

ASPR TRACIE Speaker Series

Brief Speaker Biographies

Healthcare Operations During the COVID-19 Pandemic Speaker Series

Kentucky State Penitentiary Strike Team Response

Jim Duke, BSN, NREMT-P

President, Com-Care Inc.

Jim Duke is a paramedic and registered nurse who began his career in pre-hospital care in 1982. He has experience as a critical care transport nurse, emergency medical services (EMS) instructor, and EMS administrator. He is currently the President of Com-Care Inc., where he manages and operates EMS services in several Kentucky counties. Jim has been involved with healthcare coalition activities since 2003.

BJ Newbury, MS

Healthcare Preparedness Coordinator, West Kentucky Healthcare Coalition

BJ Newbury is currently the Healthcare Preparedness Coordinator for the West Kentucky Healthcare Coalition. She has a Master of Science in Public Administration from Murray State University and a Bachelor of Science in Public Health from Southern Illinois University Carbondale. She has worked in public health since 2011 and has had the opportunity to cross train in multiple disciplines within local/state health departments. As an employee of Kentucky Department of Public Health, BJ works with a team of professionals to provide the highest standard of preparedness education and situational awareness to her coalition team members.