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A Case Study: The Arts and Public Health Unite to Re-Open During COVID-19 Pandemic

Track 3: Ensuring Situational Awareness to Support Decision-Making.

The arts community was and continues to be severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This case study recaps and analyzes available data and a unique partnership between a non-profit festival company, public health authorities, stakeholders, occupational health and safety professionals, university faculty and students, and government officials.

SPEAKER(S):

Jennifer Tyson, MPH – Faculty and Public Health Consultant, Appalachian State University and Public Health Consultant to Glimmerglass Festival, Boone, North Carolina

HC Bledsoe, MPH Candidate – Graduate Student, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Gillings School of Global Public Health, Carrboro, North Carolina

Kamryn King, Bachelor of Science – Research Administrative Coordinator; Graduate Student, Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist; University of North Carolina Gillings School of Public Health MPH Candidate, Winston Salem, North Carolina

A Fair Shot-Operational and Engagement Strategy to Maximize Speed and Equity for Community Immunity

Track 1: Building and Sustaining Resilient Communities.

San Francisco Department of Public Health developed a COVID-19 vaccination strategy prioritizing low-income, Black, Latinx, Asian, and Indigenous communities, thereby closing or narrowing disparity gaps for these vulnerable populations. This session describes the vaccine distribution plan and its principles of community leadership, access, and transparency and accountability.

SPEAKER(S):

Jonathan Sears, MPH – Vaccine Branch Director, San Francisco Department of Public Health, San Francisco, California

Ariel Franks, MD – Family Medicine Resident, San Francisco Department of Public Health; University of California San Francisco, San Francisco, California

Oscar Macias, MPH – Vaccine Branch / Health Equity & Neighborhoods Team Mission District Lead, San Francisco Department of Public Health, San Francisco, California

MODERATOR:

Mary Mercer, MD, MPH, FAEMS – Deputy Director, Vaccine Branch, Covid Task Force; Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, San Francisco Department of Public Health; University of California San Francisco, San Francisco, California

A Local Approach to Supporting Long-Term Care Facilities During COVID-19 Pandemic Response

Track 3: Ensuring Situational Awareness to Support Decision-Making.

Supporting Long-Term Care (LTC) facilities is a top priority for ensuring the safety and welfare of one of our most vulnerable populations. Learn how the County of San Diego engaged and assisted LTC facilities throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Hear steps taken today that will help save lives tomorrow.

SPEAKER(S):

Jennifer Wheeler, MSW – Health Planning and Program Specialist, County of San Diego, Public Health Preparedness & Response, San Diego, California

Grace Kang, BSN, PHN – Public Health Nurse Supervisor, County of San Diego Epidemiology & Immunization Services Branch, San Diego, California

Raymond Chinn, MD – Medical Consultant, County of San Diego, San Diego, California

“We’re Gonna Need a Bigger Boat...” Resource Requests Come of Age: Automating the 213RR

Track 4: Enhancing Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Management Systems.

From form to system: Explore how the San Francisco Department of Public Health's Department Operations Center evolved the “213 Resource Request” form into an automated, web-based system to provide visibility, improve Logistics workflows, and manage an exponentially increasing demand for resources.

SPEAKER(S):

Sherman Luk, PfMP, CBA, CSCP – Technology & Enterprise Performance Portfolio Manager, Controller's Office, San Francisco, California

Emily B. Lisker, MPH – Project Manager, Office of the Controller, City & County of San Francisco, San Francisco, California

Kristen McGuire, MPA – Principal Administrative Analyst, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, San Francisco, California

Kristina Leonoudakis-Watts – Operations Manager (former DPH DOC Logistics Section Chief), San Francisco Department of Public Health, San Francisco, California

Addressing Health Equity during COVID-19 Response and Recovery

This session introduces the fundamentals of health equity to build competency and capacity within the public health workforce during COVID-19 disaster response and recovery. Participants will engage in activities to identify health disparities in their community, develop their health equity lens, and identify strategies to address health equity.

SPEAKER(S):

Sarah D. Matthews, MPH, MS, PhD – Consultant/Owner, Health Communications Consultants Inc., Winter Garden, Florida

Sandra Ruzycki, M.A. – Senior Administrative Consultant, Health Communications Consultants, Inc., Florida

Beyond the Pandemic: The Need for Business and Public Health Alignment to Create Healthy Communities

Track 1: Building and Sustaining Resilient Communities.

Public health organizations can benefit by leveraging the reach and resources of the private sector. Businesses can strengthen their resiliency through deeper engagement in public health. This session will deliver concrete recommendations to drive stronger alignment between the two sectors, and debut the “ Pandemic Preparedness Playbook.”

SPEAKER(S):

Stephen Massey, n/a – Co-founder, Meteorite, Los Angeles, California

Capturing Lessons Learned from Pharmacy Partners in the COVID-19 Response in Oregon

Track 4: Enhancing Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Management Systems.

This presentation examines the role of pharmacy partners—including Medicaid pharmacy teams, community, retail, and long-term care pharmacies—in Oregon during the COVID-19 pandemic response. It captures lessons learned and provides a potential framework for future coordination and collaboration between Oregon Health Authority and pharmacy partners.

SPEAKER(S):

Kinsley Ballas – Preparedness and Capacity Building VISTA, Oregon Health Authority
- Health Security and Preparedness, Portland, Oregon

Capturing The Gains from the COVID-19 Experience to Build Organizational Resilience

Track 4: Enhancing Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Management Systems.

Disasters serve as a catalyst for change and assessing the past is a critical component of future planning. Recognizing that traditional review processes would not be successful, our project builds upon an approach to conduct interviews, focus groups, and assessments, sharing lessons from the pandemic experience for long-term strategic planning.

SPEAKER(S):

Tina T. Wright, n/a – Director of Emergency Management, Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, Boston, Massachusetts

Antonia (Toni) McGuire, RN, MPH – Senior Consultant, John Snow, Inc., Bristol, Rhode Island

Challenges and Successes in Establishing an Equitable Statewide Program for Monoclonal Antibody

Track 4: Enhancing Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Management Systems.

This session will explore challenges and successes in establishing an equitable allocation plan for the distribution of monoclonal antibodies from a state health department's point of view. Learn how the Arkansas Department of Health used preparedness planning and response to partner with several local agencies to launch a successful allocation program.

SPEAKER(S):

Elizabeth Woodland Borella, MPH – Division Chief, Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Arkansas Department of Health, Cabot, Arkansas

Atul Kothari, MD FIDSA – Medical Director, Healthcare Associated Infections Program, Arkansas Department of Health, Little Rock, Arkansas

MODERATOR:

Darla DaSanto – Preparedness Training and Exercise Program Manager, Arkansas Department of Health, Little Rock, Arkansas

Collaboration in Action: University Pandemic Response in Amherst Massachusetts

Track 4: Enhancing Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Management Systems.

This session will describe a university public health practice model during COVID-19. This response builds upon 15 years of collaboration between local Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) and College of Nursing. This response provided valuable student practicum experiences while serving the needs of the University and surrounding community.

SPEAKER(S):

Sheila Pennell, PhD RN-C CHPN – Clinical Assistant Professor, UMass Amherst, Amherst, Massachusetts

Ann Becker, DNP RN – Clinical Associate Professor, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Community Partnerships for COVID-19 Vaccine Equity in the Hardest Hit Communities across Los Angeles

Track 1: Building and Sustaining Resilient Communities.

Colleagues from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health will share their experience implementing a community partnership model to improve equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccine in some of the hardest hit communities across LA County. They will highlight key achievements, challenges, and lessons from these partnerships for the future.

SPEAKER(S):

Jennifer Lee, PhD, MPH – Health Program Analyst III, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Los Angeles, California

Pamela Saelieb, MS – Medical Countermeasure Planning Specialist, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Los Angeles, California

Dee Ann Bagwell, MPH, MS, BA – Director, Policy & Planning, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Los Angeles, California

COVID-19 and the Vector-Borne Disease Prevention Workforce

Track 4: Enhancing Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Management Systems.

In winter 2020-2021, the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), launched a survey to members of the National Association of Vector-borne Disease Control Officials (NAVCO), regarding how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected their vectorborne disease programs. This presentation discusses those findings.

SPEAKER(S):

Courtney Youngbar, MPH – Senior Analyst, Environmental Health, ASTHO, Arlington, Virginia

COVID-19 Learnings: Equity, the Butterfly Effect, and Crisis Response in King County

Track 4: Enhancing Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Management Systems.

COVID-19 has catalyzed a reckoning around the need for the disaster life cycle to be founded in equity. Panelists will reflect on lessons learned in King County, WA over the past twenty months on how both public health and local jurisdictions can reimagine their crisis response approaches into an equitable response.

SPEAKER(S):

Ellany Kayce, BS – Interim Executive Director, Nakani Native Program, Seattle, Washington

Roi-Martin Brown – Governing Board Member, HealthierHere, n/a, Washington

Joon-Ho Yu, MPH, PhD – Research Assistant Professor, University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, Washington

MODERATOR:

Mariel T. Mehidpour, MPH – Deputy Equity Officer, Public Health - Seattle & King County, Seattle, Washington

COVID19 Vaccination among Veterans experiencing Homelessness and Veterans with Severe Mental Illness

Track 4: Enhancing Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Management Systems.

This presentation will report findings from three studies conducted by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs ' Veterans Emergency Management Evaluation Center (VEMEC) that examine the factors that influence COVID-19 vaccination among three population groups: general Veteran population, Veterans with serious mental illness, and Veterans experiencing homelessness.

SPEAKER(S):

Michelle D. Balut, MPH – Research Project Manager, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, North Hills, California

Taona Haderlein, PhD – Investigator, Veterans Emergency Management Evaluation Center, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, North Hills, California

COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake Attitudes and Behavior among Homeless Veteran Populations

Track 1: Building and Sustaining Resilient Communities.

This session examines research on COVID-19 vaccine receptivity of homeless Veterans enrolled in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Grant & Per Diem and homeless primary care programs. Most Veterans received the vaccine, while a substantial minority refused. Health care providers and peer-to-peer outreach are suggested as the most effective avenues for improving uptake.

SPEAKER(S):

June L. Gin, PhD – Research Health Scientist, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, North Hills, California

Michelle D. Balut, MPH – Research Project Manager, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, North Hills, California

Aram Dobalian, PhD, JD, MPH – Chair, Health Services Management and Policy, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Creating Evidence-Based COVID-19 Vaccine Health Campaigns for LGBTQ Pennsylvanians

Track 1: Building and Sustaining Resilient Communities.

Sharing accurate, timely information and healthcare services to the LGBTQ community has remained a high priority during the COVID-19 pandemic. In this presentation, Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center models an intersectional approach to address different issues of barriers to care and vaccine hesitancy.

SPEAKER(S):

Reilly Callahan, BS, MA – Health Outreach Coordinator, Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center, Allentown, Pennsylvania

Kimberly Levitt, DHS, MPH, BS – Health Programs Manager, Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center, Allentown, Pennsylvania

Christina J. Graham, MPH – Data & Evaluation Manager, Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center, Allentown, Pennsylvania

Adrian Shanker, BA – Executive Director, Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center, Allentown, Pennsylvania

Data Preparedness for COVID-19 and the Next Pandemic

Track 4: Enhancing Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Management Systems.

Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) works with public health agencies across the country to ensure laboratories and testing partners can quickly share data to respond to emerging infectious diseases. This session will detail how APHL is working with testing partners to implement electronic laboratory reporting (ELR) and Electronic Test Orders and Results (ETOR), and efforts with private partners to establish national exposure notification infrastructure. Presenters will provide information on how these technologies have been implemented to support COVID-19 response efforts, and their potential for minimizing the impact of future emerging threats.

SPEAKER(S):

Laura Carlton, MPH – Manager, Informatics, Non-profit, Silver Spring, Maryland

Emma Sudduth – Senior Consultant, Informatics, Non-profit, Marietta, Georgia

Matthew McCarroll, MS, MS (PHMEID) – Chief of Laboratory Operations, Local government, Washington, District of Columbia

MODERATOR:

Samuel Abrams, MPH, PMP – Sr. Specialist, Informatics, Non-profit, Silver Spring, Maryland

Designing Resilient Cooperative Procurement for Medical Supplies: Continuity of Supply Initiative

Track 4: Enhancing Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Management Systems.

The Continuity of Supply Initiative (CoSI) comprises procurement specialists with federal, state, and local experience who are working with industry representatives, public officials, and subject matter experts to develop a model framework of resilient

contracts for goods and services that must be available at all times. Learn how CoSI's cooperative procurement process aims to moderate the effects of supply chain shocks when they occur by reducing uncertainty for suppliers over the terms of their contracts.

SPEAKER(S):

Nathan Myers, PhD, MPA – Professor/Academic Advisor, Indiana State University/Continuity of Supply Initiative, Brazil, Indiana

Stephen B. Gordon, PhD – Coordinator, Steering Committee, Continuity of Supply Initiative, Arlington, Virginia

Digital Tools for Health Situational Awareness

Track 3: Ensuring Situational Awareness to Support Decision-Making.

BARDA has a new funding program, “Digital Health Tools for Pandemic Preparedness,” to develop digital medical countermeasures that can be broadly available within the first days of a major health security event. This poster will highlight program successes and provide information on funding opportunities for researchers with relevant technologies.

SPEAKER(S):

Katrina Caravelli, MS – Technical Project Manager, Booz Allen Hamilton, Supporting HHS/ASPR/BARDA/DRIVE, Washington, District of Columbia

Dev Mittar – Program Manager, HHS/ASPR/BARDA/DRIVE, Washington, District of Columbia

Disaster Research Response (DR2): Collaborative Practices in the Wake of a Pandemic

Track 4: Enhancing Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Management Systems.

This session will provide an introduction to the revamped National Institutes of Health Disaster Research Response (DR2) web-based resources portal, its ability to host specific collections of interest in disasters (COVID-19), and additional DR2 program efforts, including Federal Inter-Agency wildfire data integration efforts.

SPEAKER(S):

Aubrey Miller, n/a – Senior Medical Advisor, NIH/NIEHS, Bethesda, Maryland

Richard Kwok, PhD – Program Director, NIH/NIEHS, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina

Distribution of Pulse Oximeters to Support Patient Management During the COVID-19 Health Emergency

Track 2: Enhancing Use of Medical Countermeasures and Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions.

New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene developed a distribution program for pulse oximeters to providers to monitor disease progression aiding in the clinical management of patients at high-risk of progressing to severe disease. A post-distribution survey showed that the use of pulse oximeters had a positive impact on patient management, potentially reducing negative outcomes. This session will describe methods for outreach to providers, articulate how we leveraged relationships with private and public partners to deliver devices, and discuss lessons learned for future responses.

SPEAKER(S):

Mary Foote, MD, MPH – Medical Director, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, New York City, New York

Elizabeth Navarro, PhD, MPH – Scientific Advisor, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Long Island City, New York

Dropping the 1—A Health System Approach to Reducing Accidental 9-1-1 Calls

Track 4: Enhancing Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Management Systems.

Healthcare-based emergency preparedness programs are uniquely positioned to support a variety of events which impact operations. Learn how, after Kari's Law was enacted, the Mass General Brigham system saw a significant increase in accidental 9-1-1 calls and how use of a multidisciplinary task force was essential to develop appropriate mitigation strategies.

SPEAKER(S):

Cornel Ramos – Project Manager, Mass General Brigham, Somerville, Massachusetts

Jennifer Andonian, MPH – Senior Program Manager, Mass General Brigham, Boston, Massachusetts

Engaging Community Partners to Enhance Vaccine Uptake in School-Aged Children

Track 2: Enhancing Use of Medical Countermeasures and Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions.

This session will review school-based collaboration and opportunities for partnership enhanced during the COVID-19 response.

SPEAKER(S):

Jennifer L. Krawic, Bachelor of Arts, Sociology – Administrator, Oklahoma City-County Health Department, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Facilitating recovery: A three-pronged approach to stepping down the COVID response

Track 4: Enhancing Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Management Systems.

Through a three-pronged approach to planning, San Francisco's Department of Public Health maintained readiness to respond to surges in cases while at the same time ensuring a smoother transition to an endemic response. This session will outline the process used.

SPEAKER(S):

Andi Tenner, MD, MPH, FACEP – Director, Emergency Preparedness and Response, San Francisco Department of Public Health, San Francisco, California

Doug Walsh, EMT-P – PHEP Manager, San Francisco Department of Public Health, San Francisco, California

Tiffany Rivera, BSN, CEN, TCRN – Deputy Director, Emergency Preparedness and Response Branch, San Francisco Department of Public Health, San Francisco, California

MODERATOR:

Charles Fann, n/a – Department of Public Health COVID Taskforce Co-Lead, San Francisco Health Network, San Francisco, California

From Response to Recovery, an MRC's Approach to Supporting HCC Partners During COVID-19

Track 4: Enhancing Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Management Systems.

During COVID-19 response, residential care facilities were under prepared for the number COVID patients encountered. Learn how a Medical Reserve unit evolved their response mission to one of recovery, focusing on the mental health of the staff. In this train-the-trainer-session, receive the education and resources needed to develop a program.

SPEAKER(S):

Lisa Vajgrt-Smith, BSN, MPH – Emergency Preparedness Consultant, tbd, Richmond, California

Monica Joy, MA – Administration and Logistics Officer, Contra Costa Medical Reserve Corps, California

Arley D. Fong, LMFT – MRC Volunteer, Contra Costa Medical Reserve Corps, Pleasanton, California

From Zero to 72 Million—How We Made It Happen!

Track 2: Enhancing Use of Medical Countermeasures and Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions.

This session will discuss what was accomplished via a public/private partnership with state staff and a private warehouse to first allocate scarce personal protective equipment from the Strategic National Stockpile, and a limited state stockpile, then receive, conduct quality assurance evaluations, and inventory \$100 million plus of supplies, while completing mass statewide distributions.

SPEAKER(S):

Kay L. Mittelstadt-Lock, BS – State Medical Countermeasure and Strategic National Stockpile Coordinator, WI Department of Health Services, Madison, Wisconsin

Zoe Gibbons, BA – RSS Inventory Specialist, WI Department of Health Services, Madison, Wisconsin

David Clerkin, BA MLIS – Medical Countermeasures Inventory Logistics and Systems Planner, WI Department of Health Services, Madison, Wisconsin

MODERATOR:

Caitlin Washburn, BS, JD – Administrative Rules Coordinator, Department of Corrections, Madison, Wisconsin

Functional Assessment Service Team: Meeting Access and Functional Needs at Vaccine PODs and Beyond

Track 4: Enhancing Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Management Systems.

This session will provide an overview of the development of a Functional Assessment Service Team to conduct functional assessments and provide support to individuals with disabilities and others with access and functional needs at COVID-19 vaccine points of dispensing, community shelters, and centers. The approach taken, lessons learned, and case examples will be discussed.

SPEAKER(S):

Debra Young, MEd, OTR/L, SCEM, ATP, CAPS, FAOTA – Advisor, Disability & Preparedness, ASTHO/Wanderly/ Delaware DHSS, Division of Public Health, Office of Preparedness, Smyrna, Delaware

Getting to the Root of Health Inequities by Integrating Multiple Sources of Data During Disasters

Track 1: Building and Sustaining Resilient Communities.

This presentation will provide strategies to address the long-standing systemic issues that have created inequities disproportionately seen in racial minorities using additional environmental and census data to fill in gaps and inform decision-making.

SPEAKER(S):

Rachel C. White, MPH – Disaster Epidemiologist, Harris County Public Health/Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response, Houston, Texas

Alison Hare, MIA – Chief - Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response, Harris County Public Health, Houston, Texas

Jennifer N. Kiger, MPH – Director, Covid-19 Division, Harris County Public Health, Houston, Texas

Go Fast and Be Careful: Scaffolding Workforce Equity in Building COVID-19 PCR Express Testing in Priority Urban Neighborhoods of NYC, Summer 2020

Track 4: Enhancing Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Management Systems.

Learn how breaking down the Latino/x demographics in COVID-19 molecular testing by country of origin and highlighting the need for expanding the race/ethnicity categories in the data collection and data analysis phases supports more tailored and community-resonant preparedness and response.

SPEAKER(S):

Laura Gomez, BA, MS (candidate) – Problem Resolution Specialist, NYC DOHMH

Ryan Duerme, MPH – Director of Racial Equity and Social Justice Initiative, Division of Disease Control, NYC Health Dep, CDC/COTPER: NYC Health Department, Queens, New York

Government Services Preparedness for Establishing Public Communication and Engagement Channels

Track 4: Enhancing Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Management Systems.

Learn how establishing bidirectional public communication and engagement within 24 hours of an emergency improves the visibility of the government response, effectiveness of a communication strategy, and facilitates integration of health, healthcare, and emergency management communication and data systems.

SPEAKER(S):

Amber B. Cox, MPH, PHD – Director- Public Health Epidemiology, Maximus Public Health, Port Deposit, Maryland

Nomana Khan, MBBS, MPH – Senior Director, Maximus, Atlanta, Georgia

MODERATOR:

Corinna Dan, MPH – Executive Director, Maximus Public Health

Home Health Agency Emergency Management During COVID-19

Track 1: Building and Sustaining Resilient Communities.

Medicare-certified Home Health Agencies (HHAs) provide skilled, interdisciplinary care to patients at high risk of harm due to disasters, and thus play a critical role in community readiness. Join this session for a discussion of how ensuring the safety of home health patients requires HHAs be included in emergency planning coalitions as essential providers on par with hospitals.

SPEAKER(S):

Tamar Wyte-Lake, DPT, MPH – Associate Director of Clinical Research, Veterans Emergency Management Evaluation Center, North Hills, California

Emily Franzosa, DrPH, MA – 1) Research Health Science Specialist 2) Assistant Professor, 1) Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Center, James J. Peters VA Medical Center 2) Brookdale Department of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Improving Risk Communication through Rapid Implementation of a Call Center in Response to COVID-19

Track 1: Building and Sustaining Resilient Communities.

Tri-County Health Department rapidly activated a COVID-19 Call Center in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. This presentation will provide an overview of utilizing a call center to increase community engagement, ensuring responder health and safety through a virtual call center, best practices, strategic deactivation planning, and lessons learned.

SPEAKER(S):

Matthew Newman, MPH – Emergency Preparedness and Response Planner, Tri-County Health Department, Greenwood Village, Colorado

Sara Garrington, MA, MSW – Emergency Preparedness and Response Manager, Tri-County Health Department, Greenwood Village, Colorado

Is This Legal? Enhancing Public Health Legal Literacy in a Post-COVID World

Track 4: Enhancing Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Management Systems.

Public health departments are inundated with complex regulatory requirements and often confusing legal guidance. This session will provide a review of some of the legal issues that came up frequently during the pandemic (quarantine law, vaccine mandates, HIPAA, etc.) and discuss the need for greater public health legal literacy.

SPEAKER(S):

Rachel Lookadoo, JD – Director of Legal and Public Health preparedness, University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Public Health, Omaha, Nebraska

Keeping Connection: How We Remained on "the Ground" During the First Wave of the Novel Corona Virus

Track 1: Building and Sustaining Resilient Communities.

The Community Partner Engagement Unit of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene was stood up in response to Novel Coronavirus outbreak to engage with partners in January 2020. Learn how the Unit adapted from a traditional “on the ground” outreach to a successful digital model.

SPEAKER(S):

Yeashea M. Braddock, MPH – Partner Engagement Specialist, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Bronx, New York

Luis Rivera, MPA, CHES – Director of Community Engagement and Response, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Latina/o/x/e Community Led, Community Driven Response: Reflections & Lessons Learned

Track 1: Building and Sustaining Resilient Communities.

Learn how the San Francisco Department of Public Health partnered with leaders from the Latina/o/x community to develop a plan to address two community priorities: containing the spread of COVID-19 and providing the care and wellness supports necessary to achieve a rapid community recovery – in its health, economic stability and overall well-being.

SPEAKER(S):

Isela Ford, MPA – COVID Community Response and Recovery Manager, Latino Community Focus, San Francisco Department of Public Health, San Francisco, California

Oscar Macias, MPH – Vaccine Branch / Health Equity & Neighborhoods Team Mission District Lead, San Francisco Department of Public Health, San Francisco, California

Celina Lucero – Executive Director, Horizons Unlimited of San Francisco, Inc. Executive, San Francisco, California

MODERATOR:

Jessica "Jess" Medina – Community & Stakeholder Specialist, Department of Emergency Management, San Francisco, California

Novel Partnerships to Respond to COVID-19

Track 4: Enhancing Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Management Systems.

Public-Private Partnerships are essential to a successful public health response and COVID-19 has emphasized the value of such partnerships. This session will outline successful partnerships before and during the COVID-19 pandemic and discuss ideas towards future partnerships.

SPEAKER(S):

Carrie Anglewicz, MS – Biosafety Officer, State Training Coordinator, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Bureau of Laboratories, Lansing, Michigan

Dana White, BS/BA – Outreach Services Director, Mississippi Public Health Laboratory, Jackson, Mississippi

Carol Glaser, PhD – Chief, Encephalitis and Special Investigations Section, Division of Communicable Disease Control, California Department of Health

Lea Bornstein

Chloe LeMarchand

Stefanie Medlin

MODERATOR:

Víctor R. De Jesús, PhD – Chief, Quality and Safety Systems Branch, Division of Laboratory Systems, CDC, Atlanta, Georgia

Partnering with Community Leaders to Promote Factual COVID-19 Information

Track 1: Building and Sustaining Resilient Communities.

Join the Minneapolis Health Department's Public Information and Outreach team for a discussion on the COVID-19 vaccination resources they developed in multiple languages for diverse cultural communities in the city. They will also talk about partnering with cultural communities to promote vaccine safety and acceptance among priority populations.

SPEAKER(S):

Leda Schuster, n/a – Communications Specialist, City of Minneapolis Health Department

Stephanie Graves, MA, BSN, RN – Coordinator, Maternal and Child Health, City of Minneapolis Health Department

Leslie Foreman, BS – Environmental Health Community Liaison, City of Minneapolis Health Department, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Pivoting to Action: How the NYC DOHMH shifted its engagement platform for the COVID-19 response

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This demonstration will outline the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's platform functionality, provide a hands-on overview of the platform including the Emergency Response Groups' workflow, and discuss considerations for future implementations.

SPEAKER(S):

Stephen Cormier, MPH – Deputy Director, NYC Condom Availability Program, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Long Island City, New York

Alyssa Creighton, MPH – Director of Community Engagement, Outreach & Partnerships, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

April Koehler, BS – Healthcare Systems Support Branch Data Specialist, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Brooklyn, New York

MODERATOR:

Jay S. Bala, MPH – Director of Strategic Data Initiatives, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Long Island City, New York

Planning and Exercising Protocols for Disruptions in Access to Opioid Prescriptions

Track 4: Enhancing Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Management Systems.

This session will illustrate lessons learned from state preparedness exercises and highlight the benefits of planning for disruptions in access to opioid prescriptions. A representative from a state that has participated in an exercise and subsequently experienced an opioid provider closure will co-present with ASTHO to describe best practices.

SPEAKER(S):

Ashley Plaster, MPH – Senior Analyst, Social and Behavioral Health Integration, The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, Arlington, Virginia

David Didden

MODERATOR:

Thomas Richey, MPH BSN – Social and Behavioral Health Analyst, ASTHO, Arlington, Virginia

Policy in a Panic: How to cut through the politics and focus on public health

Track 4: Enhancing Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Management Systems.

Educating policy makers on public health preparedness is more critical than ever, but with a politically divided landscape, what really resonates? Whether your elected officials are red, blue, or purple, find out what key messages we should all be pushing right now, and how to navigate the current political climate.

SPEAKER(S):

Ian Goldstein, MA – Government Affairs Senior Specialist, NACCHO

Phil Maytubby, BS RPS – Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Oklahoma City-County Health Department, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Rachel Santamaria-Schwartz, JD MPH – Director of Policy and Strategic Initiatives, DOHMH, Long Island City, New York

Rapid Implementation of a Public Health Call Line to Meet the Needs of the COVID-19 Pandemic in NYC

Track 4: Enhancing Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Management Systems.

The New York City Department of Health created a public facing COVID-19 call center to meet the needs of New Yorkers during the Covid Pandemic. In this session we describe the development of the Call Line, its evolution over time, its role in advancing health equity, and lessons learned for future public health emergencies.

SPEAKER(S):

Mary Foote, MD, MPH – Medical Director, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, New York City, New York

Katherine Austin, MD, MPH – Manager Coronavirus Call Line, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, New York City, New York

Safely Through the Storm: The Regional Pediatric Pandemic Network Builds Preparation and Resiliency

Track 4: Enhancing Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Management Systems.

Members of the Regional Pediatric Pandemic Network (RPPN) will share the national scope and structure of the network, and opportunities for Preparedness Summit participants to actively partner with the network locally and regionally. Learn how communities that engage with RPPN gain access to resources for regional coordinated pediatric disaster capability and enhanced whole community readiness.

SPEAKER(S):

Mark X. Cicero, MD, FAAP – Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Emergency Medicine, Director, Pediatric Disaster Preparedness, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, Connecticut

Joelle Simpson, MD, MPH – Division Chief, Emergency Medicine and Medical Director of Emergency Preparedness, Children's National Medical Center, Washington, District of Columbia

Marie Lozon, MD – Professor Pediatric Emergency Medicine, Chief of Staff, Michigan Medicine, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Patricia A. Frost, RN, PHN, MS, PNP – Vice Chair, National Pediatric Disaster Coalition, Danville, California

Secrets to Successful PHEPR Collaborations Among Academic Public Health and Public Health Practice

Track 4: Enhancing Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Management Systems.

The development of evidence-based public health emergency preparedness and response (PHEPR) practice necessitates collaboration between academic public health and public health agencies. This session will present and discuss successful examples of academic public health and public health practice collaborations to promote evidence-based PHEPR, and identify common elements of success.

SPEAKER(S):

Resham Patel, MPH – Organizational Preparedness & Evaluation Manager, Public Health - Seattle & King County, Seattle, Washington

Jamie Vickery, PhD – Research Coordinator, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington

MODERATOR:

Nicole A. Errett, PhD, MSPH – Assistant Professor, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington

Shifting Together from Response to Resiliency Building: Communities using COPEWELL

Track 1: Building and Sustaining Resilient Communities.

This demonstration will provide communities with a new resource in furthering community resilience efforts. It includes a description of COPEWELL resilience tools and concrete use cases to make meaningful change and improve preparedness for future threats.

SPEAKER(S):

Cathy Slemple, MD, MPH – Former State Health Officer & Commissioner; Former Preparedness Director, WV Bureau for Public Health, Consultant / Principal, Deepa Consulting, Milton, West Virginia

Leslie Wright, MA – Consultant, Collective Clarity, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Rex Long, MA – Research Assistant, Texas State University, Kyle, Texas

MODERATOR:

Tara K. Sell, PhD – Senior Scholar, Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security, Baltimore, Maryland

The Future of Emergency Preparedness: Training the Next Generation of Case Investigators

Track 4: Enhancing Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Management Systems.

This session will provide an overview of how Arizona created and trained a statewide COVID-19 Case Investigation/Contact Tracing team during the pandemic. It will also provide an overview of how these resources will be used in the future to enhance public health efforts moving forward.

SPEAKER(S):

Jonica S. Inch, MPH – Office Chief, Office of Rapid Response Disease Investigation, Arizona Department of Health Services, Phoenix, Arizona

Rebecca Scranton, MPH – STI Control Program Manager, Arizona Department of Health Services, Phoenix, Arizona

The Story of the Olmsted County Community Testing Collaborative: The Importance of Partnership

Track 4: Enhancing Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Management Systems.

Learn how operationalizing a drive-through community testing site was a key decision in Olmsted County's response. In partnership with its two local healthcare organizations, the Community Testing Collaborative was formed. The goal was to provide equitable community access to testing through a strong community partnership model.

SPEAKER(S):

Sarah Stevens, DNP, RN, PHN – Nurse Manager, Olmsted County Public Health, Rochester, Minnesota

Amy Evans, BS, CEM – Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Olmsted County Public Health, Rochester, Minnesota

Tools to Manage Staffing Rapidly and Efficiently during a Public Health Emergency

Track 4: Enhancing Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Management Systems.

Join this session to hear about the processes for mobilizing, deploying, and demobilizing Public Health emergency personnel to manage staffing efficiently during a public health emergency. Explore lessons learned and best practices of utilizing a management system for Public Health emergency personnel during COVID-19 Vaccine Administration response.

SPEAKER(S):

Sukhi Lee, MPH – Emergency Staffing Coordinator, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Los Angeles, California

Jee Kim, EdD, MPH – MCM Dispensing and Emergency Staffing Manager, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Los Angeles, California

Uses of EHR Data During the COVID-19 Pandemic and for Public Health Surveillance

Track 3: Ensuring Situational Awareness to Support Decision-Making.

MITRE, in collaboration with the Mayo Clinic, stood up the COVID-19 Healthcare Coalition to support the private sector's response to the pandemic. The Coalition was composed of >1,000 organizations, whose work, started in March 2020, has continued, especially as it relates to real-world data studies from electronic health records (EHRs). This session will present the team's initial findings looking at repurposing therapeutics for COVID-19, as well as its more recent work.

SPEAKER(S):

Rakhee Palekar, MD, MPH – Chief Scientist for Public Health and Epidemiology, MITRE, VIENNA, Virginia

Ryan Luginbuhl, MD – Principal, MITRE, McLean, Virginia

Using EMS as a Force Multiplier To Sustain Public Health

Track 1: Building and Sustaining Resilient Communities.

This session will detail the integration of a rural fire protection district with a regional health district to test and vaccinate the public during COVID-19. This presentations will detail how a 1A vaccine clinic was stood up in a rural fire protection district to take the vaccine the last mile.

SPEAKER(S):

Bruce Evans, MPA – Fire Chief, Upper Pine River Fire, Bayfield, Colorado

Variations in All-Cause Mortality among Racial Groups at the VA During COVID-19

Track 1: Building and Sustaining Resilient Communities.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) examined all-cause mortality within the VA system to determine an excess of deaths among Blacks, Whites, and Hispanics between March 2020 and February 2021. See how understanding variations of all-cause mortality among racial groups allows you to better navigate challenges to health equity and to further eliminate health disparities.

SPEAKER(S):

Lilia Lukowsky, PhD – Health Research Scientist, US Department of Veterans Affairs, North Hills, California

COVID-19 Food Systems and Resiliency in Hawai'i

Hawai'i Public Health Institute (HIPHI) began in 1996 with the mission to create a Tobacco-Free Hawaii, since then it has initiated various other programs that focus on local community wellness and public health. Learn how HIPHI evolved its preparedness strategies during the emergence of COVID-19.

SPEAKER(S):

Susan P. Mercado, Doctor of Medicine/Masters in Public Health – Director, Food Systems and Resiliency, Hawai'i Public Health Institute, Ewa Beach, Hawaii

Allocation of Scarce Resources During a Public Health Emergency: A Data-Driven Approach

Track 3: Ensuring Situational Awareness to Support Decision-Making.

Effective resource allocation is an essential part of any emergency response. Public Health - Seattle & King County (PHSKC) developed an algorithm, procedures, and data visualizations to distribute scarce supplies equitably and efficiently. Learn how they are adaptable to all types of resource requests and could be utilized by other jurisdictions.

SPEAKER(S):

Daniel Casey, MPH – Epidemiologist, Public Health Seattle & King County, Seattle, Washington

Audrey Hu, MPH – Project/Program Manager, Public Health Seattle & King County, Seattle, Washington

HHS emPOWER data: Using Data for COVID-19 Vaccination Outreach | 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Track 4: Enhancing Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Management Systems.

Moderated by HHS emPOWER program director, Los Angeles County, Chicago, and New York City will highlight and discuss ways in which emPOWER data can be utilized to engage new partners, identify and outreach to highest-risk individuals, and sustain long-term response actions to protect the most vulnerable individuals within a community.

SPEAKER(S):

Brandon Dean, MPH – Planning Manager, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health--Emergency Preparedness & Response Division, Los Angeles, California

Tamer Hadi, MS – Sr. Director of Technology, Data and Communications, NYC Dept of Health and Mental Hygiene, Long Island City, New York

Peter Ruestow, PhD – Senior Epidemiologist, Chicago Department of Public Health, Chicago, Illinois

MODERATOR:

Kristen P. Finne, BA – Director, HHS emPOWER Program and Senior Program Analyst, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Washington, District of Columbia

A Whole Greater than the Sum of Its Parts: Hospital and Health Systems Partner with Public Health

Track 4: Enhancing Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Management Systems.

In response to COVID-19, San Francisco enhanced a collaboration of hospitals and health systems with the Department of Public Health to coordinate efficient and equitable pandemic response functions including patient distribution, scarce resource allocation, and vaccine operations. Learn how this model can be replicated for response to future disasters.

SPEAKER(S):

Amabel Chow, MPH – Vaccine Operations Deputy Director, City and County of San Francisco – Department of Public Health, Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center, San Francisco, California

Lukejohn W. Day, MD – Chief Medical Officer, San Francisco Department of Public Health, Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center, San Francisco, California

Tiffany Rivera, BSN, CEN, TCRN – Deputy Director, Emergency Preparedness and Response Branch, San Francisco Department of Public Health, San Francisco, California

MODERATOR:

Mary Mercer, MD, MPH, FAEMS – Deputy Director, Vaccine Branch, Covid Task Force; Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, San Francisco Department of Public Health; University of California San Francisco, San Francisco, California

Applying Lessons Learned from COVID-19 in Developing the National Pandemic GIS Playbook

Track 3: Ensuring Situational Awareness to Support Decision-Making.

Join this interactive conversation and hands-on workshop with leaders from the National Pandemic GIS & Informatics Task Force. Participants will engage in a facilitated discussion sharing their GIS lessons learned and best practices during COVID-19. They will also work together to review and develop recommendations on the National Pandemic GIS Playbook.

SPEAKER(S):

Frank Winters, MA – Past President, NSGIC, Albany, New York

MODERATOR:

Rebecca Harned, MA – Senior Advisor & SME, National Pandemic GIS & Informatics Task Force, North Sutton, New Hampshire

Collaborative and Equitable Allocation of Scarce Healthcare Resources During a Pandemic

Track 4: Enhancing Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Management Systems.

This presentation on San Francisco's Department of Public Health and citywide process for allocating and managing healthcare scarce resources showcases the development of systems and the organizational structure developed for collaborative decision making. Presenters will discuss the evolution of the process as well as the tools used.

SPEAKER(S):

Kristina Leonoudakis-Watts – Operations Manager (former DPH DOC Logistics Section Chief), San Francisco Department of Public Health, San Francisco, California

Celeste Middleton, MPP – Data & Evaluation Analyst, San Francisco Department of Children, Youth & Their Families, San Francisco, California

Nicholas James Holsapple, MPA – Medical Health Branch Deputy - Health Program Coordinator PHEPR, San Francisco Department of Public Health, San Francisco, California

COVID-19 and the Nursing Workforce: Impacts and Implications for Building Resilient Communities

Track 1: Building and Sustaining Resilient Communities.

During this session, presenters will review the important contributions that nurses make to building community resilience, the impacts of COVID-19 on the nursing

workforce, and how these impacts, including ongoing nurse staffing shortages, may impact public health and healthcare system strengthening efforts moving forward.

SPEAKER(S):

Diane Meyer, RN, MPH – Research Associate, Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security, Baltimore, Maryland

Data MacGyvering for Equitable Action

Track 3: Ensuring Situational Awareness to Support Decision-Making.

The NYC Health Department developed a data system, The Metric Matrix, to easily display information for planning and equitable action across the healthcare system. See how this provides an example of an accessible and efficient way to present data to provide situational awareness with an equity lens.

SPEAKER(S):

Matthew R. Curran, MPH, B.S. – Healthcare System Capacity Analyst, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Queens, New York

April Koehler, BS – Healthcare Systems Support Branch Data Specialist, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Brooklyn, New York

Arlen Zamula, MPH – Healthcare Systems Support Branch Director, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Queens, New York

Patrico Tyrell, Master of Public Health – Epidemiologist, Schenectady County Public Health Services, Albany, New York

Responder Well-Being During the Pandemic Response: Successes and Failures

Track 1: Building and Sustaining Resilient Communities.

The pandemic response took a toll on public health staff. Staff are experiencing burnout, stress, anxiety, and depression. Efforts were made to pay attention to the well-being of staff but the reality of how that support played out had mixed results. This session will describe successes, challenges, and recommendations.

SPEAKER(S):

Carina Elsenboss, MA – Preparedness Director, Public Health-Seattle and King County, Seattle, Washington

MODERATOR:

Rachel Santamaria-Schwartz, JD MPH – Director of Policy and Strategic Initiatives, DOHMH, Long Island City, New York

Addressing Disability, Access, and Functional Needs in Planning, Training, and COVID-19 Response

Individuals with disability, access and functional needs (DAFN) are disproportionately impacted by emergencies. This session will focus on best practices developed by New York City's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response to support individuals with DAFN in operational planning, training, and response operations.

SPEAKER(S):

Jessica Barcellona, MPH – Director, Emergency Field Operations Planning and Training, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Long Island City, New York