

ASPR TRACIE Webinar Brief Speaker Biographies

Strategies for Healthcare Workplace Violence Prevention: Risk Assessment and De-Escalation March 2, 2022

Welcome

Shayne Brannman, MS, MA

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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.

Moderator

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 and from 2002-2014 and currently works part-time for US Health and Human Services as an Advisor to the Director of the National Healthcare Preparedness Program. 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.

Presenters

James Kendig, MS, CHSP, HEM

Field Director, Surveyor Management and Development Accreditation and Certification Operations

James Kendig is the Field Director for the Life Safety Code Surveyors/Engineers at The Joint Commission. In this role, he oversees half (approximately 40) of the surveyor cadre who specialize in surveying The Joint Commission's life safety, environment of care, and emergency management standards. Previously, Mr. Kendig also served as a Joint Commission Life Safety Code Surveyor. Prior to joining The Joint Commission, he was a Vice President and Safety Officer for a four-hospital system in Florida on the "Space Coast."

Mr. Kendig maintains certifications as a Certified Healthcare Safety Professional, Certified Hazard Control Manager, Certified Healthcare Environmental Manager, and is a licensed Healthcare Risk Manager. He serves on the faculty of the University of Central Florida's Licensed Risk Management Program. Mr. Kendig holds a Bachelor's and Master's degree from West Chester University, West Chester, Pennsylvania. He is currently a resident of Florida.

Lt. Austin Akervic

Security Supervisor, Hennepin Healthcare System

Lt. Akervic is a Security Supervisor for Hennepin Healthcare System, where he has also served as the training supervisor for the past three years. He is also an instructor for Law Officers Combat Kinetics Unarmed Protection (LOCKUP) and taser use. Lt. Akervic received his Bachelor's degree in Law Enforcement from Minnesota State University, Mankato.