

# ASPR TRACIE Webinar

## Brief Speaker Biographies

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### Welcome

#### **Shelly Schwedhelm, MSN, RN, NEA-BC**

Executive Director, Infection Prevention and Emergency Preparedness, Nebraska Medicine

Ms. Schwedhelm is currently the Executive Director of Infection Prevention and Emergency Preparedness, which includes the Biocontainment Unit, at Nebraska Medicine. She had overall accountability for unit operations and logistics during the care of patients with Ebola virus disease in 2014. Ms. Schwedhelm is a Project Leader and subject matter expert with the National Ebola Training and Education Center (NETEC). She also serves on the Board of Directors for the Omaha Metropolitan Medical Response System and as a chairperson of the Healthcare Coalition Committee.

#### **Meghan Treber, MS**

ICF TRACIE Project Director and Principal, Public Health Preparedness Practice, ICF International

Ms. Treber has over 23 years of experience in emergency public health and medical preparedness and response and emergency management. As a first responder, she has served as a departmental EMS Chief, Station Commander, Line Officer, and practicing paramedic. Ms. Treber has worked in federal public health emergency preparedness as a consultant and federal employee. As a Senior Analyst for HHS ASPR, Ms. Treber served as the Operations Chief, responsible for planning and coordinating the federal response to the public health and medical consequences of disasters and emergencies, including the catastrophic 2005 hurricane season. Following her federal service, Ms. Treber held numerous senior leadership positions for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. As a Principal for ICF's Public Health Preparedness Practice, Ms. Treber continues to bring her wealth of public health emergency preparedness knowledge and experience to her clients in developing programs and policies, evaluating program effectiveness, engaging stakeholders, and developing response plans, training, and exercises. She is currently the ICF Project Director for the HHS ASPR Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange (TRACIE).

### Introduction

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

Senior Medical Advisor, ASPR National Healthcare Preparedness Programs

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.

## Speakers

### **Nicholas V. Cagliuso, Sr., PhD, MPH**

Assistant Vice President, Emergency Management, New York City Health + Hospitals

Nicholas V. Cagliuso, Sr., PhD, MPH is Assistant Vice President of Emergency Management for NYC Health + Hospitals, the largest municipal healthcare delivery organization in the U.S. Dr. Cagliuso provides strategic direction and overall leadership on emergency management efforts across the city's \$7 billion integrated healthcare delivery system that consists of 11 acute care hospitals, five skilled nursing facilities, six neighborhood health centers and more than 70 community-based clinics. A survivor of the September 11th terrorist attacks in New York—he was on the 86th floor of One World Trade Center—Dr. Cagliuso has held increasingly responsible roles in the public and not-for-profit sectors of New York City in Fire Department of the City of New York Emergency Medical Services, The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, New York-Presbyterian Healthcare System, and Continuum Health Partners. He has been featured in numerous media outlets including MSNBC, CNN, WABC, and WNYW.

He is the author of five book chapters and serves as an editorial board member of the Journal of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and Journal of Business Continuity and Emergency Planning. He is also a board member of Adelphi University's Center for Health Innovation. Dr. Cagliuso has held faculty appointments at New York Medical College, Metropolitan College of New York, and The New School, teaching graduate courses in economics, public health, and emergency preparedness. He is founding core faculty of NETEC and leads its exercise resources team.

In 2007, Crain's New York Business magazine named him to its prestigious "40 Under 40 Rising Stars" list of New York City's up-and-coming leaders, highlighting his professional achievements and contributions to health care emergency management. Dr. Cagliuso holds a BS, cum laude, in Fire Science from John Jay College, an MPH in Emergency Services Administration from New York Medical College, a certificate in Healthcare Leadership from The Johnson Graduate School of Management of Cornell University, and a PhD in Healthcare Administration with distinction from Capella University. His doctoral dissertation examined stakeholders' experiences with U.S. hospital emergency preparedness.

**Dan Gray**

Regional Healthcare Coordinator, Far Southwest Virginia Healthcare Coalition

Dan Gray is the Regional Hospital Coordinator for the Virginia Health & Hospital Association, directing the Far Southwest (FARSW) region of Virginia's hospitals in the emergency management and disaster preparedness program. Dan majored in Business Administration at Glenville State College and West Virginia University and moved to the southwest Virginia area in 1999. Dan began his tenure with the FARSW region in the fall of 2005 as the region's Communications Coordinator, exercising his skills in effective communication and coalition building of emergency management entities of southwest Virginia. Dan transitioned from Regional Communication Coordinator to Regional Hospital Coordinator in the fall of 2014. His business and communication skills have helped maintain the region's emergency management program and to continue improvement on emergency management preparedness and coalition development throughout the state of Virginia. His dedication to detail and relationships throughout Southwest Virginia have been key to keep southwest Virginia in the forefront of disaster preparedness. Dan is also proud to serve as an advisory board committee member for the Southwest Virginia Medical Reserve Corps.

**Syra Madad, DHSc, MSc, MCP**

Director, System-wide Special Pathogens Program, New York City Health + Hospitals

Syra Madad, DHSc, MSc, MCP is a nationally recognized leader in public health and special pathogen preparedness and response. She is the Director of the System-wide Special Pathogens Program at New York City Health + Hospitals, the nation's largest municipal healthcare delivery system overseeing special pathogen preparedness and response efforts across 11 acute care hospitals and five post-acute/long-term care facilities. She is currently an Assistant Professor in the Graduate Biotechnology/BioDefense Program at the University of Maryland and Core Faculty/Team Lead in NETEC's Special Pathogens Exercise Resource Team. In addition, Dr. Madad is a Fellow in the Emerging Leaders in Biosecurity at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Center for Health Security. Previously, she served as a Senior Research Fellow in the Behavioral Informatics & Technological Enterprise Studies at the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Dr. Madad earned her doctoral degree in Health Science with a concentration in Global Health from Nova Southeastern University, graduating with Alpha Eta Health Science Honor Society status. She obtained her Master of Science degree in Biotechnology with a concentration in Biodefense and Biosecurity and Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from the University of Maryland. Dr. Madad holds numerous professional certifications, licenses and training certificates including Master Continuity Practitioner Certification (FEMA), Advanced Emergency Planning Certification, All Hazard Response (CBRNE) Training for Laboratory Personnel, Biosafety Level III Training, and Identification of the Primary Select Agents of Bioterrorism Training.

Prior to her current role, Dr. Madad served as the Lead Continuity of Operations Liaison and State Trainer for the BioThreat and Chemical Threat Teams at the Texas Department of State Health Services, Emergency Preparedness Branch. In this role, she performed advanced consultative work in the planning, development and implementation of the agency's public health preparedness and response initiatives. She served on the Ebola and Other Infectious Disease Agent Surge Team and assisted with the Texas state 2014-2015 Ebola outbreak response. In 2015, Dr. Madad was awarded the Ebola Response Team Appreciation Award by the Commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services in recognition of her contributions to the state Ebola response effort.

She has a strong background in academia, teaching in graduate, undergraduate and professional programs with courses ranging from advanced microbiology to bioterrorism and biosecurity. Dr. Madad has held various faculty appointments, including Assistant Professor, Deputy Chair, and Director of Education for various academic institutions in Maryland, New York and Texas.

Dr. Madad has a number of peer-reviewed articles, and has been a guest speaker at numerous scientific and medical conferences/workshops around the nation. She serves on the editorial board of the Journal of Association of Interdisciplinary Doctors of Health Science and the Journal of Medicine and Medical Sciences. She was awarded the prestigious J.V. Irons Award for Scientific Excellence in 2015 by the Texas Department of State Health Services for her significant contributions to the agency and scientific community and was recently highlighted as a "Pathogen Preparedness Pioneer" in a NYC Health + Hospitals press release in 2017.

**Elisabeth K. Weber, RN, MA, CEN**

Project Administrator, Hospital and Healthcare Preparedness Program, Chicago Department of Public Health and Co-Chair, Chicago Healthcare System Coalition for Preparedness and Response

Elisabeth Weber has been the Project Administrator of the Hospital and Healthcare Preparedness Program (HPP) at the Chicago Department of Public Health since 2009. Prior to that, for seven years, she managed the Emergency Preparedness Program at Children's Memorial Hospital (now the Ann & Robert H Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago) where she was also the Director of Emergency Services for four years. She has served as the Administrative Manager of Emergency Services at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, the Unit Manager of the Emergency Department at MetroHealth Medical Center in Cleveland, and the Assistant Nurse Manager of Adult Emergency Services at Bellevue Hospital, in New York City, where she received her Master's degree in Nursing Administration from New York University. Her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing is from Case Western Reserve University. She is an Advanced Practice Nurse/Clinical Nurse Specialist and a Certified Emergency Nurse.