

ASPR TRACIE Webinar

Mission Critical: How One Hospital Maintained Operations and Protected Patients and Staff After Hurricane Helene

Speaker Biographies

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Welcome

Rachel Lehman

Acting Director, Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange (TRACIE), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR)

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

Corina Solé Brito, MA

Deputy Director, ASPR TRACIE

Corina Solé Brito is ICF's Deputy Project Manager ASPR TRACIE. In this role, she oversees communications and the Technical Resources domain, ensuring that products and messages are tailored to and accessible by ASPR TRACIE's stakeholders. She manages the development and publication of ASPR TRACIE's newsletters, Topic Collections on a variety of categories (e.g., behavioral health, pre-hospital mass casualty triage and trauma care, and responder safety and health), and the maintenance of the resource library. Prior to joining ASPR TRACIE at its inception in 2015, Corina served as the Communications Manager for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Disaster Technical Assistance Center where she worked closely with subject matter experts to develop resources on disaster behavioral health topics. As a Senior Associate at the Police Executive Research Forum, Corina co-authored guides on preparing the law enforcement system for a public health emergency and helped conduct case studies on four departments at various stages of

pandemic planning. She has developed curriculum for and helped facilitate dozens of community-oriented policing and problem-solving meetings between law enforcement and other community stakeholders in demographically diverse jurisdictions across the country. She is a guest lecturer on contemporary issues affecting law enforcement at American University and received her M.A. in Criminology from the University of Maryland.

Panelists

Wyatt Chocklett, MA, MS

Chief Executive Officer, TriStar Horizon Medical Center, HCA Healthcare

Wyatt Chocklett is the Chief Executive Officer at TriStar Horizon Medical Center, part of HCA Healthcare. Wyatt's previous experience within HCA Healthcare includes serving in chief operating officer positions at Mission Hospital; Largo Medical Center in Largo, Florida; Doctors Hospital of Sarasota in Sarasota, Florida; and TriStar Horizon in Dickson. He began his career with HCA Healthcare in Nashville as an implementation specialist and management engineer. Wyatt received a Master of Arts from Wake Forest University School of Business, a Master of Science in Biochemistry from Virginia Tech, and a bachelor's degree from Newberry College.

Melissa Harvey MSPH, BSN, RN

Assistant Vice President for Enterprise Emergency Operations, HCA Healthcare

Melissa Harvey is the Assistant Vice President for Enterprise Emergency Operations for HCA Healthcare, the nation's largest health system, comprised of 190 hospitals and 2,000+ sites of care in 23 states and the United Kingdom. She is responsible for advancing healthcare system readiness across the organization and developing next-generation response capabilities to ensure a more resilient healthcare enterprise.

Previously, Melissa served as the Director of Strategic Projects at the Global Center for Health Security at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) and Nebraska Medicine, where she developed public-private partnerships to advance the nation's health security. She has more than a decade of federal healthcare experience, most recently at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, where she served as the Director of Health Systems. In this role, Melissa oversaw the Department's emergency care, electronic health records, and health security portfolios. During the COVID-19 response, she was detailed to the FEMA-HHS Healthcare Resilience Task Force, where she led the Hospital Team. Melissa also served as a member of the COVID Crisis Group, which aimed to pave the way for a potential National COVID Commission, preserve the lessons learned during the crisis, and recommend solutions to safeguard the nation from future threats. The Group published its report, *Lessons from the COVID War: An Investigative Report* in March 2023.

Until 2019, Melissa served as the Director of National Healthcare Preparedness Programs in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, where she developed and advanced the implementation of policies, capabilities, and performance metrics that aimed to improve the nation's overall healthcare emergency readiness. Melissa led ASPR's domestic healthcare system response to Ebola, including developing a regional and tiered infectious disease strategy for the nation's healthcare facilities. She also concurrently served as the ASPR Chief of Staff, facilitating the Office's policy and legislative priorities and its \$1.5 billion budget.

Previously, Melissa served at the Central Intelligence Agency and was the Manager of Emergency Management for Northwell Health in New York. At Northwell, she was responsible for all-hazards planning and response for New York State's largest healthcare system. Melissa has clinical experience as an RN and an EMT. She attended Harvard University (MSPH), Boston College (BA), and George Mason University (BSN).