

ASPR TRACIE/NETEC Webinar

Brief Speaker Biographies

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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, 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 healthcare system issues for the Navy, Department of Defense, 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 a Senior Management Analyst within HHS ASPR. She is the ASPR Director for the Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange (TRACIE) and works on interagency crisis standards of care and healthcare system stress efforts.

Shelly Schwedhelm, MSN, RN, NEA-BC

Executive Director, Emergency Preparedness and Infection Prevention, Nebraska Medical Center; Project Director, National Ebola Training and Education Center

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 (EVD) 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.

Sharon Vanairsdale, MS, APRN, ACNS-BC, NP-C, CEN, FAEN, FAAN

Program Director, Serious Communicable Diseases, Emory University Hospital; Director of Training and Education, National Ebola Training and Education Center

Sharon Vanairsdale is the Program Director for the Serious Communicable Diseases Unit at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, GA. She has been involved in the care of patients with EVD and Lassa fever at Emory University Hospital. Ms. Vanairsdale is also the lead for education within NETEC, a federally funded collaborative between Emory, Nebraska Medicine, and New

York City Health + Hospitals-Bellevue. She serves as a subject matter expert for the management of patients with highly infectious diseases, delivers trainings to healthcare workers, and travels to hospitals across the country to share best practices and increase preparedness in the United States. Prior to the 2014 Ebola outbreak, she was the Clinical Nurse Specialist in the Emergency Department at Emory University Hospital. In 2016, Ms. Vanairsdale was awarded the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) National Magnet Nurse of the Year for Exemplary Professional Practice and named the Georgia Chapter March of Dimes Nurse of the Year for Nursing Administration. In 2017, she was inducted into the Academy of Emergency Nurses and American Academy of Nurses.

Moderator

Meghan Treber, MS

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

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 emergency medical services (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 HHS ASPR TRACIE.

Introduction

Richard C. Hunt, MD, FACEP

Senior Medical Advisor, National Healthcare Preparedness Programs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 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 the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) 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

Kate Boulter, BAN, RN, MPH

Nurse Manager, Nebraska Biocontainment Unit; Lead for Online Education and Technical Assistance, National Ebola Training and Education Center

Kate Boulter is the Nurse Manager of the Nebraska Biocontainment Unit (NBU) and has been involved with the unit since its opening in 2005. She is responsible for the supervision and management of staff and the development of policies and procedures. She is on the NBU Leadership Team, which is an interdisciplinary working group that meets weekly to ensure unit readiness. Kate also serves as a subject matter expert for NETEC and leads the online education and technical assistance programs. Kate is passionate about infection control and occupational safety and uses this passion to mentor and educate NBU staff as well as regional and national partners.

Amanda Grindle, MSN, RN, CNL, CPN, CCRN

Clinical Program Manager, Special Care Unit, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta; Lead for Pediatrics and Technical Assistance, National Ebola Training and Education Center

Amanda Grindle is the Clinical Program Manager for Hospital Readiness at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (GA) where she manages the Special Care Unit for pediatric patients with highly infectious diseases. Her responsibilities include: overseeing unit operations and logistics, designing and facilitating exercises, developing protocols, managing multiple grants, and providing competency-based training and education. She also serves as the lead for Pediatrics and Technical Assistance for NETEC, a federally-funded multi-organizational cooperative. Amanda leverages her strong skills in pediatric nursing and organizational leadership to creatively develop and deliver trainings for healthcare workers and hospitals around the country, sharing best practices and bringing awareness to highly infectious disease preparedness. Prior to this role, Amanda was the Clinical Nurse Expert for the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta where she led evidence-based practice for staff development, innovation, and research. Additionally, Amanda serves as a pediatric clinical content expert for Elsevier, an information and analytics company and one of the world's major providers of scientific, technical, and medical information. Amanda obtained her BSEd in Kinesiology from the University of Georgia and MSN from the Medical College of Georgia. She holds certifications as a Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, Critical Care Certified Nurse (CCRN) from the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN), and Certified Pediatric Nurse (CPN) from the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board. She is also an active member of the AACN.

Melissa Harvey, RN, MSPH

Director, Division of National Healthcare Preparedness Programs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response

Ms. Harvey is the Director of the Division of National Healthcare Preparedness Programs in HHS ASPR. In this role, she is responsible for developing and advancing the implementation of policies and capabilities that aim to improve the nation's overall healthcare preparedness, including the Hospital Preparedness Program Cooperative Agreement. Melissa led ASPR's domestic healthcare system response to Ebola, including the development of a new regional and tiered strategy for the nation's healthcare facilities. She previously served as the Special Assistant to the ASPR, advising and supporting the Assistant Secretary on policy development, program implementation, and disaster response operations to ensure that the Office met its public health emergency preparedness and response mission. Melissa has also served as a Global Health Analyst, preparing assessments of foreign governments' capabilities to detect and respond to emerging infectious diseases, terrorism, and natural disasters. Prior to her federal work, Melissa was the Program Manager of Emergency Management for the North Shore-LIJ Health System in New York, where she was responsible for all-hazards planning and response operations for the nation's second largest, non-profit, secular healthcare system. She was also an emergency medical technician for the Health System's New York City 911 and inter-facility EMS divisions. Melissa attended Boston College (BA), George Mason University (BSN), and Harvard University (MSPH). She is a Registered Nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Jill Morgan, BSN, RN

Critical Care Nurse, Respiratory Intensive Care Unit and Serious Communicable Diseases Unit, Emory University Hospital; Lead for In-Person Workshops, National Ebola Training and Education Center

Jill Morgan is a Critical Care Nurse at Emory University Hospital. She has 30 years of emergency and critical care experience and has been on Emory's Serious Communicable Disease Unit for more than a decade. She was the first nurse to care for an EVD patient in the US. She now is part of NETEC, helping to educate healthcare workers nationwide in the safe care of patients who have or are suspected of having a high consequence pathogen.

Trevor Shoemaker, MPH

Epidemiologist, Viral Special Pathogens Branch, Division of High-Consequence Pathogens and Pathology, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Trevor Shoemaker is a Senior Epidemiologist with the Viral Special Pathogens Branch (VSPB) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA. The branch specializes in the surveillance, investigation, laboratory diagnostics, and outbreak response for viral hemorrhagic fevers (VHF). He currently focuses on enhancing surveillance and outbreak detection for VHFs internationally and on the determinants and risk factors for VHF emergence. He previously served six years as Program Director for VSPB in Uganda, establishing the national VHF surveillance program and Biosafety Level 3 (BSL-3) laboratory diagnostic testing capacity at the Uganda Virus Research Institute (UVRI). He has been working in infectious disease epidemiology

and public health for over 20 years. Prior to returning to VSPB, he served as an epidemiologist for the Biological Threat Reduction Program and worked in the countries of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Ukraine. His other previous work experience includes the California Department of Public Health working on avian and pandemic influenza epidemiology, surveillance, and public health preparedness.

Trish Tennill, RN, BSN

Nurse Lead and Trainer, Special Pathogens Unit, New York City Health + Hospitals/Bellevue; Lead for Simulation Training, National Ebola Training and Education Center

Ms. Tennill is an Associate Director of Nursing in Staff Development and the nursing lead for the Special Pathogen Program at Health and Hospitals Bellevue. She is involved in the development of facility- and corporation-wide protocols concerning the care of patients with a highly infectious disease and the staff who care for them. As an educator, her scope includes hands-on training for all staff involved in the Special Pathogens Program. She also educates the bedside nurses on their role before, during, and after caring for a patient with a highly infectious disease.

Angela Vasa, BSN, RN, CCRN

Nurse Manager, Nebraska Medicine, Nebraska Biocontainment Unit; Director of Site Assessments and Metrics Development, National Ebola Training and Education Center

Ms. Vasa's nursing experience includes delivery of care for patients with highly infectious diseases, solid organ transplant, and critical care as well as education, infection control, and leadership. Angela provided direct patient care for the patients with EVD admitted to the NBU in 2014-2015. She is currently a Nurse Manager in the NBU at Nebraska Medicine. In this role, her responsibilities include providing competency-based training for physicians, nurses, and consulting ancillary staff in proper personal protective equipment (PPE) donning and doffing techniques, designing and facilitating exercises to further preparedness efforts related to highly infectious diseases, and developing policies and procedures related to PPE, infection control, staffing ratios, personal hygiene, clinical care, specimen handling, and new staff orientation. Ms. Vasa serves as faculty for NETEC. She is the current Director of Readiness Assessments and Metrics Development and considered to be a subject matter expert in the following areas: infection control, care of the deceased, clinical care, PPE, staffing, education, exercise development, and training. Ms. Vasa holds a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing, is certified as a critical care nurse and is currently enrolled in a graduate nursing program. Angela is a 2016 alumni of the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security Emerging Leaders for Biosecurity Initiative (ELBI) fellowship and is an advocate for promoting education for clinicians to provide safe and effective clinical care for patients with high consequence infectious diseases.