

Speaker Biographies



Emergency Preparedness
Seminar

Celia Quinn, MD

Dr. Celia Quinn is the Executive Director of the Bureau of Healthcare System Readiness (BHSR) in NYC's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response. She has served in this role since June 2015.

Dr. Quinn oversees the Healthcare Preparedness Program for NYC, with the mission of supporting the healthcare system to respond safely and effectively in emergencies. Dr. Quinn is board certified in Pediatrics, having completed residency training and a chief residency year in the Residency Program for Social Medicine at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx; this multi-disciplinary training program is focused on social determinants of health, primary care, and advocacy.

After completing her pediatric training, Dr. Quinn joined the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer, where she was assigned for two years to the Ohio Department of Health. She is currently a CDC Career Epidemiology Field Officer (CEFO) assigned to NYC DOHMH, and is a Commander in the US Public Health Service.

William Lang, MA

Bill Lang is the Director of Hospital Readiness and Health Care Coalitions at DOHMH.

A former hospital administrator, Bill's work in emergency preparedness at the Health Department has gained him a reputation for expertise in "surge". Over the years, he has worked closely with NYC hospitals to develop practical disaster planning and response tools, which have been compiled into the *Patient Surge in Disasters: A Hospital Toolkit for Expanding Resources in Emergencies*. More recently, Bill was tasked with developing a health care coalition structure for NYC that would strengthen the resiliency of the health care system for future disasters and allow for continuity of service during a public health emergency.

Bill has a Masters in Health Policy and Management from The Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at New York University.

Christina Brito-Tigerina, LVN

As Clinical Care Coordinator, Christina is the lead in developing care coordination programs and clinically relevant trainings and communication materials for Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Clinical Staff. She is also responsible for providing direct support to FQHC clinical staff to infuse care coordination activities throughout all Texas Association of Community Health Centers (TACHC) clinical and compliance programs. In addition to her care coordination duties, Christina is TACHC's lead for Emergency Preparedness. Christina comes to TACHC from the National Center for Farmworker Health (NCFH) where she was responsible for distance learning services, including webcasts and conference coordination.

Prior to her move to the Austin area, Christina worked as the community outreach coordinator at the Community Health Center of Lubbock for 12 years. Christina's past professional experience also includes program development, health education, and health center training and technical assistance.

She received a BS in Organizational Management and is a licensed nurse and Certified Community Health Worker (CHW)/Promotora Instructor in the State of Texas.

Tina Wright

Tina T. Wright joined the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers in early 2001 supporting public affairs and marketing solutions for the organization. Shortly after the tragedies of 9/11, her path took a major detour into the world of emergency preparedness and response, and focused on helping community health centers figure out where they fit into this newly defined landscape and advocating for them to be accepted as equitable response agencies alongside public health, hospitals, emergency medical services, and long-term care facilities.

Over the years, Tina's work has included training and education program development, representation of health centers on committees and advisory groups, identifying funding sources and opportunities, and developing tools and resources for health centers in emergency management. In addition to her work in Massachusetts, Tina has been an active member of a national coalition on health center emergency management since 2008 and has acted as its Chair since 2013.

As someone who "grew up" in a health center (the Dorchester House Multi-Service Center, now called DotHouse Health, in Boston, MA), Tina is passionate about the health center movement's roots of responding to the needs of their communities, and continues to advocate for health centers to be able to fulfill their missions before, during and after an emergency.

Vernon Mosley, MA

Vern Mosley serves as a Priority Telecommunications Services Area Representative (PAR) supporting the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Emergency Communication Division's efforts to enhance awareness of their priority service programs for eligible stakeholders. Vern was the former Chief Engineer for the Government Emergency Telecommunications Service (GETS) and Wireless Priority Service (WPS) programs where he was responsible for directing the engineering, deployment, and sustainment of the nationwide communications services supporting the United States' national security and emergency preparedness missions. Vern retired in 2018 from the Federal Communications Commission's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau where he was the Senior Cybersecurity Engineer.

Vern is a native of Richmond, Virginia and a 1986 graduate of the University of Virginia's School of Engineering and Applied Science with a B.S. in Systems Engineering. In 1989, he earned a master's degree in Engineering Management, with a concentration in marketing technology, from the George Washington University. He holds an Advisory Board seat at the George Mason University's Volgenau School of Engineering and chairs their Cyber Security Committee.

Kristine Gonnella, MPH

Kristine Gonnella is the Senior Director of Strategic Initiatives at the National Nurse-Led Care Consortium (NNCC) and Project Director of NNCC's National Cooperative Agreement under the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). For over 25 years, Kristine has used her nonprofit programming and administration experience to advance public health initiatives globally.

Kristine received her Master of Public Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School and is currently pursuing her PhD in Health Policy at Temple University in Philadelphia.

Alison Pingelski, BA, PMP

Alison is the Deputy Digital Health Strategist for the New York State Department of Health (DOH), Office of Digital Health. Alison is overseeing several digital transformation initiatives with a focus on cyber security to provide a better understanding of risk in the DOH IT landscape, evaluate and implement risk mitigation strategies and work with facilities on improving incident management process and reporting.

Prior to joining the Office of Digital Health, Alison was the Deputy CIO for the Office of Health Insurance Programs, Division of Operations and Systems (DOS) where she made several changes within the Division to advance the IT/IS practices, including the creation of the Security and Privacy Bureau. Protecting the personal and confidential data for over 6 million Medicaid members is a critical objective. Alison previously served as the Director of the Enterprise Portfolio Management Office for the Information Technology Office, responsible for overseeing a portfolio of statewide technology initiatives.

Alison has extensive state government experience having served in a variety of positions in her career with NYS since 2001. Alison holds a BA in Accounting from Siena College and is a Certified Project Management Professional (PMP).

Anne Hasselmann, MPH

Anne Hasselmann is an experienced emergency planner, exercise developer/facilitator, curriculum designer, and trainer who has worked cooperatively with local, State, federal, and community partners in support of public health and medical preparedness and response for over 15 years. Since 2015, she has supported primary care center preparedness and the emergency management program of Community Health Care Association of New York State (CHCANYS), including development of a Hazard Vulnerability Analysis; tabletop exercise; Emergency Operations Plan template; Preparedness Assessment Tool; and Business Continuity Planning workshop and toolkit. She partnered with CHCANYS during 7 years with DOHMH to discuss ways to integrate health center staff into emergency response in NYC.

At DOHMH, Ms. Hasselmann developed strategic and operational plans to provide medication or vaccine to all New Yorkers following a bioterrorism incident, and led the largest Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) in the country. Ms. Hasselmann was the primary author and lead trainer for all NYC Point of Dispensing (POD) training curricula, and planned/participated in 13 exercises. She developed just-in-time, and in-person POD training, as well as 7 exercises to support the operational plans (mass prophylaxis; volunteer management; community outreach; and receipt, store and stage (RSS) operations) she wrote for Trenton, NJ (2012-2016).

Since 2011, she has served as a subject matter expert and reviewer for 10 emergency management courses offered by the National Training and Education Division of the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, including *Health Care Coalition Response Leadership* in April 2017. In 2011, she contributed to the development of a regional template for hospital emergency management plans in New Jersey. While with DOHMH, she participated in real-world response activities, including the 2009 H1N1 outbreak response; 2007 NYC steam pipe explosion; 2006 anthrax case in a NYC drummer; and has staffed the NYC Emergency Operations Center as part of ESF-8, and served as an on-call emergency manager for DOHMH.

Alexander Lipovtsev, LCSW

Alexander has been with CHCANYS since September 2015 when he joined the organization to oversee its emergency management program, including its extension, Primary Care Emergency Preparedness Network (PCEPN). In his current position as Director, he is responsible for the development and implementation of CHCANYS's federal, state, city and privately funded emergency management projects. As part of his role, he provides ongoing training / technical assistance services and various programming to New York community health centers, as well as other organizations across the nation to increase their emergency preparedness and response capabilities.

Alexander is a certified trainer of both the ALICE® method (active shooter training) and CPI Prepare® and Non-violent Crisis Intervention Programs (de-escalation training methods). Alexander holds a Master's degree in Social Work with a specialization in Administration from Hunter College, New York and has an active clinical license (LCSW) from New York State.