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Oklahoma Area | Bryan Warner | Deputy Principal Chief | Cherokee Nation | TAC Chair

Bryan Warner is the Deputy Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation. Prior to June 2019, he has served on the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council for District 6, a position he held since 2015. Mr. Warner holds a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Northeastern State University and a Master of Education degree from East Central University. He is employed at Carl Albert State College and has served as a full-time science instructor and is now Sallisaw Campus Director. Mr. Warner's civic and volunteer experience includes time served as Ward 3 City Commission for the City of Sallisaw, leading local youth in church, as well as coaching youth league baseball and football. He also works closely with the Sallisaw MainStreet Organization, is a member of Sallisaw Lions Club, and is on the board of directors for Sallisaw Youth League and the Sallisaw Youth and Recreation Commission.



Leslie Ann Dauphin, PhD | Director, National Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Public Health Infrastructure and Workforce | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

The Public Health Infrastructure Center serves as the connection point between the agency and state, local, and territorial jurisdictions; Tribes; and CDC's public health partners. The center ensures that our country's public health infrastructure has the people, services, and systems needed to promote and protect health in every U.S. community (all 50 states, the U.S. Territories, Tribes, and freely associated states).

Prior to leading the public health infrastructure center, Dr. Dauphin served in a number of leadership roles across CDC. Most recently, she served as director of the Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services. Dr. Dauphin's leadership was instrumental to CDC's response to laboratory safety events in 2014 and in the creation and successful stand up of the Office of Laboratory Science and Safety, where she served as deputy director. Previously, she served as acting Director for the Office of Science and Deputy Associate Director for Laboratory Science within the National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases. A trained laboratory scientist, Dr. Dauphin specialized in bioterrorism and emerging threats including anthrax as a research microbiologist and Response Team Coordinator for CDC's 24/7 laboratory response to bioterrorism threats in the U.S. and abroad. Dr. Dauphin has also served in leadership roles on CDC's COVID-19 response.

Dr. Dauphin received her doctoral degree in Microbiology from North Carolina State University. She is a veteran of the U.S. Army, where she was a paratrooper under the 18th Airborne Corps. She received the Southwest Asia Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal for her service in Saudi Arabia during the first Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm.

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CAPT Damion Killsback, PharmD, MPH | Director | Office of Tribal Affairs and Strategic Alliances Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Damion has over 20 years of experience in clinical pharmacy, public health and administration, and work dedicated to AI/AN healthcare, health policy, and public health issues. Most recently, Damion served as the Chief Executive Officer for the Northern Cheyenne Service Unit in the Indian Health Service. His previous leadership roles include the HHS Office of Minority Health (OMH) acting director for the Division of Policy and Data and the AI/AN Policy Lead. He later became the Senior Advisor for Tribal Affairs and lead of the Tribal Affairs Team. There, Damion helped establish the Center for Indigenous Innovation and Health Equity Tribal Advisory Committee and served as OMH's Tribal Liaison on all Tribal Affairs activities including the HHS Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee, the Interdepartmental Council on Native American Affairs, and the Missing Murdered Indigenous Persons Work Group.

CAPT Killsback received his Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from the University of Montana and his Masters in Public Health from American Public University in Charles Town, West Virginia. He makes his home near his Northern Cheyenne Community as a proud member of the Northern Cheyenne Nation and a direct descendant of Chief Dull Knife. He is the oldest of six, and son of Jacqueline Limpy Tang. He is married to his beautiful wife and partner, Danelle, and they have four children: Daliyah (27), Konner (25), Kamden (10), and Hattie (8).

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Delight E. Satter, MPH | Senior Health Scientist | National Center for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Public Health Infrastructure and Workforce

Delight E. Satter, MPH, is a Senior Health Scientist in the CDC's National Center for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Public Health Infrastructure and Workforce (NPHIC). Satter's primary job functions include providing counsel to the director on issues related to complex research, science, and program integration assignments that reflect the priorities, policies, interests, and initiatives of the agency. She also advises the director on the implementation of cultural and diversity assessments while ensuring responsiveness to tribal and partner recommendations pertaining to the data and information needed to accomplish this mission. Her current portfolio includes public health infrastructure and workforce, including co-leading the Tribal data modernization initiative, providing subject matter expertise to the Hear Her Campaign; serving on the principal authorship team for the CDC's Health Equity Guiding Principles for Inclusive Communication; and serving as co-author and implementation working group member for the White House Indigenous Knowledge Guidance.

Specific to public health data, she has authored and co-authored numerous peer-reviewed publications and policy documents focused on improving data capacity for American Indian/Alaska Native and other populations. She has provided subject matter expertise on numerous intragovernmental, international, state, tribal/urban Indian organization public health and policy and efforts. She co-chaired the data efforts for both Operation Lady Justice and the Not Invisible Act Commission focused on murdered or missing and human trafficked AIAN. Her recent external partnership efforts include federal subject matter expert to NativeDATA, a data sharing resource for Native Peoples and organizations at NPIHB, supporting multiple state-based epidemiologic studies ensuring disaggregated data for local action, and the RWJF Expert Panel: Transforming Public Health Data Systems to Advance Health Equity, composed of intergenerational indigenous data experts.

Prior to joining CDC, she directed the American Indian Research Program at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research for 15 years. Satter has partnered with over 150 tribes and urban Indian communities primarily in North America on research, public service and public health practice efforts. Her expert areas include racial and ethnic data and community-based participatory research and approaches. She is a founding key staff member and advisor to The California Health Interview Survey (CHIS), the nation's largest state health survey.

Satter's public service activities have been extensive including Member of the Community Advisory Committee, University of Arizona, Native American Research and Training Center; and member of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, College of Reviewers. She served as a board member for the California Pan-Ethnic Health Network and Native American Cancer Research; served on the inaugural U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Advisory Committee on Minority Health; was a founding signatory member of the Native Research Network Board of Directors and the CDC American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Coalition; and is past-president of the American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Caucus of the American Public Health Association.

Prior to joining the UCLA CHPR, Satter was a Public Health Prevention Service fellow with CDC. She was also a Morris K. Udall American Indian Congressional Intern to the Honorable Bruce F. Vento (dec.), and an intern at the Minnesota Department of Public Health. Prior to entering public health, she worked for many years in multiple for-profit sectors.

Satter received her master's degree in public health from the University of Minnesota and bachelor's degree in anthropology from the University of Washington. She is a tribal member and Elder of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Oregon.

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James Kucik, PhD, MPH | Director, Data Modernization Initiative Implementation Unit
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Jim Kucik, PhD, MPH, is the lead for the STLT Implementation and Coordination Team (proposed) in CDC's Office of Public Health Data, Surveillance, and Technology. The Team coordinates CDC's work to accelerate data modernization with state, tribal, local, and territorial (STLT) public health partners, ensures alignment with CDC's Data Modernization Initiative, and helps support STLT public health by providing them with the tools and resources to help build the organizational and workforce capacity needed to develop and implement the next generation of public health data systems.



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Sharon Stanphil, MD | Chief Health Officer | Cow Creek Health and Wellness Center

Dr. Sharon Stanphill is the Chief Health Officer for the Cow Creek Health & Wellness Center (CCH&WC). The CCH&WC employs 70 staff members and operates 2 primary medical care clinics, a comprehensive behavioral health department including both in-house and tele-psychiatry and therapy services, a prevention specialist and trauma-informed care/resiliency coordinator. The medical teams are supported by laboratory, radiology, medical nutritional therapy, intensive diabetes prevention and treatment program along with many other community programs. In FY 2020, she stood up a robust public health department to address the pandemic and begin to modernize Public health efforts within the Tribe.

Joining the CCH&WC in October 1997, as a preventive care practitioner and dietitian/certified diabetes educator, Dr. Stanphill assisted with coordinating the Southern Oregon Tribal Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) consortium and served on the National Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) Diabetes Demonstration Projects Steering Committee during the formative years of the SDPI.

She has been a delegate, representing the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, to the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board for the past 22 years and has been honored to receive the Delegate of the Year Award twice by her peers.

Dr. Stanphill serves on several Portland Area Indian Health Services committees and was been appointed by the Portland Area Indian Health Services as the Portland Area Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee, CDC Tribal Advisory Committee and CMS Tribal Advisory Committee representing all 43 Tribal Nations of the Northwest.

Her special interest in assuring information technology is of the highest quality. She works to assure Oregon's Tribal Nations are included in the State's expansion of health information technology having served previously on the State of Oregon's Governor's Health Information Technology Office of Health (HITOC) Advisory Committee. She has most recently become a member of the Criminal Justice Commission IMPACT Committee appointed in 2019 and the Governor's Task Force on Universal Healthcare in 2020. Dr. Stanphill is the Cow Creek's tribal representative for all healthcare related State of Oregon SB770 consultations.

Within Douglas County, Oregon, she serves on various committees including the local Coordinated Care Organization, Umpqua Health Alliance, Board of Directors and the local hospital Mercy Medical Center Foundation Board.

Dr. Stanphill received her Master of Public Health in Nutrition degree and Doctorate of Public Health in Preventive Medicine in 1993 from Loma Linda University School of Medicine. She is married to her husband Jim for 36 years and they have 3 grown children who all have graduated from George Fox University and are living and working in the greater Portland, Oregon area.

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Mandy Cohen,, MD, MPH | Director | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Mandy K. Cohen, MD, MPH, is the Director for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Administrator of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry. She is one of the nation's top health leaders with experience leading large and complex organizations, and a proven track-record protecting Americans' health and safety.

Dr. Cohen is an internal medicine physician and led the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, where she was lauded for her outstanding leadership during the COVID crisis, focusing on equity, data accountability, and transparent communication. She also transformed the North Carolina Medicaid program, through the state's Medicaid expansion and her focus on "whole person health" with the launch of the country's first statewide coordination platform, NCCARE360.

Prior to joining CDC, Dr. Cohen served as the Executive Vice President at Aledade and CEO of Aledade Care Solution, which helps independent primary care practices, health centers, and clinics deliver better care to their patients and thrive in value-based care.

Dr. Cohen previously served as Chief Operating Officer and Chief of Staff of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and served as Acting Director of the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight. Dr. Cohen was involved in many aspects of the Affordable Care Act policy development and implementation, including the expansion of coverage, insurance protections, and new provider payment models.

In February 2019, Modern Healthcare named Dr. Cohen one of the Top 25 Women Leaders in Healthcare. In September of 2020, Dr. Cohen was awarded the Leadership in Public Health Practice Award from Harvard University's T.H. Chan School of Public Health for her outstanding leadership through the COVID pandemic and Dr. Cohen was named Tar Heel of the Year for 2020. She has been elected to the National Academy of Medicine and currently serves as an adjunct professor at the Gillings School of Global Public Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Dr. Cohen received her bachelor's degree from Cornell University, her Doctor of Medicine from the Yale School of Medicine, and her Master's in Public Health from the Harvard School of Public Health. She trained in Internal Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Cohen is married and has two daughters.

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Stephen Greetham, JD

Originally from Massachusetts, Stephen Greetham has worked his entire legal career on behalf of Tribal sovereigns in Indian country, starting with the Nordhaus Law Firm in New Mexico and for sixteen years as an appointed legal official of the Chickasaw Nation. In 2022, Greetham opened his own law firm, which works exclusively on behalf of Tribal governments in the areas of complex intergovernmental litigation, negotiated dispute resolution, and government affairs. His scholarly work has been published in American Indian Quarterly, Natural Resources Journal, University of Oklahoma Law Review, Tulsa Law Review, and NU Forum, and he has taught various Federal Indian law subjects as adjunct faculty to the University of Oklahoma College of Law and the University of New Mexico School of Law. Greetham and his wife, Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham (Chickasaw), recently relocated from Oklahoma City to Chapel Hill, where Dr. Cobb-Greetham has taken up the position of distinguished professor of the Native South in UNC's American Studies Department.



Kevin D. Meeks, MPH

Rear Admiral (Ret.) Kevin Meeks is a Chickasaw Citizen and currently serves as the Deputy Secretary of Health for the Chickasaw Nation. Before coming to the Nation, RADM Meeks served as a Commissioned Officer in the US Public Health Service assigned to the Indian Health Service.

RADM Meeks, raised in Byng, Oklahoma, earned a bachelor's degree from East Central University and a master's degree in public health from the University of Oklahoma. During his 32-year career in the United States Public Health Service, he was instrumental in the management and improvement of Indian Health Care in Oklahoma and across the country.

His career began in 1987 in South Dakota where he served as an Environmental Health Specialist. In 1989 he transferred to Claremore, Oklahoma followed by an assignment to the Alaska Area IHS. In 1995, he was transferred to the Oklahoma City Area Office. From 1995 to 2009, he fulfilled various management positions in the Oklahoma City Area Office, including Environmental Health Services Branch Chief and Director of Office of Environmental Health and Engineering. In 2007, he was selected as the Southeast Regional Commissioned Corps Liaison, providing personnel services to more than 300 commissioned officers assigned to the Oklahoma City, Nashville, and Albuquerque areas.

In 2009, RADM Meeks was selected as the Area Director of the Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service where he served from until 2017. As the Area Director, he was the senior federal official responsible for the provision of comprehensive health care services to one of the largest and most diverse service populations in IHS. RADM Meeks was ultimately promoted to the IHS Deputy Director of Field Operations in 2017, where he directed 12 IHS Area Offices and was a crucial leader in providing quality health care to 2.2 million American Indians/Alaska Natives.

In 2018, RADM Meeks was awarded the Surgeon General's Medallion by United States Surgeon General Jerome Adams and in 2019 he received the Surgeon General's Exemplary Service Medal and the Distinguished Service Medal. In 2020, RADM Meeks received the highest honor of his career when he was inducted into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame. Shortly after being inducted, he was named as the Deputy Director of Health by Governor Anoatubby.

RADM Meeks lives in Byng, Oklahoma, just a few miles from where he grew up. He has been married to Janice for over 43 years, and together they have three children, Alicia and husband Shane, Kayla and husband Cody, and Cole and wife Mikaela, all professionals in their own right. Kevin and Janice also have five grandchildren, Audrey, Alivia, Nolan, Miles, and Addison.

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Henry Walke, MD, MPH | Director | Office of Readiness and Response (ORR)

Henry Walke, MD, MPH, is the Director of the Office of Readiness and Response (ORR). In this role, he supports ORR's four Divisions and the Office of the Director to prepare for, respond to, and improve performance in domestic and global public health emergencies. ORR enhances CDC, state, and local health department preparedness and response capacity; ensures lifesaving research with select agents, toxins, and poliovirus is conducted safely and securely; and develops scientific principles, tools, and the next generation of public health preparedness professionals and leaders.

Most recently, Dr. Walke served as incident manager of CDC's COVID-19 response from July 2020 through September 2021, and as a chief CDC spokesperson. Under his leadership, the COVID-19 response published 8 scientific briefs and over 600 articles in the "Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report" and the scientific literature. Over 9,000 CDC employees were involved in the response during his tenure there.

Prior to joining ORR, Dr. Walke served as director of the Division of Preparedness and Emerging Infections in the National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases and before that he was chief of the Bacterial Special Pathogens Branch in the Division of High-Consequence Pathogens and Pathology. In those roles, Dr. Walke collaborated across CDC and with national and international partners to address preparedness and response issues for bioterrorism, emerging infections, and other infectious disease emergencies. In previous roles at CDC, Dr. Walke helped expand the Field Epidemiology and Laboratory Training Program, especially in Asia and the Americas. He joined CDC in 2001 as a medical officer based in Amman, Jordan, leading a Field Epidemiology Training Program and working with Jordan's Ministry of Health to strengthen its infectious and non-communicable disease surveillance and reporting systems.

Dr. Walke has worked extensively on CDC's anthrax preparedness efforts, co-chairing the HHS Anthrax Integrated Program Team and taking on co-chair duties for CDC's Anthrax Coordination Unit, which supports the agency's preparedness and response strategy for an anthrax incident. He also played prominent roles in multiple CDC emergency responses, including serving as the EOC's incident manager or deputy incident manager for the Zika, Ebola, and COVID-19 responses and contributing to several hurricane responses (Harvey, Irma, Maria, and Florence), the anthrax Department of Defense incident, and a *Burkholderia pseudomallei* incident in nonhuman primates.

Dr. Walke earned undergraduate and medical degrees (with honors) from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and an MPH from Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health. He has been board-certified in family medicine and preventive medicine, has coauthored about 55 scientific publications, and has received numerous awards for public health achievements. His professional interests include preparedness and emergency response; surveillance and epidemiology; global health; and supporting the creation of diverse, inclusive work environments that facilitate cooperation and productivity.

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Christine Lee, PhD | Enteric Diseases Laboratory Branch

Dr. Christine Lee completed her PhD in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at Johns Hopkins University, and postdoctoral training at Emory University. She joined CDC as a Laboratory Leadership Service Fellow in 2020 in the Enteric Diseases Laboratory Branch, where she is now the Unit Chief of the National Reference Laboratories for *Listeria*, *Yersinia*, *Vibrio*, and other Enterobacteriales. Christine has a long-standing interest in the molecular mechanisms that underlie human diseases and is excited to apply her basic science training and perspectives to the practice of public health.



Tom Chiller | Chief | Mycotic Diseases Branch | Senior Advisor for Global Health, Division of Foodborn, Waterborne, and Environmental Diseases | CDC

At the CDC, Tom Chiller provides leadership for fungal disease activities, which include detection, prevention and response activities, policy and advocacy, both nationally and internationally. He also serves as the associate director for global programs in the Division of Foodborne, Waterborne, and Environmental Diseases. He remains actively involved in antimicrobial resistance, healthcare associated infections, molecular epidemiology and laboratory activities for fungal diseases. Dr Chiller is board certified in infectious diseases and is a faculty member in the Division of Infectious Diseases at the Emory School of Medicine. During the past decade with the Mycotic Diseases Branch, Dr Chiller has led efforts to end deaths from opportunistic fungal infections in HIV, control the spread of MDR *Candida auris* and azole resistant *Aspergillus*, and identify emerging mold infections.



Mia Mattioli, PhD, MS | Acting Team Lead | Environmental Microbiology and Engineering Laboratory | Waterborne Disease Prevention Branch | Division of Foodborne, Waterborne, and Environmental Diseases | National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases | CDC

Dr. Mia Mattioli is the Acting Team Lead of CDC's Waterborne Disease Prevention Branch's Environmental Microbiology and Engineering Laboratory. Her team is engaged in a wide range of environmental health research areas including drinking water, irrigation water, wastewater, recreational water, sediment, water distribution systems, and the development of advanced molecular detection technologies. Dr. Mattioli's team also leads CDC's environmental investigations of waterborne outbreak responses. She has a Bachelor of Science in Biological Engineering from the University of Georgia and a Master and Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering from Stanford University.

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Vincent Hill, PhD | Chief | Waterborne Disease Prevention Branch (WDPB)

Dr. Vincent Hill is the Chief of CDC's Waterborne Disease Prevention Branch (WDPB). As WDPB Branch Chief, Dr. Hill oversees the Branch's programs in global and domestic water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) epidemiology, health promotion and communication, water-related emergency preparedness, environmental science, and laboratory surveillance and diagnostics. He received a PhD in Environmental Science & Engineering from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Public Health and a Masters of Science in Engineering from The Johns Hopkins University.



Kathy Gallagher | Acting Director | Office of Appropriations

Kathy Gallagher is serving as Acting Director of CDC's Office of Appropriations. Kathy has 24 years of experience serving in various policy positions across the agency including five years as the OA Deputy Director.

Kathy began working at CDC in 1999 and is currently the Associate Director for Policy in the Office on Smoking and Health. She also served in policy leadership roles across the agency including Acting Deputy Director for Strategy and Operations in the Coronavirus and Other Respiratory Viruses Division, Associate Director for Policy for Center for Preparedness and Response, Deputy Director for the Appropriations Office, Associate Director for Policy and Communication for the Division of Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention, Legislation and Partnership Team Lead for the Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, and as the Policy lead for the Office of Internal Security following the 9/11 and anthrax attacks for which she received the Secretary's Awarded for Distinguished Service. Kathy also deployed to support multiple emergency responses including as the policy unit lead for the 2014 Ebola and COVID-19 responses.

Kathy has a degree in Sociology from the University of Georgia and in History of Technology and Society from Georgia Tech. She and her husband have one daughter and Kathy loves to cook (not bake).

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Stacey M. Jenkins, MPH, CHES | Director | Division of Jurisdictional Support (DJS)

Stacey M. Jenkins, MPH, CHES, serves as the Director of the Division of Jurisdictional Support in CDC's National Center for STLT Public Health Infrastructure and Workforce. Ms. Jenkins provides agency-wide support and coordination of public health partnerships. She leads a team of public health advisors and analysts in administering grants and umbrella cooperative agreements with state, tribal, local and territorial (STLT) jurisdictional health departments, working collaboratively across CDC to ensure CDC-funded public health partner contributions are integrated with and add value to CDC's public health mission and activities.

Ms. Jenkins previously served as director of the Division of Program and Partnership Services within CDC's Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support (CSTLTS). In that roles she provided agency-wide support and coordination of public health partnerships; leading a team of public health advisors and analysts in administering seven funding mechanisms with State, Tribal, Local and Territorial public health partners, totaling over \$3.5B; including the most recently awarded \$2.25B CDC-RFA-OT21-2103: National Initiative to Address COVID-19 Health Disparities Among Populations at High-Risk and Underserved, Including Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations and Rural Communities. Prior to that she served as deputy director of the Division of Public Health Performance Improvement within CDC's Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support, where she assisted the division director in providing guidance and strategic direction on a cross-agency system of performance and accountability that helped position state, tribal, local and territorial (STLT) public health agencies to achieve and advance the public health outcomes intended and supported by CDC. Ms. Jenkins has worked in the area of programmatic and strategic planning, and provided technical assistance to CDC-funded and non-funded partners for the past 21 years. She also served as CDC's Adult and Older Adult goal team lead and held several leadership positions in the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion's Divisions of Oral, Reproductive, and Adolescent and School Health.

Ms. Jenkins's career began in 1992 as a research assistant with the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University. Prior to coming to CDC, she held several public health positions in local, state, regional, private, and non-profit sectors. She was a senior relationship manager for WebMD, a program manager at the Emory University Regional Training Center, school health coordinator for Planned Parenthood of Georgia, and senior public health educator for the DeKalb County Board of Health.

Ms. Jenkins is an experienced public health professional with proven success leading and managing units, teams, and divisions. Her specific areas of expertise include leadership development and chronic disease prevention, which includes coordinated and comprehensive school health, reproductive health, sexual health, adolescent and women's health. She is strongly committed to health promotion, disease prevention, and employee engagement.

Ms. Jenkins has an extensive background in managing budgets and developing health promotion and education programs and curricula for schools, community-based organizations, family planning centers, public health clinics, and universities.

She has a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of California at Berkeley, a master's degree in public health, with an emphasis in behavioral science and health education, from the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University, and she is a certified health education specialist.

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Tamara Lamia, MPH | Associate Director | Evaluation for the Division of Jurisdictional Support

Tamara Lamia, MPH, serves as the Associate Director for Evaluation for the Division of Jurisdictional Support in CDC's National Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Public Health Infrastructure and Workforce. In this role, Ms. Lamia advises and consults on high-quality measurement, monitoring, and evaluation activities for Division programs, cooperative agreements, and grants to demonstrate impact, inform decision making, and build the evidence-base.

Ms. Lamia began her public health evaluation career in 2001 when she served as a Collaborative Evaluation Fellow with the American Cancer Society. Ms. Lamia joined Macro International, a professional services firm, as a research associate in 2002 working on diverse research and evaluation projects for such clients as CDC, the Association for State and Territorial Health Officials, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services-Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, and Gilead Sciences, Inc., among many others. Ms. Lamia spent the next 14 years at Macro and ICF (which purchased Macro in 2009), applying utilization-focused evaluation approaches to a variety of public health programs.

Ms. Lamia joined CDC in 2016 where she supported the planning, development, management, and evaluation of a variety of cross-cutting public health programs and initiatives. Previously at CDC, she led applied research and evaluation projects as a Senior Health Scientist in the Science Unit within the Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support (CSTLTS). In that role she led the creation of a learning agenda for the Center, coordinated the Center's health equity goals and reporting on key performance indicators, and advised on the formation of evaluation studies for programs across the Center. In prior roles at CDC, Ms. Lamia helped refine a monitoring and evaluation plan for CDC's Prevention Research Centers program and was a member of the Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant evaluation team.

Ms. Lamia has a bachelor's degree in anthropology from the University of Iowa and a master's degree in public health, with an emphasis in behavioral science, from the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University. Ms. Lamia is a proud docent at the David J. Sencer CDC Museum.

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Demetre Daskalakis, MD, MPH | Acting Director | National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases

Demetre Daskalakis, MD, MPH, is the Acting Director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, where he leads CDC's efforts to detect, prevent, and respond to vaccine-preventable and respiratory infectious disease threats.

Dr. Daskalakis' permanent role is the Director of the Division of HIV Prevention in CDC's National Center for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention. Most recently, he served as the Deputy Coordinator of the White House's Mpox Response, where he successfully led vaccination and public education efforts that helped to halt the advancement of the virus.

Dr. Daskalakis began his career as an attending physician at Bellevue Hospital in New York City (NYC), New York, where he spearheaded several public health programs focused on community HIV testing and prevention. He has since served in several healthcare and public health capacities in NYC, including the Deputy Commissioner for the Division of Disease Control at the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Dr. Daskalakis also directed the public health laboratory and all infectious disease control programs for NYC, including HIV, tuberculosis, sexually transmitted infections, vaccine-preventable diseases, and general communicable diseases. In addition to his leadership in infectious disease control efforts, he served as the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene incident commander during the measles outbreak of 2018-2019, as well as the 2020 COVID-19 public health emergency.

Dr. Daskalakis received his Doctor of Medicine degree from the New York University School of Medicine and completed his residency training at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. He also completed clinical infectious disease fellowships at the Brigham and Women's Massachusetts General Hospital combined program and received a Master of Public Health from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

Dr. Daskalakis is recognized nationally and internationally as an expert in HIV prevention and has focused much of his career on the treatment and prevention of HIV and other STIs as an activist physician with a focus on LGBTQIA+ communities.

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Melinda Wharton, MD, MPH | Associate Director | Vaccine Policy and Executive Secretary of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices | National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases | CDC

Dr. Melinda Wharton currently serves as the Associate Director for Vaccine Policy and Executive Secretary of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices in the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She received her medical degree from Harvard Medical School and Masters in Public Health from Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health. She completed her training in internal medicine at the University of Michigan and her infectious diseases training at the Duke University Medical Center, in Durham, North Carolina. Dr. Wharton joined CDC as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer in 1986 and was assigned to the Tennessee Department of Health and Environment in Nashville, TN. She joined CDC's immunization program in 1992, and since that time has held a variety of positions. From 2006 to 2013 she served as Deputy Director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases and from 2013 to 2021 as Director, Immunization Services Division, NCIRD. She previously served as a member (2009-2015) and as chair (2012-2015) of WHO's Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine Safety and as a member of FDA's Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (2006-2020)



Kavitha Muthuswamy, MPH | Public Health Analyst | Program Implementation Branch
Division of Diabetes Translation

Kavitha works with the Tribal, Regional, & Territorial Support Team in CDC's Division of Diabetes Translation. In her role, Kavitha has served as the Project Officer for the Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country cooperative agreement. Kavitha also works with tribes and tribal organizations to expand access to the National Diabetes Prevention Program across Indian Country. Rooted in a commitment to tribal sovereignty and the government-to-government relationship, these activities are initiated and shaped by tribal partners to meet the needs of communities and include training of Lifestyle Coaches and Master Trainers serving tribal programs, inclusion of a family-centered approach, cultural tailoring of the PreventT2 curriculum, and establishment of networks to increase the number of CDC-recognized programs. Before joining CDC, Kavitha worked with the Indian Health Service on Navajo Nation in Shiprock, NM, and worked with tribes across the country providing training and technical assistance in health promotion and disease prevention.

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Kevin Collins, PhD | Deputy Associate Director | Health Equity in the Office of Smoking and Health

Dr. Kevin T. Collins serves as the Deputy Associate Director for Health Equity in the Office on Smoking and Health. In this capacity he provides leadership and guidance in the development and implementation of equity principles. The result is a comprehensive approach to tobacco control that seeks to identify the root causes of health disparities and drivers of inequalities, while developing innovative approaches to advance the science and program practice needed for creating and maintaining health communities for all.

The Deputy Branch Chief of the Epidemiology Branch is the position that Dr. Collins held prior to his current position. This branch serves as the scientific lead for the Office by conducting and coordinating research, surveillance, analysis, and evaluation of tobacco use, its health effects and effective tobacco control interventions. As the Branch Deputy, Dr. Collins was responsible for all administrative functions, contractual, and personnel related.

Prior to this position, Dr. Collins worked as a Team Leader in the Program Services Branch where he supervised a team of 7 Project Officers. He led a team that provided technical assistance and guidance to the 50 states, District of Columbia, U.S. Territories, and Tribal Communities in implementing comprehensive tobacco control and prevention strategies. His efforts have resulted in the implementation of evidenced-based programs that have reduced the national prevalence rates.

Dr. Collins has had a near 30-year distinguished career in public health, having served as a Local Health Department Director in Angelina County, Texas; Director of Office on Minority Health and Cultural Competency at the Texas Department of Health; and as a member of the leadership team in the CDC Office on Smoking and Health.

Dr. Collins is a believer of lifelong learning. He holds a master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Texas at Tyler and a Ph.D. in Political Science from Clark Atlanta University.



CoCo Villaluz | Health Equity Manager | American Indian Cancer Foundation

CoCo Villaluz (Hidatsa/Assiniboine/Chamorro) is the Health Equity Manager for the American Indian Cancer Foundation. She has over twenty years of experience in community development, capacity building, and mobilizing. CoCo is an advocate for the reclamation of cultural ways through art and storytelling.

She collaborates with local, national, tribal, and international entities to focus on Indigenous health, with an emphasis on tobacco. CoCo uses different art forms to promote prevention activities, address traditional tobacco, educate, pass policy, and create change. Her ultimate goal is to promote Indigenous cultural wellness in communities for generations to come.

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CDR Jason Hymer, MPH, REHS | Senior Injury Prevention Specialist | National Center for Injury Prevention and Control | Program Implementation and Evaluation Branch | Tribal Support Team

CDR Jason Hymer is an Environmental Health Officer in the United States Public Health Service and currently serves as a Senior Injury Prevention Specialist and a liaison between the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) and the Indian Health Service (IHS) Injury Prevention Program. In this role, he is responsible for advancing the science and practice of injury and violence prevention (IVP) in AI/AN communities. In addition to his role at NCIPC, CDR Hymer works closely with the IHS Injury Prevention Program providing technical assistance, training, and program support to IHS HQ and field staff throughout the country.

During his time serving in Indian Country, Jason has gained extensive experience working with a diverse mix of tribal governments, tribal programs, community members and other local/state/federal partners. He has led several community, regional, and national training courses related to injury prevention and environmental health in AI/AN communities.

CDR Hymer has been at CDC since February 2018. Prior to joining CDC, he worked as an Injury Prevention Specialist and Environmental Health Officer with the Phoenix Area Indian Health Service in Reno, NV from 2009-2018 and Norton Sound Health Corporation in Nome, AK from 2006-2009.



Stacey Willocks, MS | Behavioral Scientist | National Center for Injury Prevention and Control | Division of Injury Prevention | Implementation and Evaluation Branch | Evaluation Team

Stacey Willocks is a Behavioral Scientist and Evaluator who has worked with tribal partners to evaluate their public health programs for twenty years. In her current role, she leads the tribal evaluation portfolio in CDC's Division of Injury Prevention that includes opioid overdose prevention, suicide prevention, alcohol-impaired driving prevention, and the implementation of an Indigenous Evaluation Approach. In partnership with tribes and tribal organizations, her past evaluation work includes projects funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA); Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Office of Rural Health Policy; and CDC Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention programs. During the COVID-19 response, she stood up the Tribal Support Section's Community Mitigation Team, and later led the Vaccine Task Force, Tribal Populations Team in CDC's COVID-19 Emergency Operations Center. She lives in Stone Mountain, Georgia, with her husband, three teenage daughters, and an assortment of dogs, cats, and chickens.

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Rachel West | Preparedness and External Partnerships Lead | National Wastewater Surveillance System (NWSS)

Rachel West is the Preparedness and External Partnerships lead for the National Wastewater Surveillance System (NWSS). Her role focuses on supporting wastewater surveillance through efficient outbreak response and preparation and sustained engagement with external partners and the public. She works to learn from and serve tribal communities in their wastewater surveillance efforts. She joined the CDC as a Presidential Management Fellow after her post-doctoral work in global health security. Her PhD was completed in molecular microbiology and immunology at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.