

**Michigan Pandemic Influenza Summit
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Speakers' Biographies (Abbreviated)

Alex Michael Azar II

Alex M. Azar II was appointed as Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services in July 2005. As Deputy Secretary, he is the chief operating officer of the largest civilian department in the federal government. Working closely with Secretary Mike Leavitt, Azar oversees all operations, including Medicare, Medicaid, welfare, public health, medical research, the regulation of food and drugs, child and family services, disease prevention, Indian health, mental health services, and many other activities. From 2001 to 2005, Azar served as General Counsel of HHS. Prior to joining HHS, Azar was a partner with a Washington law firm, where he specialized in litigation and appellate practice. Azar is a graduate of Dartmouth College and Yale Law School. A more comprehensive biography of Alex M. Azar II is posted on the Internet at <http://www.hhs.gov/about/bios/deputysecretary.html>.

Kriste Etue

Captain Kriste Etue is the commander of the Michigan State Police Emergency Management & Homeland Security Division and holds responsibility for statewide management and administration of emergency management and homeland security programs and activities. She is also the Deputy State Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Governor's Authorized Representative for Presidentially declared disasters. Captain Etue is one of six female state emergency management directors in the country, and the only one tasked with overseeing both homeland security and emergency management. During her 18 year career with the Michigan State Police, she has served at the Brighton and Coldwater posts, Special Operations Division and Prevention Services Section. Prior to her promotion to Captain, Etue served as assistant commander of the Emergency Management Division.

Bruce G. Gellin, M.D., M.P.H.

Dr. Bruce Gellin is the Director of the National Vaccine Program Office (NVPO) and the Chair of the Secretary's Task Force on Influenza Preparedness at HHS. Before joining NVPO, Dr. Gellin was the director of the National Network for Immunization Information. Dr. Gellin has held positions at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIH), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Rockefeller Foundation, and Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health. In addition, he has been a regular consultant to the World Health Organization. He is currently on the faculty at Columbia University School of Public Health, George Washington University School of Medicine, and Vanderbilt University Schools of Medicine and Nursing. Dr. Gellin is a graduate of the University of North Carolina (Morehead Scholar), Cornell University Medical College, and the Columbia University School of Public Health.

Steven L. Halstead, D.V.M., M.S.

Dr. Steven Halstead has been with the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) since 1990. Since 2004, he has served as the State Veterinarian and MDA Animal Industry Division Director. Dr. Halstead was the MDA veterinarian for equine and companion animal programs from 1994 to 2004.

Dr. Halstead was the MDA field veterinarian for the pseudorabies eradication program from 1990 to 1994. Dr. Halstead completed a Large Animal Surgery and Medicine Residency and concurrently completed a microbiology Master's degree program at Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine from 1986 to 1990. He has worked in private veterinary practice in Greenville, Michigan and in Norway, Maine. He received his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine at the Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1982. Dr. Halstead is a Michigan native with a rural agricultural background.

Rebecca A. Humphries

Rebecca A. Humphries was named director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in April 2004, leaving the DNR's Wildlife Division where she had served as chief since December 1998. Humphries is responsible for the administration and direction of the department, which has 1,600 employees and a \$260 million budget that supports programs for wildlife and fisheries management, state parks and recreation areas, conservation and law enforcement, forest management, state lands and minerals, and communications. Humphries is a graduate of Michigan State University, with a degree in fisheries and wildlife, and has completed course work toward her MBA through the University of Wisconsin. She was awarded an honorary Ph.D. in public service from Central Michigan University in December 2004.

Mitch Irwin

Mitch Irwin was appointed Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) in August 2005. Prior to then, Mr. Irwin served as Director of the Michigan Department of Management and Budget (DMB) from 2003 through July 2005. Director Irwin served in the Michigan State Senate from 1979-90, where he was Democratic Floor Leader from 1986-90. He represented the Upper Peninsula and northern Michigan as a member of several legislative committees. Major public acts written by Mr. Irwin included: Great Lakes Conservation Act, Older Michiganders Act, Community Convention and Tourist Marketing Act, and co-author of the Michigan Education Trust Act. Director Irwin is the owner and president of The Irwin Group, Ltd. He is an entrepreneur and development partner for several business start-ups and real estate development projects, primarily in the hospitality industry. Director Irwin is a graduate of Lake Superior State University.

B. Tilman Jolly, M.D.

Dr. Jolly is the Associate Medical Officer for Preparedness, Office of the Chief Medical Officer, at the Department of Homeland Security. A native of North Carolina, Dr. Jolly received his undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina and his medical degree from the Wake Forest University School of Medicine. He completed residency training in emergency medicine at the Georgetown/George Washington combined residency in emergency medicine, and is a board-certified emergency physician. Dr. Jolly has practiced emergency medicine in the Washington, DC area for 14 years, and remains Associate Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine at George Washington University. He has most recently practiced at Inova Fairfax Hospital, a regional trauma center for Northern Virginia. He has spoken and published extensively on injury control, trauma, and emergency planning, and has worked with the National Football League in emergency and medical planning for the last five Super Bowls.

Janet Olszewski, M.S.W.

Janet Olszewski was appointed as Director of the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) in 2003. Olszewski is a long-time health care executive for the State of Michigan. Olszewski served from 2000 to 2003 as Vice President for Government Programs and Regulation at M-CARE. Prior to joining M-CARE, Olszewski spent 23 years with the State of Michigan. She began her state government career with the Office of Services to the Aging in 1977. From 1985 to 1991, she assumed

leadership roles in two divisions of the former Department of Public Health. She was acting director of the department's division of services for crippled children during 1991 and 1992. She led the department's managed care quality assessment and improvement division from 1992 to 1997. From 1998 – 2000, she was Director for Medicaid Quality Improvement and Customer Services. Olszewski is a graduate of Boston University and earned a master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan.

Gordon R. Reeve, Ph.D.

Dr. Reeve is the Manager of Epidemiology at Ford Motor Company's Occupational Health and Safety Group. In this capacity, he conducts occupational health research jointly with the United Auto Workers Union. Prior to coming to Ford, Dr. Reeve was the state epidemiologist for the Indiana State Health Department; the Bureau Chief of Epidemiology for the City of Houston Health Department, and was an epidemiologist at CDC's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. He was also an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer. Dr. Reeve received his PhD from the University of Texas School of Public Health in 1982 with major concentrations in Epidemiology and Toxicology with a minor concentration in Industrial Hygiene. With his training and extensive public health experience, he also advises Ford's Medical Group on public health matters as the need arises. With the emerging threat of Avian Flu, he is fully engaged with preparedness planning at Ford.

Gregory G. Roberts

Greg Roberts was appointed Director of the newly-created Office of Community and Faith-Based Initiatives in March 2005. In this position, Greg assists Governor Jennifer M. Granholm in proactively reaching out to the faith community in an effort to establish strong relationships with faith leaders throughout the State. Prior to accepting this position, Greg served as the District Director for Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick (D-13). In addition, as deputy director for Wayne County's Department of Community Justice, Greg was instrumental in the development of comprehensive, community-based initiatives working to make a substantial difference in the lives of young people and families. Greg has mentored and been an inspiration to a number of young people over the years and has worked with a myriad of community, faith and political leaders throughout his career and truly believes that "service is the rent you pay, for the space you occupy." Greg is a graduate of Central Michigan University.

Stephen M. Schmitt, D.V.M.

Dr. Stephen Schmitt has served as the Veterinarian-in-Charge at the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Disease Laboratory for 28 years. He is responsible for overall operation and function of the laboratory, including investigation, monitoring and research of diseases and other factors that affect the health of wildlife in Michigan. The Laboratory is housed at the Diagnostic Center for Population and Animal Health on the south campus of Michigan State University. Dr. Schmitt has been working with bovine tuberculosis in free-ranging deer since its discovery in 1994, and is regarded as a leading authority on bovine tuberculosis in wildlife. He has authored over 40 journal articles on various wildlife diseases. He has worked in private veterinary practice in St. Helens, Oregon; with the Illinois Natural History Survey in Urbana, Illinois and with the National Marine Fisheries Service in Auke Bay, Alaska.

David A. Seaman, M.B.A.

David A. Seaman currently serves as executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Michigan Health & Hospital Association (MHA). In this role, he directs the day-to-day operations of the MHA, including supervision of all functioning divisions, including public policy, advocacy, education and communications, and provides advice on all major internal and external issues affecting the Association and its members. Prior to this, Mr. Seaman was employed for six years at the Hospital Association of New York State, where he served as vice president. Mr. Seaman has

served on a large number of state and national advisory panels dealing with such diverse topics as technological innovation, long term care, and mental health and minority management. He also served as co-chairman of New York Governor Mario Cuomo's Nutrition Education Campaign. Mr. Seaman received his bachelor of science and master of business administration degrees from Cornell University.

Dean G. Sienko, M.D., M.S.

Dr. Dean Sienko is the Medical Director of the Ingham County Health Department and Chief Medical Examiner for Ingham County. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin Medical School, completed a preventive medicine residency at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, and has a M.S. Degree in Clinical Research Design and Statistical Analysis from the University of Michigan. He is board certified in preventive medicine and public health. During the mid-80s, Dr. Sienko worked for the Michigan Department of Public Health and has been in his current position with the Ingham County Health Department since 1988. Additionally, during the summer, 2004, he was appointed as Acting Chief Medical Executive for the Michigan Department of Community Health and continues to serve in that capacity to present.

Kimberly Singh, M.A., C.H.E.S.

Since 1996, Kimberly Singh, M.A., C.H.E.S., has served as the Health Officer for the Mid-Michigan District Health Department, which includes the counties of Clinton, Gratiot, and Montcalm. She holds a Masters Degree in Health Education & Health Science from Ball State University, a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education & Health Education from Central Michigan University, and is a Certified Health Education Specialist. Ms. Singh actively works with community partners in each of the three counties to enhance the health and well-being of the citizens of the district. She has over 18 years of leadership experience in local public health. Ms. Singh is a graduate of the Michigan Public Health Leadership Institute as well as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Leadership Institute. Currently she serves as the President of the Michigan Association for Local Public Health and also chairs the Public Health Conference Planning Committee.

Eden V. Wells, M.D., M.P.H.

Eden Wells, M.D., M.P.H., received her medical degree from the Ohio State University Medical School in 1989, and completed a residency in Internal Medicine at Vanderbilt University Hospitals in 1992. She joined the Indian Health Service, Public Health Service, in 1992 and was a medical officer for ten years in the Billings Area. From 2002-2004, she completed a Preventive Medicine Residency and Masters in Public Health, General Epidemiology, at the University of Michigan School of Public Health. Currently, she is with the Bureau of Epidemiology, Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH), serving as a medical consultant to the Bureau and as a medical epidemiologist; other activities involve the coordination of All-Hazards Response planning for MDCH.

Carol L. Wolenberg, M.B.E.

Carol Wolenberg is Deputy Superintendent with the Michigan Department of Education. She is responsible for the executive direction of the administrative service areas for the Department. She also directs and coordinates new and existing collaborative policy development and initiatives with other state government agencies, external groups, and associations, and serves as the Department's Emergency Management Coordinator. Ms. Wolenberg represents the Department on many boards and commissions and has also worked in the areas of higher education, career education, and vocational education. Ms. Wolenberg earned a B.S. in Education and a Master of Business Education (M.B.E.) from Central Michigan University, and has done post-graduate work in curriculum and administration at Michigan State University.