dr. Aparna Bole serves as special expert, Office of the Director at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, and as a senior consultant, Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Climate Change and Health Equity. She is an adjunct associate professor of pediatrics at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, and she practiced for many years as a primary care pediatrician in Cleveland prior to joining HHS. She is particularly interested in the intersection between environmental stewardship, environmental justice and pediatric public health.

Dr. Bole is the immediate past chair of the American Academy of Pediatrics' Council on Environmental Health and Climate Change, and a former co-chair of the Healthcare Without Harm board of directors. She has previously served in numerous other environmental health leadership roles, including as a member of Ohio's Lead Advisory Council, the Lead Safe Cleveland Coalition's steering committee, the Trust for Public Land's Ohio Advisory Council and the Ohio Environmental Council's board of directors.

Panelists

Jenna Agins, MBA, MS, LEED Green Associate

Energy & Sustainability Assistant Director, NYU Langone Health

Jenna Agins is a dynamic sustainability leader, currently serving as the Energy & Sustainability Assistant Director at NYU Langone Health. Jenna has successfully led NYU Langone to become the first NYC-based member of the US Health Care Climate Council and achieve numerous awards for sustainability excellence. Under her guidance, NYU Langone committed to achieving carbon neutrality by 2050 as part of the HHS Health Sector Pledge. Her innovative strategies have driven significant energy reductions and earned green building recognitions, including double Platinum certification for USGBC LEED and PEER. Jenna's expertise includes strategic planning, project management, and fostering collaboration across departments to advance environmental goals. She also works to build a culture of sustainability among the more than 49,000 staff, faculty and students through robust engagement and communications. With a strong background in sustainable practices and a commitment to creating healthier spaces, she continues to inspire and implement impactful sustainability initiatives within the healthcare sector.

David S. Burson, AIA, NCARB

Senior Project Manager, Real Estate and Facilities, Mass General Brigham

David Burson is an architect whose work has focused primarily on institutional facilities programming, design and campus planning, urban transportation and infrastructure project planning, design and joint development. With Mass General Brigham he has provided design and development oversight of the 132-bed Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in the Charlestown Navy Yard; the Mass General North Shore Center for Outpatient Care in Danvers; a new administrative campus for 4200 Partners employees at Assembly Row in Somerville; and an MGB Integrated Care network of ambulatory surgery and outpatient clinical facilities. His current project focus includes the development of workforce housing for the Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Cottage Hospitals. He recently completed his second term as a board member of the Mystic River Watershed Association and is a founding member of the Resilient Mystic Collaborative.