

Medical Countermeasures- Expanding Delivery and Increasing Uptake Through Public-Private Partnerships: A Workshop Series

Workshop 2 - Public-Private Partnerships for Acceptance and Uptake of Medical Countermeasures

Moderator and Speaker Biographies

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MODERATOR BIOGRAPHIES



ALI S. KHAN, M.D., M.P.H. (CHAIR) is Dean of the College of Public Health at UNMC & a former Assistant Surgeon General with the US Public Health Service. As Dean, his focus is on health system & community-based health transformations. Dr. Khan's career has focused on health security, global health, & emerging infectious diseases. He completed a 23-year career as a senior director at the CDC where he was one of the main architects of their national health security. He continues to actively support global outbreak responses as a member of WHO & GOARN. Dr. Khan is the author of *The Next Pandemic: On the Front Lines Against Humankind's Gravest Dangers*. Dr. Khan got his M.D. degree from SUNY-Downstate, M.P.H. from Emory University, and M.B.A. from the University of Nebraska.



MONICA SCHOCH-SPANNA, PH.D. (PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBER) is a medical anthropologist, a Senior Scholar with the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security, and a Senior Scientist in the Department of Environmental Health & Engineering at the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health. Since 1998, she has conducted research and briefed federal, state, and local officials, as well as medical, public health, and public safety professionals, on critical issues in health security. Her areas of expertise include community resilience to disaster, public engagement in policymaking, crisis and risk communication, and public health emergency management (readiness/response/recovery). National advisory roles include currently serving on the Homeland Security Subcommittee of the Board of Scientific Counselors for the US Environmental Protection Agency, the Resilient America Roundtable of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM), and the NASEM Standing Committee on Medical and Public Health Research during Large-Scale Emergency Events. Dr. Schoch-Spana has led research, education, and advocacy efforts to encourage authorities to enlist the public's contributions for the effective and equitable management of extreme events. Her studies have been influential in debunking myths about mass behaviors in the context of bioterrorism, reframing the management of catastrophic health events to include social and ethical-moral dimensions, and persuading leaders to share governance dilemmas with the communities directly affected by them. During the COVID-19 pandemic response, Dr. Schoch-Spana worked diligently to translate social scientific insights into actionable recommendations that addressed vaccine access and acceptance for BIPOC communities, the ethical allocation of COVID-19 vaccines, readiness for mass mental health challenges, crisis standards of care and their communication to the public, and a transformative pandemic recovery process focused on the whole person. From 2003 to

2017, Dr. Schoch-Spana worked at the UPMC Center for Health Security; prior to that, she worked at the Johns Hopkins University Center for Civilian Biodefense Strategies, starting in 1998. She received her Ph.D. in cultural anthropology from Johns Hopkins University and a BA from Bryn Mawr College.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



TRACY REED, is the Community Health Director for Southeastern Idaho Public Health where she has worked for over 21 years. She was born and raised in Pocatello, Idaho. She graduated from Idaho State University, where she is now currently an adjunct professor. She has three children and a grandson. She enjoys traveling, hiking, boating, and camping with her husband.



STEPHEN THOMAS, PH.D., is an esteemed researcher and public health advocate recognized for his influential contributions in the field of health disparities and social determinants of health. As a distinguished scholar, he has dedicated his career to addressing the complex factors that contribute to unequal health outcomes among marginalized communities. Dr. Thomas currently serves as a professor of health policy and management in the School of Public Health and Director of the Center for Health Equity at the University of Maryland in College Park. He previously held the Philip Hallen Professor of Community Health and Social Justice position at the University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health from 2000 to 2010. His expertise and leadership have played a pivotal role in shaping national health policies, including his involvement with advisory boards and expert panels such as the National Academies and the Maryland Health Care Commission. Driven by a profound commitment to hyperlocal community-engaged research, Dr. Thomas actively collaborates with community organizations and stakeholders to develop innovative interventions that reduce health disparities. His research focuses on understanding the social, cultural, and economic influences on health outcomes, and he has been instrumental in translating medical and public health science into culturally tailored community interventions. In addition to his impactful research, Dr. Thomas is a prolific author, with numerous influential articles and book chapters on health disparities to his name. He is highly sought-after as a speaker, sharing his expertise at national and international conferences, and has received numerous awards from national, state, and local public health organizations. One of Dr. Thomas's notable achievements is the creation of the Health Advocates In-Reach and Research (HAIR) Network, which was endorsed by the White House as the model for the highly successful Shots@theShop COVID-19 vaccination campaign. This innovative initiative transformed Black barbershops and salons into trusted information centers for COVID vaccines and beyond, further exemplifying Dr. Thomas's visionary leadership in the field of health disparities and his commitment to achieving health equity for all populations.



JEREMY PANGELINAN, M.A.-C., E.M.T., is a Patient Services Director at Muckleshoot Health and Wellness Center. He is a native of the Territory of Guam who moved to Washington State in 2002. He has worked in health care for 20 years in the private sector and Tribal Health settings. He started his career as a Certified Medical Assistant, Emergency Medical Technician and has moved into clinical management. Jeremy has been employed with the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe for the past 14 years; he started as a Certified Medical Assistant, Medical Floor Manager, and Clinic Manager and now serves as the Patient Services Director. His passion is working in Infection Prevention and Pre-Hospital Medicine.



TASNUVA KHAN, PHARM.D., is the driving force behind Faith & Vaccines, a program that was sponsored by Resolve Inc., and partner of the MD Vaccine Equity Task Force and MD Dept of Health Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities. Tasnuva founded the Faith Alliance for Community Equity & Sustainability, a community-based organization that aims to provide resources and education for nutrition and wellness in BIPOC faith communities through its flagship program Building Blocks for Healthy Communities. Tasnuva is also a social justice activist and a community organizer. She is an appointed member of the Racial Equity & Social Justice Advisory Community for Montgomery County, Maryland. She serves as a core team member of the Climate Justice Academy sponsored by the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection. Tasnuva also co-founded a grassroots advocacy group called Muslim Voices Coalition and works with numerous other faith-based advocacy initiatives.



CHRISTOPHER SHIELDS, is the Assistant Commissioner for the Chicago Department of Public Health Division of Emergency Preparedness and Response, has been a licensed paramedic for 29 years and has 18 years of working experience in Public Health / Healthcare emergency management. The City of Chicago is the third largest jurisdiction in the US, with a population of 2.70 million residents within 245 urban square miles, operating 35 hospitals, with a licensed bed count of 9000 units, which represents 40% of the total beds available in the state of Illinois. Mr. Shields oversees various Health impact planning and response programs, including but not limited to BioWatch, CHEMPACK, the Tier 1 Pharmaceutical Warehouse, vaccine management, and supply chain logistics for the city's Medical Countermeasure mission space. Mr. Shields serves as a senior advisor on various Humanitarian Aid / Disaster Recovery and Counter-terrorism committees for DHS, HHS, CDC, and FEMA, policy committees for NACCHO and ASTHO and has operational experience as the Health and Medical Incident Commander for multiple real-world events including; Hurricane Katrina (2005), H1N1 (2009-2010), NATO (2012), Ebola (2014-2016), SARS CoV-2 pandemic (2020-2023) and the Ebola Sudan Virus (2022-2023). Mr. Shields obtained a Bachelor of Science in Public Health Administration from Northern Illinois University.