



2015 Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response (OEPR) Fall Regional Staff Meeting Agenda

Speaker and Presenter Biographies

Jason Atencio

Jason Atencio is the Regional Preparedness and Response Planner for Tri-County Health Department (TCHD). Jason has been with Tri-County for a little over 2 years. Jason is involved in multiple NCR committees including the Fatality Management planning committee. Prior to Tri-County Health Department Jason worked as the Emergency Manager for Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle, Washington. Before moving to the Northwest, Jason worked at the Pueblo City-County Health Department as the Regional Emergency Preparedness Training Coordinator.

Shannon Barbare

Shannon Barbare is a writer, editor and social media manager for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. She has a background in newspaper journalism.

Korey Bell

Korey Bell has worked in Public Health for over 20 years. He is currently the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program Manager at CDPHE-OEPR. He has previously served at the South Central Regional EPR Training Coordinator, and the CDPHE Continuity of Operations Coordinator.

Juliann Bertone

Juliann Bertone is the communications liaison for the Office of Emergency Preparedness and response. She joined OEPR in November 2014 and has a background in communications, working previously for the Environmental Protection Agency.

David L. Cohn, MD

David Cohn is Professor of Medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and a volunteer attending physician at the Denver Health Infectious Diseases (ID)/AIDS Clinic. For over two decades he was the Associate Director of Denver Public Health, and previously the Director of the Denver Disease Control Service and the Denver Metro Tuberculosis Clinic. Dr. Cohn has been active in research and treatment of HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis since 1982, and founded the Denver Health ID/AIDS Clinic in 1984. He was principal investigator of the NIH-funded Denver Community Program for Clinical Research on AIDS, serving as national chair of the Science Planning Committee. More recently he was on the Executive Committee of the International Network for Strategic Initiatives in Global HIV Trials and a site leader in the AIDS Clinical Trials Group. He has also been principal or co-principal investigator of AIDS/HIV surveillance in Colorado, and other CDC-sponsored projects, including the Community-based Demonstration Project for HIV Prevention



and Risk Reduction, Adult Spectrum of Disease, and HIV seroprevalence studies, and tuberculosis research including clinical trials and epidemiologic studies.

Dr. Cohn's major clinical research interest has been in the treatment and prevention of opportunistic infections in HIV-infected patients, and in particular mycobacterial infections in all persons. He was a medical officer in the Global Tuberculosis Programme at WHO, participating in studies of HIV-related tuberculosis in Africa and global drug resistance surveillance. He has been a WHO consultant and served as the American Thoracic Society (ATS) representative on the Stop-TB Partnership TB/HIV Working Group. Other recent international work includes being a faculty member for the International Center for AIDS Care and Treatment Programs (ICAP) as a trainer in Kenya, and as a Visiting Professor for the Novel Education Clinical Trainees and Researchers (NECTAR) Program in Zimbabwe. This past year he served as Training Director at the Ebola Treatment Centre for the International Medical Corps in Lunsar, Sierra Leone. He has previously worked on projects, consulted, or taught courses in Uganda, Zambia, Botswana, Ethiopia, South Africa, and China. He has served on the Tuberculosis Committee of the Infectious Diseases Society of America, the CDC Advisory Council for the Elimination of Tuberculosis, and as Chair of the ATS Scientific Assembly on Microbiology, Tuberculosis, and Pulmonary Infections.

Nicole Comstock

Nicole earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Health from Colorado State University in 1997, and a Master of Science in Public Health (MSPH) degree at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in 2009. Since 2002, she has been employed as an Epidemiologist at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's (CDPHE) Communicable Disease Branch. Much of her work is focused on foodborne and enteric pathogen surveillance and outbreak investigation, as well as coordinating activities for 14 regional epidemiologists stationed at local public health agencies across the state. Currently, Nicole is serving as the interim director for the CDPHE Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response.

Karen Dickson

Karen Dickson has been one of the Regional Emergency Preparedness and Response Coordinators for the Southwest Region for five years. She is based out of Montezuma County Public Health Department, where she has worked for seven years. Karen is also a member of the Southwest Colorado Type 3 Incident Management Team. She holds the positions of Planning Section Chief trainee, Situation Unit Leader trainee, and Resource Unit Leader trainee. She will be certified in all three positions within the next six months. Karen holds a BA in Southwest Studies and various certifications in Emergency Preparedness.

Curt H Drennen, Psy.D., R.N.

Dr. Curt Drennen is a licensed psychologist with OEPR, and has been leading disaster behavioral health preparedness and response efforts since 2002. In this role he directs the State's capacity development to respond to the psychosocial impact of disaster, community crisis and public health emergencies which includes incorporation of public behavioral health with public health and emergency management, addressing psychosocial impact of fatality management, supporting community inclusion, growing

responder health and safety and managing recovery programs like the Colorado Spirit Crisis Counseling Program and the Aurora Strong recovery program. He has in excess of 20 years of experience in the fields of mental health and psychology with an emphasis in Public Psychology and Administration, Emotional Intelligence, Resilience, Servant Leadership, and Systems Conflict Management.

Dr. Drennen received his Masters and Doctorate from the University of Denver in Clinical Psychology in 2000 and 2001, his Bachelors of Science in Nursing from the University of Kansas in 1992 and his Bachelors of Science in Psychology, Chemical Science and Pre Medicine from Kansas State University in 1989.

Heather Drissel

Heather Drissel is a Unit Manager for the WQCD Field Services Section of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). Her group includes the Field Services staff in the Pueblo and Grand Junction field offices that perform field based compliance activities including spill response, inspections of cleanwater permittees and sanitary surveys of Public Drinking Water Systems. Mrs. Drissel worked as a manager and process engineer for an international cement and aggregate company before joining CDPHE in 2004.

Jessica Hancock-Allen

Jessica Hancock-Allen is the current CDC Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer stationed at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Before that she worked as a nurse practitioner and critical care nurse at Massachusetts General Hospital and has served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Ghana from 2005-2007.

She received her Master in Public Health from Harvard University; her nursing degrees from Simmons College and Johns Hopkins University; and a Bachelor of Arts from Wake Forest University.

Doug Jamison

Doug Jamison has over 25 years of CERCLA and Brownfields experience. He currently manages the Superfund and Brownfields Unit for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. He oversees Colorado's involvement in Superfund activities for Colorado's 22 National Priority List Sites and also oversees Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration activities for many of the CERCLA related NRD cases in the State. Mr. Jamison is also responsible for the operation of Colorado's Brownfields Program including Colorado's Voluntary Cleanup Program and State Response Program. These programs provide brownfields education, outreach, and other brownfields assistance throughout the State. He also serves as the Chair of the Colorado Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Board of Directors. Since 1999, the fund has capitalized nearly \$11 million of environmental remediation projects.

Liane Jollon, RN

Ms. Jollon was named the Executive Director of San Juan Basin Health in August 2013. Ms. Jollon previously served as a clinic nurse at SJBH in 2010, subsequently serving as a clinic manager and then Health Services Division director. A native New Yorker with a B.A. from Columbia University, Jollon has worked in local and statewide non-profits in Colorado for the last 16 years. Her experiences range from delivering direct services to Board positions and leadership roles. She earned her R.N. degree in 2010.

Claire Macpherson

Claire Macpherson is the Emergency Preparedness and Response Regional Coordinator for San Juan Basin Health Department. She has served in this role for the past two years. Claire has a bachelor's degree in Environmental Science from Prescott College. She served on the Gold King Mine incident response since the initial release, focusing on communications.

Linda Smith

Linda Smith is part of the Regional EPR Staff team based out of Alamosa. She has been serving the six counties of the San Luis Valley Region in this capacity since 2010. She also participates in her family's independent publishing company. Her background is in hospital business services and workforce service administration.

Greg Stasinis

Greg Stasinis is currently the Preparedness Branch Manager of the Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. He has been involved in public health emergency management for 15 years and loves to share his success stories.

Bruce K. Stover

Mr. Stover is currently the Director of the Office of Active and Inactive Mines, within the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety in Denver, Colorado. This Office includes the Colorado Inactive Mine Reclamation Program, and the Colorado Mine Safety and Training Program. He holds a BA and MS in Geology from the University Of Colorado, at Boulder, and has primarily worked on mining related reclamation and geotechnical construction projects in the western United States, with 30 years of experience as a project manager in surface and underground mine construction, closure, and reclamation projects. He has developed and managed numerous mining projects including stabilizing and safeguarding abandoned mine shafts and adits, hardrock underground mine rehabilitation and exploration projects as well as drilling and grouting projects to control and extinguish abandoned underground coalmine fires and coalmine subsidence mitigation projects. He's also a former Mine Safety Trainer, having trained and managed specialty underground construction crews for a national mining services contractor.

Joleen Trujillo

Joleen Trujillo has been serving the six counties of the San Luis Valley as a Regional EPR Generalist since March of 2014. She is not only a retired teacher, but also has had significant experience working in the field of social services, probation, and Options for Long Term Care. Joleen is able to utilize her skills and passion for vulnerable population advocacy in her work with emergency preparedness.