

# ASPR TRACIE Webinar

## Brief Speaker Biographies

### Next Generation Healthcare Coalitions: Learning and Evolving from COVID-19

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#### Welcome

##### **Shayne Brannman, MS, MA**

Director, Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response

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.

#### Introduction

##### **Richard C. Hunt, MD, FACEP**

Senior Medical Advisor, National Healthcare Preparedness Programs Branch, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response

Dr. Hunt is ASPR's Senior Medical Advisor for National Healthcare Preparedness Programs. From 2013 to 2015, he served The White House as Director for Medical Preparedness Policy, National Security Staff. During this time, he played a critical role in the response to the Ebola crisis and led the "Stop the Bleed" initiative. Prior to his positions in Washington, DC, Dr. Hunt was Distinguished Consultant and Director of the Division of Injury Response at CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. Prior to federal service he served as professor and chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, NY. He is a past president of the National Association of EMS Physicians. Dr. Hunt is board certified in emergency medicine and is an Adjunct Professor of Emergency Medicine at Emory University School of Medicine.

## Presenters

### **Michelle Deland, MA, CO-CEM, MEP**

Executive Director, North Central Regional Healthcare Coalition

Michelle Deland serves as the Executive Director for the North Central Region Healthcare Coalition (NCR HCC). She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and Criminal Justice from Colorado State University and a Masters in Forensic Psychology from the University of Denver. She started her career in emergency management as the Environmental Health & Safety Manager for the largest substance abuse treatment provider in Colorado. Since joining the NCR HCC in 2017, Michelle has led the development and sustainment of a 600-member coalition; supported multiple planning initiatives, including: Regional Hospital Coordination Plan, Regional Behavioral Health Coordination Plan, EMS Multiagency Coordination Group, and the Mountain Plains Regional Disaster Health Response System; and facilitated the transition of the coalition from planning and preparedness to operational. Additionally, she served as the Regional Response Coordinator for the COVID-19 pandemic. Michelle earned her Colorado Certified Emergency Manager and Master Exercise Program Practitioner certifications in 2020.

### **John Hick, MD**

Hennepin Healthcare

Dr. Hick is a faculty emergency physician at Hennepin Healthcare 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 Hennepin Healthcare. He served the Minnesota Department of Health as the Medical Director for the Office of Emergency Preparedness from 2002-2014. He is an expert on hospital preparedness and crisis medical care issues and has published over fifty peer-reviewed papers dealing with hospital preparedness for contaminated casualties, disaster standards of care, and surge capacity.

### **Jennifer Sutherlin, MPH, BSN**

Emergency Services Health and Medical Program Manager, Mid-America Regional Council

Jennifer Sutherlin has a background in hospital healthcare, working as a Registered Nurse for 15 years serving diverse patient populations at the bedside and then through Emergency Department Case Management. In 2019, Mrs. Sutherlin joined MARC as an Emergency Planner and Exercise Coordinator, MARC Region Health Care Coalition Coordinator (covering Leavenworth, Wyandotte, Johnson, and Miami counties in Kansas and Platte, Clay, Cass, Ray, and Jackson counties in Missouri) and Missouri Region A Readiness and Response Coordinator (covering Missouri counties Bates, Lafayette, Johnson, Henry, Carroll, Saline, Pettis, Benton, and Henry). This work has allowed her to work closely with regional hospitals, public health, emergency medical services, emergency managers; local, state, and federal agencies; and many other public and private partners throughout the region for the entirety of the COVID-19 response. Mrs. Sutherlin also serves on the Kansas COVID-19 Vaccine Equity Taskforce. Mrs. Sutherlin holds a Master of Public Health Degree and Emergency Preparedness Certificate from

(2012) and is a member of the American Health Care Association (APHA), Human Rights Campaign (HRC), and American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

**Meghan Treber, MS**

Senior Director, Emergency Preparedness, ICF

Ms. Treber has over 25 years of experience in Emergency Public Health and Medical Preparedness and Emergency Management. She started her career as an Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic working in pre-hospital and hospital settings throughout the National Capital Region and responded to thousands of calls for emergency service, including the attack on the Pentagon on September 11, 2001, the Amtrak Train Derailment in Kensington, Maryland in July 2002, and Hurricane Isabel in September 2003. She worked for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as both an employee and contractor helping to develop national level policy on domestic preparedness and leading operational response planning for managing the public health and medical consequences of disasters and emergencies. Following her federal service, Ms. Treber held numerous senior leadership positions for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, including the State Public Health Preparedness Director and Special Assistant to the Governor, for Emergency Preparedness. Currently, as the Senior Director of Emergency Management, Public Health Preparedness, and Resilience for ICF, she helps clients develop programs and policies, evaluate program effectiveness, engage stakeholders, and develop response plans, training, and exercises to improve our national resilience to disasters and emergencies. Ms. Treber also serves as adjunct faculty for the University of Maryland Baltimore County, Department of Emergency Health Services, where she teaches graduate courses in Disaster Management.