



2012 GREAT LAKES BORDER HEALTH INITIATIVE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Cross-Border Collaborations and Connections



Plymouth, Michigan, April 24, 2012

GLBHI Committee Meetings, April 23, 2012

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GLBHI was formed to meet the requirements of the Early Warning Infectious Disease Surveillance (EWIDS) grant. The GLBHI/EWIDS project is supported through the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services --Assistant Secretary for Preparedness & Response (DHHS-ASPR).



WELCOME!

Welcome to the 8th Annual Great Lakes Border Health Initiative (GLBHI) Conference! This annual face-to-face meeting offers a unique opportunity to engage with international colleagues in infectious disease prevention and control along the Canada-U.S. border.

The 2012 GLBHI Annual Conference Planning Team:

- Janese Bouters, Michigan Dept. of Community Health
- Calli Citron, Public Health Agency of Canada
- Justine Hartley, Ontario Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care
- Diane Krueger, Michigan Dept. of Community Health
- Rebecca Majerczyk, Ontario Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care

- Gina Moreno, Michigan Dept. of Community Health
- Jenny Pierquet, University of Minnesota
- Val Reed, Michigan Dept. of Community Health
- Carrie Rigdon, Minnesota Dept. of Agriculture
- Amy Westbrook, Minnesota Dept. of Health



HOUSEKEEPING NOTES

Please keep the following in mind:

- ◆ Please place your **cell phones and pagers** on vibrate or silent, and take urgent calls outside of, and away from, session entry doors.
- ◆ Take a moment to locate the **nearest exits** in case of an emergency.
- ◆ Conference Planning Team members are designated as such on their name tags. They can assist you with any concerns that you may have.
- ◆ **Speaker biographies** begin on page 5 of this document.
- ◆ Complete the **evaluation form** included in your folder, as each session concludes, and finish with the overall evaluation of the Conference. Return to the attendee check-in table or a Planning Team member before you depart. Your responses are very important to us, and to our speakers.
- ◆ Presentations and supporting documents provided to GLBHI by the speakers will be available soon on the GLBHI website at www.michigan.gov/borderhealth.
- ◆ **Thank you** to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services-Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response for support of this Conference and many GLBHI activities through the Early Warning Infectious Disease Surveillance Grant.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

This one-day conference is an opportunity for public health, clinical, laboratory, legal, food protection and emergency management professionals who work along the international borders of Canada and the United States to gather and discuss ongoing collaborative work on infectious disease surveillance.

The purpose of this conference is to:

- ◆ Introduce individuals to the Great Lakes Border Health Initiative, highlight the group's accomplishments, and share plans for future endeavors.
- ◆ Increase vertical and lateral communications among federal, Tribal/First Nation, state/provincial, and local public health, clinical, laboratory, legal, food protection and emergency management partners in the Great Lakes region.
- ◆ Increase pan-border connections and communications among public health partners and other cross-border initiatives.
- ◆ Identify infectious disease and laboratory surveillance systems of neighboring jurisdictions.
- ◆ Improve collaboration in infectious disease prevention and control in the Great Lakes region.
- ◆ Improve international responses to incidents in the Great Lakes region by strengthening relationships among key staff from public health, food protection, clinicians, laboratory personnel and emergency response agencies.



CONFERENCE AGENDA

Monday Afternoon, April 23, 2012 – GLBHI Committee Meetings

** All meetings listed on the agenda will be held at The Inn at St. John's.*

3:15 PM – 4:15 PM **SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS** *(Rooms Listed Below – 2nd floor)*

- ▶ Food Protection and Defense – *Judith*
- ▶ Laboratory – *Ruth*
- ▶ Legal – *Esther*
- ▶ Surveillance & Communications – *Sarah*

4:15 PM – 4:30 PM **BREAK**

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM **STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING** *Nazareth (1st floor)*

Monday Evening, April 23 – Pre-Conference Arrivals

5:30 PM **DINNER ON YOUR OWN**

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM **EARLY GLBHI CONFERENCE ATTENDEE CHECK-IN** *Hotel Lobby*

Tuesday, April 24, 2012 – GLBHI Conference

** Presentations are subject to change in the event of an emergency.*

** All presentations and meals listed on the agenda will be held at The Inn at St. John's.*

** Business casual dress; we also suggest layering, as temperature may vary in the session rooms.*

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM **CONFERENCE ATTENDEE CHECK-IN** *Grande Ballroom Entrance*

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM **BREAKFAST BUFFET** *Garden Gallery*

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM **CONFERENCE WELCOME** *Grande Ballroom*

“Conference Welcome and Overview” – Diane Krueger, PhD



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9:15 AM – 10:15 AM

PLENARY SESSION 1

Grande Ballroom

UPDATES: CROSS-BORDER, PAN-BORDER, AND BI-NATIONAL:

“GREAT LAKES BORDER HEALTH INITIATIVE (GLBHI) / EASTERN BORDER HEALTH INITIATIVE (EBHI) / PACIFIC NORTHWEST BORDER HEALTH ALLIANCE (PNWBHA) UPDATES” – Justine Hartley; Susan Schoenfeld, RN, MSPH; & Daniel Banks, MA

&

“CANADA-U.S. PAN-BORDER PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS COUNCIL UPDATE” – Mark S. Saigeon, BES, MA

&

“BEYOND THE BORDER ACTION PLAN UPDATE” – Mark S. Saigeon, BES, MA

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

PLENARY SESSION 2

Grande Ballroom

“COMPARISON OF ESF #5 (CANADA) AND ESF #8 (U.S.)” – Steve Kempton, CD, MMM; & Capt. Brad Austin, MPH, FACHE

11:15 AM – 11:30 AM

TRANSITION TIME

11:30 AM – 12:15 PM

BREAKOUT SESSION I

(Rooms Listed Along the Left)

SESSION A
Judea Ballroom

“CANADA-U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY INITIATIVES: AN INTERACTIVE PRESENTATION” – Steve Guercio, MSc

SESSION B
Grande Ballroom

“PANEL: FOOD SAFETY IN TRANSIT” – Sarah Popovich, MS; Marianne Courey, MS; & Mary Rutherford, BSc

12:15 PM – 1:30 PM

LUNCH / NETWORKING TIME

Garden Gallery / Grande Ballroom

1:30 PM – 2:15 PM

BREAKOUT SESSION II

(Rooms Listed Along the Left)

SESSION C
Judea Ballroom

“INTRODUCTION TO PARTNERSHIPS WITH / SOVEREIGNTY OF INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES” – Matthew L.M. Fletcher, JD; & Dwayne Jarman, DVM, MPH, CDR USPHS

SESSION D
Grande Ballroom

“OUTBREAK CASE STUDIES, TIMES TWO” – Lise Trotz-Williams, PhD; Tom Duszynski, MPH, REHS; & Ryan Gentry, MPH



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2:15 PM – 2:30 PM **AFTERNOON BREAK / TRANSITION TIME** *Garden Gallery*

2:30 PM – 3:15 PM **BREAKOUT SESSION III** *(Rooms Listed Along the Left)*

SESSION E
Judea Ballroom

“PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF THE FOOD SAFETY MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2011” – Stan Hazan, MPH, MBA

SESSION F
Grande Ballroom

“MEASLES CASE STUDIES AND OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT” – Pam Gahr, MPH; & Teresa Mersereau, RN, BScN, MSc (Public Health)

3:15 PM – 4:00 PM **PLENARY SESSION 3** *Grande Ballroom*

“MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FRESH PRODUCE – ARE WE SAFE AT THE PLATE?” – Elliot Ryser, PhD

4:00 PM – 4:20 PM **PLENARY SESSION 4** *Grande Ballroom*

“APRIL 23RD EMERGENCY RESPONSE TABLETOP EXERCISE SUMMARY” – Dan Harpster, DVM

4:20 PM – 4:25 PM **CLOSING REMARKS** *Grande Ballroom*

“CLOSING COMMENTS AND NEXT STEPS” – Jim Collins, MPH, RS

4:25 PM – 4:30 PM **CONFERENCE EVALUATIONS / DOOR PRIZES** *Grande Ballroom*

COMPLETION OF EVALUATIONS BY ATTENDEES; DOOR PRIZE GIVEAWAYS

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Capt. Brad Austin, MPH, FACHE

Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services—Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Public Health Agency of Canada, Centre for Emergency Preparedness and Response

Captain Brad Austin serves as the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services—Assistant Secretary for Preparedness & Response (HHS/ASPR) Liaison Officer to the Public Health Agency of Canada, and is located in Ottawa, Ontario, where he is responsible to foster better linkages between the U.S. and Canada on preparedness activities and to facilitate collaboration on matters related to federal and international health emergency preparedness and response capabilities. Capt. Austin is also pre-positioned to facilitate intelligence sharing during events of national and international concern for both countries and to assist with the coordination of international public health measures implementation. He has 20 years Active Duty with the U.S. Public Health



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Service, with the recent 10 years devoted to public health preparedness and response. Prior to his current assignment, he served as a Senior Program Officer in the Office of the Civilian Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps where he was responsible for providing oversight and strategic direction for ongoing MRC programmatic and operational activities. Prior to this, he served in ASPR as a Senior Program Management Officer where he trained and deployed to the HHS Secretary's Operation Center as a member of the HHS Emergency Management Group. He also represented HHS on the National Disaster Medical System Executive Secretariat and served as the HHS Chair to the DHS/HHS Preparedness Oversight Committee.

Daniel Banks, MA

Plans, Operations, and Exercise Manager, Washington State Department of Health, Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Program

Daniel (Dan) Banks is the Plans, Operations, & Exercise Manager with the Washington State Department of Health, Public Health Emergency Preparedness & Response Program. In his position at Department of Health, he manages the Department of Health's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, the Department's Emergency Operations Center, the Emergency Support Function #8 (Health and Medical) for Washington State, and emergency response exercise program. Previously as the department's Emergency Exercise Coordinator, Mr. Banks led the development of numerous State-Level Public Health Emergency Response Exercises. He has been an integral part in the development of cross-border response planning in the Pacific Northwest. This planning has included lead planning for health and medical support to British Columbia, during 2010 Olympics and the development of annual duty officer communications drill. Mr. Banks has over 30 years of experience in emergency response operations and exercising at the Federal and state levels. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Geography from the University of Washington, and a Master of Arts degree in International Relations from California State University Stanislaus.

Jim Collins, MPH, RS

Acting Director, Communicable Disease Division, Michigan Department of Community Health

Jim Collins is currently serving as the Acting Director of the Communicable Disease Division of the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH). This Division includes traditional infectious disease epidemiology, regional and anti-microbial resistance epidemiologists, facilitators of cross-border health initiatives, and staff working in support of a broad spectrum of novel surveillance initiatives. In leading development of the Michigan Disease Surveillance System and implementation of Michigan's reportable disease and syndromic surveillance initiatives, he has facilitated creation of a new model for communicable disease surveillance in Michigan. These programs inherently involve the integration of several partners from the local to federal level, as well as coordination of activities among a variety of technical development contracts. His experience in this realm of public health has led to his inclusion on several national workgroups that are defining the content of the Public Health Information Network initiative. Mr. Collins has been appointed as a Director on the Michigan Health Information Shared Services Board, a nonprofit corporation dedicated to advancing health informatics in Michigan and is the MDCH Public Health Agency lead on informatics and Meaningful Use. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from Alma College, and a Master of Public Health Degree in Epidemiology at the University of Michigan. His public health experience includes twelve years of service at a local public health agency. During that time, Mr. Collins worked in a variety of capacities as a registered sanitarian and the agency's epidemiologist.

Marianne Courey, MS

Food Safety Investigator, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

Marianne Courey serves as a Food Safety Investigator for the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, a role she has held for 23 years. She is based in southeast Michigan as a field inspector; her area of



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coverage includes food stores and processing plants in Macomb and Wane Counties. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science, and a Master of Science in Food Safety from Michigan State University.

Tom Duszynski, MPH, REHS

Director of Surveillance and Investigation, Indiana State Department of Health

Tom Duszynski has worked in public health for 22 years and started his career as an environmental inspector for a local health department. He has worked for several local health departments; including serving as Environmental Supervisor which entailed overseeing a wastewater division, environmental program, and water quality laboratory. He has served as a field epidemiologist for the Indiana State Department of Health Public Health Preparedness District 2 in northern Indiana for a year and a half, and led investigations in numerous disease outbreaks. In August 2005, Mr. Duszynski was named director of the field epidemiology program at the Indiana State Department of Health. In May of 2010, he became director of the Indiana State Department of Health Surveillance and Investigation Division. He is a graduate of the Indiana University School of Medicine's Master of Public Health Epidemiology Program and a Registered Environmental Health Specialist.

Matthew L.M. Fletcher, JD

Professor, Michigan State University College of Law

Matthew L.M. Fletcher is Professor of Law at Michigan State University College of Law, and also serves as Director of the Indigenous Law and Policy Center. He is a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, located in Peshawbestown, Michigan. In 2010, Professor Fletcher was elected to the American Law Institute. Professor Fletcher graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1997 and the University of Michigan in 1994. He recently published *American Indian Tribal Law* (Aspen 2011) and *Cases and Materials on Federal Indian Law* (6th ed. West 2011) with Getches, Wilkinson, and Williams.

Pamala Gahr, MPH

Senior Epidemiologist, Minnesota Department of Health

Pam Gahr is a Senior Epidemiologist in the Vaccine Preventable Disease Surveillance Unit of the Minnesota Department of Health. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology from St. Olaf College and a Master of Public Health degree in epidemiology from the University of Minnesota. Ms. Gahr's work focuses on rash illnesses and includes surveillance, outbreak investigations, and epidemiological studies on measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella.

Ryan Gentry, MPH

Field Epidemiology Director, Indiana State Department of Health

Ryan Gentry has worked in public health for eight years, starting his career as a microbiologist for the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH). He worked in the ISDH Public Health Laboratory for two and a half years before taking a position as the Quality Assurance Epidemiologist for the ISDH Surveillance and Investigation Division in 2006. In 2008, Mr. Gentry became the Syndromic Surveillance Epidemiologist where he monitored statewide surveillance data and served as the Indiana National Disease Surveillance System Business Process Consultant. Last year, Mr. Gentry was named the Surveillance and Investigation Division's Field Epidemiology Director; his new responsibilities include supervising the ten District Field Epidemiologists in the state and coordinating outbreak investigations.

Steven Guercio, BSc, MSc

Canadian Public Health Laboratory Network Manager, National Microbiology Laboratory—Public Health



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Agency of Canada

Steven Guercio started with the Public Health Agency of Canada in 2003, at the National Microbiology Laboratory in the Host Genetics and Prion Disease Program. He moved over to the Canadian Public Health Laboratory Network in 2007, becoming manager there in 2009. Mr. Guercio received a Bachelor of Science from the University of Manitoba, and a Master of Science in Genomics in 2003 with distinction from the University of Alberta.

Daniel E. Harpster, DVM

Area Emergency Coordinator for Ohio/West Virginia and Michigan, U.S. Department of Agriculture – Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service – Veterinary Services

As the Veterinary Services' area emergency coordinator, Dr. Harpster assists in the preparedness aspect of emergency response and in actual response involving animal health emergencies in the Ohio, West Virginia and Michigan.

Justine Hartley

Manager, Planning and Programs, Emergency Management Branch, Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

Justine Hartley has been with the Ontario Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care's Emergency Management Branch since 2007 and has been the Great Lakes Border Health Initiative (GLBHI) Canadian Co-Chair since 2010. She is currently the Manager of Planning & Programs and has worked on a variety of emergency preparedness and response initiatives, including the International Health Regulations, the Public Health Preparedness Program, and the oversight of the provincial pandemic preparedness plan (the Ontario Health Plan for an Influenza Pandemic). Ms. Hartley is also a certified Public Health Inspector and worked at the Halton Region Health Department, specializing in environmental health and emergency planning and response prior to joining the ministry. She holds a Bachelor of Applied Science in Public Health from Ryerson University, where she is currently an instructor, and is a candidate in the Master of Public Administration degree program at the University of Western Ontario.

Stan Hazan, MPH, MBA

Senior Director of Regulatory Affairs, NSF International

Stan Hazan is the principal liaison to legislators, regulators and professional/public health associations on issues of national standards, regulatory compliance, product certification and certifier accreditation. His work with NSF spans 23 years and includes public health protection of food safety, drinking water quality and product safety. Mr. Hazan works closely with federal, state, provincial and local regulatory bodies in the U.S. and Canada, including FDA, USDA, CDC, EPA, Health Canada and WHO. He has focused recently on the Food Safety Modernization Act, which recognizes the role of third party certification for imports. He serves on the ANSI International Conformity Assessment Committee, the Coalition of Third-Party Certifiers, the Partnership of Food Safety Education (FightBac), the Conference for Food Protection, the Association of Food and Drug Officials, and the National Environmental Health Association. A forensic and environmental chemist by training, Mr. Hazan holds an MPH and MBA from the University of Michigan, a certificate in International Food Law and Regulation from Michigan State University, and a BSc in chemistry and biochemistry from the University of Toronto.

Dwayne Jarman, DVM, MPH, CDR USPHS

Emergency Response Coordinator, U.S. Food and Drug Administration

Dwayne Jarman is a Commander in the United States Public Health service and is currently serving as the Emergency Response Coordinator for the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) Detroit District Office. He



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completed the Improving Healthcare Initiative Improvement Advisor program and was admitted to the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine in 2011. From 2008-2010, Dr. Jarman served as a Prevention Specialist and Program Manager for two National Indian Health Service Programs. In June 2008, he completed the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) Preventive Medicine Fellowship program and completed the CDC Epidemic Intelligence Service program in 2007. Prior to federal service, Dr. Jarman was an Emergency Preparedness Coordinator with the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, a Health Consultant for the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, a Dr. James A. Ferguson Emerging Infectious Diseases Fellow at the CDC, and an Epidemiology Intern with the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council. Dr. Jarman completed his Master in Public Health in general epidemiology from the University of Michigan in 2002 and his Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from Michigan State University in 2000.

Steven Kempton, CD, MMM

Regional Coordinator, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Public Health Agency of Canada

Steven Kempton hails from Halifax, Nova Scotia, where he is currently employed as the Atlantic Regional Coordinator for Emergency Preparedness and Response with the Public Health Agency of Canada. Mr. Kempton completed a Bachelor of Arts in History at Acadia University, while also completing training as a Bridge Watchkeeping Officer in the Naval Reserve. From 1984 to 1997, he served full-time in the Royal Canadian Navy in a variety of operational and staff appointments, and was promoted Lieutenant-Commander while serving as Senior Staff Officer, National Plans. In 1998, Mr. Kempton completed the Master of Marine Management programme at Dalhousie University. With the Naval Reserve, he was awarded the Maritime Commander's Commendation for his role during the response to the crash of SwissAir Flight 111 near Halifax in September 1998. In 2001 he became the Interdepartmental Liaison Officer with Canadian Coast Guard, Maritimes Region, and the same year, his Naval Reservist alter-ego was appointed Commander, Port Security Unit One. Mr. Kempton left the Coast Guard in 2004 to begin his current employment with the Public Health Agency of Canada. Since joining the Agency, he has been involved in several public health response efforts. In 2010, he deployed as an observer with the U.S. Incident Response Command Team in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, followed by deployments as Deputy Emergency Manager for the G8/G20 Summit in Toronto, Ontario, and for the MV Sun Sea migrant vessel response operation in British Columbia.

Diane Krueger, PhD

GLBHI/EWIDS Project Coordinator, Michigan Department of Community Health

Diane Krueger currently serves as the Michigan state lead for the Great Lakes Border Health Initiative (GLBHI), serves as the U.S. Co-Chair of GLBHI's Steering Committee, and is the U.S. GLBHI representative to the Canada-U.S. Pan-Border Public Health Preparedness Council. She has served as the GLBHI Project Coordinator at Michigan Department of Community Health since October 2009. Prior to her current position, she has worked as a county health department emergency preparedness coordinator and environmental sanitarian, a hydrogeologist with an environmental consulting firm, and has 10 years college teaching experience in geological, environmental and earth sciences. Her Ph.D. comes from the University of Missouri in the field of geology, and she also has a background in biology.

Teresa Mersereau, RN, BScN, MSc (Public Health)

Acting Chief, Vaccine Preventable Diseases, Centre for Immunization and Respiratory Infectious Diseases Surveillance and Outbreak Response Division, Public Health Agency of Canada

Teresa Mersereau is currently the Acting Chief for Vaccine Preventable Diseases, which is part of the Centre for Immunization and Respiratory Infectious Diseases Surveillance and Outbreak Response Division at the Public Health Agency of Canada. She has been in this post since August of 2011, and has also been a lead on the



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Elimination of Measles, Rubella and Congenital Rubella Syndrome in Canada- Documentation and Verification Report which was recently submitted to the Pan American Health Organization in December 2011. She has over 20 years of public health experience gained at the regional, provincial and international levels. Her international public health experience includes assignments in Democratic Republic of Congo as part of a WHO/CDC-STOP-Polio mission. Ms. Mersereau has also lived and worked in Pakistan for over 3 years in capacity as public health nurse for U.S. Embassy, British and Pakistan High Commissions. She was previously a Senior Nursing Consultant/Manager of the Canadian Integrated Public Health Surveillance, Knowledge Information & Data Systems Division, Office of Public Health Practice. In this role, Ms. Mersereau was the lead on development of Panorama and the ongoing support of the Integrated Public Health Information System. Ms. Mersereau received her Master of Science in Public Health from the University of Edinburgh (Scotland, UK), and her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from St. Francis Xavier University (Antigonish, Nova Scotia). Her formative years in public health were with the Nova Scotia Department of Health. And we are glad she got her passport in time to be with us today!

Sarah Popovich, MS

Food Defense Program Coordinator, Indiana State Department of Health

Sarah Popovich is the Food Defense Program Coordinator in the Food Protection Program at the Indiana State Department of Health. In this role, Ms. Popovich oversees the Indiana Food Transportation Assessment Projects where Food Safety Inspection Officers and the Indiana State Police work together to inspect food safety in transit. Ms. Popovich received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Augustana College and Master of Science degree from University of Illinois Springfield.

Mary Rutherford, BSc

Program Manager, Imported and Manufactured Foods, Ontario Operations, Canadian Food Inspection Agency

Mary Rutherford is a Program Manager with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, working with programs related to the non-federally registered food sector. She started working for the federal government in 1990 as a Food Inspector and has worked in various roles, such as a Food Safety Auditor and a Program Specialist. Ms. Rutherford has experience working on food safety issues and in providing program advice and guidance to industry, inspectors and management. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology from the University of Guelph.

Elliot Ryser, PhD

Professor, Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition, Michigan State University

Elliot Ryser, a Milwaukee native and 30-year member of the International Association for Food Protection (IAFP), received his Bachelor of Science in Bacteriology, and his Master and Doctorate degrees in Food Science from the University of Wisconsin. After research positions in France and at the University of Vermont, he joined the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition at Michigan State University in 1998 where he now holds the rank of Professor. An internationally recognized authority on *Listeria*, Dr. Ryser's research focuses on cross-contamination and quantitative bacterial transfer during handling of deli meats, leafy greens and tomatoes; with his findings being used to refine various risk assessments. He is one of four co-scientific editors for the Journal of Food Protection, a past recipient of the Elmer Marth Educator Award, the Maurice Weber Laboratorian Award, and a Fellow of both IAFP and the Institute of Food Technologists.

Mark Saigeon, BES, MA

Acting Director, Centre for Emergency Preparedness and Response, Public Health Agency of Canada



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Mark Saigeon has worked for both the Ontario provincial government as well as in various departments of the Federal government of Canada. Within the Federal government, amongst other areas, he has been engaged in Canada/United States negotiations and policy development with respect to environmental- and health-related issues. He was involved in the development and publication of Health Canada's Human Health in a Changing Climate: A Canadian Assessment of Vulnerabilities and Adaptive Capacity. Mr. Saigeon is currently with the Centre for Emergency Preparedness and Response with the Public Health Agency of Canada and a member of the Canada-U.S. Pan-Border Public Health Preparedness Council.

Susan Schoenfeld, RN, MSPH

Deputy State Epidemiologist, Vermont Department of Health

Susan Schoenfeld is the Deputy State Epidemiologist at the Vermont Department of Health. She has worked as an infectious disease epidemiologist since 1989, focusing on issues such as foodborne disease outbreak investigations, surveillance for vaccine-preventable diseases, and public health response to emerging infectious diseases and bioterrorism. Ms. Schoenfeld is the coordinator for the Surveillance and Epidemiology objectives under the U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention Public Health Preparedness grant, and was a founding member and current steering committee member of the Eastern Border Health Initiative.

Lise Trotz-Williams, PhD

Epidemiologist, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health

Lise Trotz-Williams has worked as a public health epidemiologist for seven years, with six years of experience in communicable disease epidemiology and surveillance. She holds a veterinary degree from the University of London (UK), an MSc in Parasitology from the University of Liverpool (UK), and a PhD in Epidemiology from the University of Guelph, Ontario, with several years of experience in epidemiological research in university settings. Dr. Trotz-Williams currently works as an epidemiologist at a local health department in southwestern Ontario, Canada. Her responsibilities include reportable disease and syndromic surveillance, and providing epidemiological support in outbreak investigations.