

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

Committee

Ali S. Khan

Chair

Ali S. Khan, M.D., M.P.H., 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.

Brooke Courtney

Member

Brooke Courtney, J.D., M.P.H., is Senior Regulatory Counsel in the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Office of Counterterrorism and Emerging Threats in the Office of the Commissioner, where she works on domestic and global regulatory, policy, and legal issues to facilitate access to MCMs for civilians and the warfighter in response to CBRN and emerging infectious disease threats. She also serves in a lead coordinating role for the FDA's interagency supply chain efforts. Ms. Courtney was an Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown and the Director of the Baltimore City Health Department's Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response and worked at the Center for Health Security, the American Red Cross, and Pfizer. She was a member of the NASEM Preparedness Forum and crisis standards of care committee, and a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Her M.P.H. is from Yale University and J.D. and Health Law Certificate are from the University of Maryland Carey School of Law.

Nicole Errett

Member

Nicole Errett, Ph.D., M.S.P.H., is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences at the University of Washington School of Public Health. Dr. Errett previously served as the Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Preparedness and Response, the Policy and Legislative Director at the Baltimore City Mayor's Office of Emergency Management, and the Evaluation and Assessment Manager at the Northwest Healthcare Response Network. Her research focuses on the development, implementation, and health impacts of policies and programs that aim to build resilience in the context of public health emergencies, disasters, and climate change. She works closely with public health practitioners, emergency managers, community-based organizations, and others to design and implement policy-relevant research that contributes to real-world solutions for pressing disaster, climate, and health problems. She co-chairs the NIEHS Disaster Research Response Network Steering Committee and co-leads the new Public Health Extreme Events Research Network. She holds a Ph.D. in Health and Public Policy, an MSPH in Health Policy, and a B.A. in Public Health Studies from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD. She completed post-doctoral training in coastal community resilience at the University of British Columbia's School of Community and Regional Planning in Vancouver, BC.

John L. Hick

Member

John Hick, M.D., is a faculty emergency physician at Hennepin Healthcare and a Professor of Emergency Medicine at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Hick serves as the deputy medical director for Hennepin County Emergency Medical Services and Medical Director for Emergency Preparedness at HCMC. He is also the Vice-Chair of the Clinical Council for Life Link III helicopter service and medical director for MN TF-1 state US&R team. He served the Minnesota Department of Health as the medical director for the Office of Emergency Preparedness until becoming an Advisor to the Director of OEM at ASPR/HHS where he is the lead editor for the TRACIE healthcare disaster preparedness website. He is the founder and past chair of the Minneapolis/St. Paul Metropolitan Hospital Compact, a 32-hospital mutual aid and planning group active since 2002. He is a national speaker on hospital preparedness issues and has published numerous papers dealing with hospital preparedness for contaminated casualties, personal protective equipment, crisis standards of care, and surge capacity and was honored to serve the Institute of Medicine on their Crisis Standards of Care projects as well as the Forum on Medical and Public Health Preparedness for Disasters and Emergencies. Dr. Hick holds an M.D. from the Mayo Medical School.

Christine Kosmos

Member

Christine Kosmos, R.N., B.S.N., M.S., is the Director of the Division of State and Local Readiness in the Center for Preparedness and Response. Ms. Kosmos has served in this role since 2009 and has directed several important initiatives designed to improve state and local readiness to respond to emergencies. Ms. Kosmos has more than 20 years of experience in emergency preparedness, planning, and response in a variety of settings. Before joining CDC, she spent 20 years with the City of Chicago Department of Public Health where she held several leadership positions, including serving as the Deputy Commissioner. In that role, she managed both public health and healthcare system preparedness and response. She also served as the director of the Chicago Trauma System, a network of designated trauma centers, and Deputy Commissioner for Clinical Operations, a network of 23 public health clinics in Chicago. Ms. Kosmos is a registered nurse. She began her career as a staff nurse and later served as the senior manager of one of the busiest trauma centers in Chicago.

Nicolette A. Louissaint

Member

Nicolette Louissaint, Ph.D., serves as the Senior Vice President for Policy and Strategic Planning for the Healthcare Distribution Alliance (HDA). In this role, she leads HDA's efforts to build policies and strategic approaches to bolster supply chain resilience and reinforce the role of healthcare distributors in the healthcare ecosystem. She previously served as the Executive Director and President of Healthcare Ready, a 501(c)(3) organization that focuses on strengthening the United States healthcare supply chain preparedness and response before, during, and after natural disasters and disease pandemics. Prior to this, Dr. Louissaint served as the Senior Advisor to the U.S. Department of State's Special Coordinator for Ebola during the height of the 2014 epidemic and as a Foreign Affairs Officer in the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs. Dr. Louissaint chairs the Equity Working Group on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Advisory Council. In 2020, she was named one of The Root 100 Most Influential African Americans. She earned her bachelor's degrees in Chemical Engineering and Biological Sciences from Carnegie Mellon University, a Ph.D. in Pharmacology and Molecular Sciences from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and an MBA from the University of Baltimore.

Jennifer Martin

Member

Jennifer Martin, PHARM.D., received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy in 2004 and subsequently completed a Psychiatric Pharmacy Practice Residency at the Louis Stokes Cleveland Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in 2005. She became a Board Certified Psychiatric Pharmacist in 2006. Since that time, Jennifer has functioned in a variety of different roles during her employment with the VA including Clinical Pharmacy Specialist – Mental Health, PGY-2 Residency Director, and Associate Chief of Pharmacy at the Captain James A Lovell Federal Health Care Center. Jennifer is currently the Deputy Chief Consultant, at VA Pharmacy Benefits Management Service. In her current role, Jennifer oversees activities related to formulary management, data management, and pharmaceutical contracting. In her current role, Dr. Martin also coordinates distribution and data management tracking for all medical countermeasures at the national level for the entire VA system.

Suzet M. McKinney

Member

Suzet M. McKinney, DrPH., M.P.H., is a public health expert, medical executive, thought leader, strategic thinker, and nationally recognized expert in emergency preparedness and response. As Principal and Director of Life Sciences for Sterling Bay, Dr. McKinney oversees relationships with the scientific, academic, corporate, tech, and governmental sectors involved in the life sciences ecosystem. She also leads the strategy to expand Sterling Bay's footprint in life sciences nationwide. She previously served as CEO and Executive Director of the Illinois Medical District, where she managed a 24/7/365 environment that included 560 acres of medical research facilities, labs, a biotech business incubator, universities, raw land development areas, four hospitals, and more than 40 healthcare-related facilities. Within two years of leadership, Dr. McKinney accomplished a financial turnaround of the IMD, successfully retiring more than \$40 million in debt. In 2020, Dr. McKinney was appointed by Illinois Governor JB Pritzker as Operations Lead for the State of Illinois' Alternate Care Facilities, a network of alternate medical locations designed to decompress the hospital system during the COVID-19 pandemic. She worked with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and multiple construction, architecture, and project management teams to prepare five facilities to open for overflow patient care. Dr. McKinney is also an experienced on-camera expert who has frequently discussed healthcare disparities and racial inequities amplified by the pandemic, climate-related emergencies, biological and chemical threats, and natural disasters. She's been featured on CNN, ABC, NBC Nightly News, The Wall Street Journal, Forbes, Crain's Chicago Businesses, and The Chicago Tribune. Prior to leading the IMD, Dr. McKinney served as the Deputy Commissioner of the Bureau of Public Health Preparedness and Emergency Response at the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH), where she oversaw the emergency preparedness efforts for the Department and coordinated those efforts within the larger spectrum of the City of Chicago's Public Safety activities, in addition to overseeing the Department's Division of Women and Children's Health. She also provided support to the U.S. Department of Defense's Defense Threat Reduction Agency, lending subject matter expertise in biological terrorism preparedness to the country of Poland. Previously, she served as the Sr. Advisor for Public Health and Preparedness at the Tauri Group, where she provided strategic and analytical consulting services to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS), BioWatch Program. Her work at DHS included providing creative, responsive, and operationally based problem-solving for public health, emergency management, and homeland security issues, specifically chemical and biological early detection systems, and the implementation of those systems at the state and local levels.

Anita Patel

Member

Anita Patel, Pharm.D., M.S., leads the development of Walgreens clinical pharmacy services. She is responsible for the advancement of existing clinical programs such as immunizations and medication adherence across 9K community sites, expansion into new therapeutic areas including diabetes and hypertension, and innovation for clinical service delivery to improve access to quality care across communities. Dr. Patel also oversees the Walgreens COVID-19 strategy and execution, including vaccines, testing, data and analytics. She has over 20 years of experience in the public health and healthcare industry helping to accelerate Walgreens into its pharmacy of the future strategy. Prior to joining Walgreens in 2022, Dr. Patel served at the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for 18 years in multiple leadership positions. This included leading the initial US efforts for the COVID-19 response. Dr. Patel was also instrumental in leading the design and implementation of the nation's COVID-19 vaccine efforts for the CDC, Department of Health and Human Services, and the White House. Anita graduated with a Doctorate in Pharmacy from the University of the Sciences, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and completed her post-doctoral fellowship at Rutgers Post-Doctoral Pharmaceutical Industry Fellowship. She holds a master's degree in Biosecurity and Disaster Preparedness from Saint Louis University School of Public Health.

Sara Roszak

Member

Sara E. Roszak, Dr.PH., M.P.H., M.A., serves as Senior Vice President, Health and Wellness Strategy and Policy, at the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS), and President of NACDS Foundation. Ms. Roszak joined NACDS in 2014 and has assumed positions of increasing responsibility. Most recently, Roszak served as NACDS' vice president, pharmacy care and health strategy, and as the NACDS Foundation's vice president of research programs. At NACDS, she has been a leader in forging the vision and internal infrastructure to help remove barriers to pharmacy care, and she helped to translate this approach rapidly and effectively into advocacy on pandemic-specific issues. She also spear-headed the multi-year NACDS Literature Program to align research with policy objectives; oversaw the execution of NACDS' Optimizing Care Program to allow pharmacists to further focus their efforts on patient care by enhancing the role of pharmacy technicians; and fostered NACDS' relationship with agencies including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on topics related to preventive care. Prior to joining NACDS and the Foundation, Ms. Roszak managed the pandemic preparedness portfolio at the National Association of County and City Health Officials. From 2009 to 2011, she worked for U.S. Senator Bob Graham in various capacities while he co-chaired a congressional commission focused on preventing biological terrorism and then a presidential commission focused on the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Recent awards include the 2015 American Public Health Association's Jay S. Drotman Memorial Award for a young professional who has demonstrated outstanding potential by challenging traditional public health practice in a creative way. Ms. Roszak holds bachelor's degrees in political science and journalism from the University of Florida (UF) and obtained her Master in Public Health (MPH) and a Master of Arts (MA) in International Affairs from George Washington University. She also earned a Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) degree from the University of North Carolina Gillings School of Global Public Health's Executive Doctoral Program in Health Leadership.

Monica Schoch-Spana

Member

Monica Schoch-Spana, Ph.D., a medical anthropologist, is 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.

Stephen B. Thomas

Member

Stephen B. 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.