

**Optimizing Federal, State, and Local Response to Public Health Emergencies
A Workshop**

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Speaker Biographies

Chelsea Cipriano, MPH, serves as Managing Director of the Common Health Coalition, a partnership of leading health organizations with a shared commitment to partnering with and taking action for public health. The Coalition's Steering Committee and founding members are AHIP, the Alliance of Community Health Plans, American Hospital Association, American Medical Association, and Kaiser Permanente.

Prior to this role, Cipriano served as Executive Director of Government Affairs and Deputy Public Information Officer (COVID, mpox responses) for the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. She also served within the New York City Mayor's Office - first as a Senior Health Policy Advisor and then as Deputy Chief of Staff for the Office of Management and Budget. Cipriano has held numerous roles in public health at multiple levels of government, including with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Cipriano came to public health by way of clinical work - after serving as an Emergency Medical Technician during multiple emergency response activations. Because of this, she enjoys living at the intersection of public health operations, policy, and communications. She earned both her Bachelor's and Master of Public Health degrees from Tulane University.

Morgan F. McDonald, MD, FACP FAAP, is the Milbank Memorial Fund's National Director of Population Health and Health Equity Leadership. She leads the fund's state health policy programming and leadership development, bringing together state executive and legislative branch leaders and connecting them with nonpartisan, evidence-based resources and experience. McDonald served for eight years in executive administration at the Tennessee Department of Health, most recently as the Interim Health Commissioner and previously as Deputy Commissioner for Population Health and Assistant Commissioner for Family Health and Wellness. In these roles, she provided senior leadership for the state's pandemic response and recovery efforts, championed the Department's rural health and health equity implementation work, and successfully led the state's maternal and child health improvement initiatives. McDonald continues to work as a primary care physician in marginalized communities and has held educational leadership positions at the University of North Carolina and then Vanderbilt University. She led curricula in inter-professional education, protective community factors, and the care of marginalized populations for medical school and residency programs. Board certified in internal medicine and pediatrics, McDonald has continued her clinical practice to maintain the roots of policy making in patient journeys.