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Senior Staff Profiles

Stephen C. Redd, MD – Director, Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response

A Rear Admiral and Assistant Surgeon General in the United States Public Health Service, Dr. Stephen Redd has served 29 years as a Commissioned Officer. He has investigated outbreaks such as Legionnaires' disease, developed strategies to control malaria, and worked to eliminate measles in the U.S. A graduate of Princeton and Emory universities, he received his medical degree with honors and trained in medicine at Johns Hopkins. Rear Admiral Redd has authored more than 120 scientific publications and received numerous awards, including the Public Health Service Distinguished Service Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal.

Bob Ruiz, M.H.A. – Deputy Director

Bob Ruiz joined CDC as a Presidential Management Fellow in 2000 after an extensive 23 year career with the United States Coast Guard. As a PMF, he served as project officer in the National Center for Infectious Diseases overseeing several contracts and the Epidemiology and Laboratory Services Cooperative Agreement. His project officer experiences prepared him to manage and oversee the PHEP cooperative agreement in 2003. Mr. Ruiz served in several CDC National Centers with distinction prior to his selection for the Senior Executive Service (SES) Candidate Development Program. He received his Bachelor of Science from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale in 1998 and a Masters in Healthcare Administration from Southeastern University in Washington, D.C.

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Dr. Christopher Braden, MD – Acting Deputy Director and Chief Medical Officer

Dr. Christopher Braden has served with distinction as the Director of the Division of Foodborne, Waterborne and Environmental Diseases (DFWED) in the National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases for the past six years. Emergency response has always been a core function of DFWED; under Dr. Braden's leadership DFWED has further expanded its systems to respond to emergencies, particularly in managing information. Last year the Division conducted 16 large, multistate outbreak investigations, essentially, continuously responding to multiple outbreaks.

Before becoming Director, Dr. Braden led the Outbreak Response and Surveillance Team in the Division and has previously served in the Division of Parasitic Diseases and the Division of Tuberculosis Elimination. Dr. Braden earned his BS at Cornell University and MD at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine. He completed his medical residency and fellowship in infectious diseases at Tufts New England Medical Center in Boston, MA.

Joanne Andreadis, Ph.D. – Senior Advisor for Laboratory Preparedness

Dr. Joanne Andreadis serves as PHPR's Senior Advisor for Laboratory Preparedness. She is responsible for providing leadership and scientific advice to the PHPR Director on matters related to laboratory preparedness and emergency diagnostics. In 2002, Dr. Andreadis joined CDC as chief of the Botulism Public Health Research and Preparedness Unit in the National Center for Zoonotic, Vector-Borne, and Enteric Diseases. While there, she worked to address gaps in national botulism laboratory preparedness and emergency response capacity. She also worked with cross-sector partners to develop innovative laboratory solutions and transition novel capabilities to local, state, federal, and international public health laboratories. Prior to coming to PHPR, Dr. Andreadis was the Innovation Team Lead for the Office of the Associate Director for Science. Before coming to CDC, Dr. Andreadis served as a principal investigator at the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory, in Washington D.C. Her work entailed developing methods to support the production of artificial biological polymers, tissue-based biological sensors and high-throughput, multivariate tests for identification, subtyping, and profiling bio threat agents. Dr. Andreadis received her Ph.D. in biochemistry and molecular biology at the University of Maryland. She has more than 26 years of experience as a bench scientist and has authored over 20 publications.

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Jeff Bryant, M.S., M.A. – Director, Division of Emergency Operations

Jeff Bryant is the Director of the Division of Emergency Operations (DEO) which is responsible for maintaining CDC's Emergency Operations Center (EOC), which operates 24/7/365 under an Incident Management model. Prior to his employment with CDC, Mr. Bryant led federal response and recovery missions as a FEMA federal coordinating officer for presidentially declared disasters covering hurricanes, floods, and tornados. Quickly forming hundreds of people into a cohesive team to meet immediate, life-saving disaster requirements, he delivered federal assistance to disaster survivors and state and local governments around the country. Before joining FEMA, he completed a distinguished Air Force career highlighted by senior command and operational assignments. Educated as a scientist, he directed transfusion medicine and clinical laboratory operations for the first half of his career and spent the latter half planning and executing medical and humanitarian operations around the world. His military awards include those for meritorious service, contingency operations, and exceptional performance. After earning a bachelor's degree from Trevecca College in Nashville, Tennessee, he earned a master's degree in immunohematology from Bowling Green State University and in strategic studies from the United States Air War College.

Greg Burel - Director, Division of Strategic National Stockpile

Greg Burel is the Director of the Division of Strategic National Stockpile in PHPR. He joined CDC in April 2005 as a management officer for the National Center for Public Health Informatics (NCPHI), where he was responsible for all business aspects of creating and operating NCPHI. Since then, Mr. Burel has been responsible for a number of critical agency activities, including coordinating the Public Health Integrated Business Services High Performing Organization, chairing the Executive Leadership Board-sponsored Hiring Work Group, and chairing the recently formed Management Council Contracting Strategy Committee. Prior to joining CDC, Mr. Burel held several positions in the General Services Administration. He also spent six years in Federal Emergency Management Agency Region IV, where he oversaw the activities of two branches responsible for all administrative, personnel, financial, acquisition, communications, information technology, facilities, and disaster logistics operations. He also served in several positions at the Internal Revenue Service. Mr. Burel holds a bachelor's degree from Georgia State University, and is a graduate of the Federal Executive Institute's Leadership for a Democratic Society.

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Kathy Gallagher – Associate Director for Policy, Planning, and Evaluation (OPPE).

Kathy Gallagher has been with CDC for 16 years and most recently served as the Deputy Director for the Appropriation Legislation and Formulation Office in CDC's Office of the Chief Financial Officer where she led budget formulation activities, communications with Appropriation Committee staff, and appropriations-related partnerships. She recently served in the Ebola response as the Ebola Policy Unit Lead in the Emergency Operations Center where she provided overarching policy direction for CDC's Ebola response and provided leadership, staffing, and support to complex Congressional inquiries and briefings. Her experience across CDC spans a wide range of policy and leadership roles. She served as Associate Director for Policy and Communication for the Division of Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention, point for partnerships and legislation in the NCCDPHP Center Policy Office, and Policy Lead for the Office of Internal Security following the 9/11 and anthrax attacks for which she received the Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service. Kathy has a degree in Sociology from the University of Georgia and in History of Technology and Society from Georgia Tech.

Sam Groseclose, D.V.M., M.P.H. – Associate Director for Science and Public Health Practice

Sam Groseclose coordinates and promotes the activities of PHPR's Board of Scientific Counselors and Extramural Research Program. He also fosters the application of science to improve public health practice in emergency preparedness and response. Prior to joining PHPR, Dr. Groseclose served as Associate Director for Science in the Division of Notifiable Diseases and Healthcare Information and served as an Acting Division Director in the Public Health Surveillance Program Office – contributing to the management of the BioSense Program, the National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System, and directing several surveillance evaluation projects. From 2003 to 2010, Dr.

Groseclose served as Chief of the Statistics and Data Management Branch in the Division of STD Prevention. From 1998-2003, Dr. Groseclose managed the CDC branch responsible for the National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System, the 122 Cities Mortality Reporting System, and the Medical Examiner and Coroner Information Sharing Program. Dr. Groseclose has over 25 years of experience in public health surveillance and informatics at the city, state, and federal public health system levels. His current areas of interest include surveillance system evaluation and the application of statistical and informatics methods to improve the use of surveillance data for public health action. He holds a veterinary medical degree from The Ohio State University, a Master of Public Health from The Johns Hopkins University, and a Bachelor of Science in biology from Hampden-Sydney College. He was an

Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer (1991-93) assigned to the Connecticut Department of Health Services. Dr. Groseclose is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine and member of the College's Epidemiology Specialty.

Captain Jim Hayslett, PharmD, M.P.H. - Liaison Officer to the Office of Health Affairs (OHA), Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

Jim Hayslett works out of PHPR providing technical and leadership support to the Department of Homeland Security and CDC. He is the primary point-of-contact for collaborative activities and issues of mutual concern to improve coordination, communications, and response. His areas of focus include Bio watch, the National Biosurveillance Integration Center, and the National Biosurveillance Integration System coordination with CDC bio surveillance efforts, medical countermeasures, and emergency response activities. Before coming to PHPR, Captain Hayslett was the Acting Infectious Disease Branch Chief and senior epidemiologist with the Division of Epidemiology and Disease Prevention at the Indian Health Service. He began his U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps career as a clinical pharmacist on the Navajo Reservation following an inter-service transfer from the U.S. Navy in 1988. In 2000, he joined CDC's Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) as a state assignee to Texas, where he was only the third pharmacist in the program's history. Following a 4-month EIS deployment to Washington, DC, for the 2001 anthrax attacks, his path in the preparedness and response field was solidified, having since held positions in surveillance, preparedness, response and emergency planning with several Department of Health and Human Services organizations. He also served as Operations Chief with the DHS National Biosurveillance Integration Center.

Captain Hayslett received his Bachelor's degree and Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Kentucky and MPH from the University of Oklahoma, with fellowship training at the University's Center for American Indian Health Research. His duty station is located at the DHS/OHA office in Washington, D.C.

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Christine Kosmos, R.N., B.S.N., M.S. – Director, Division of State and Local Readiness

Christine Kosmos is the Director of the Division of State and Local Readiness in PHPR. Ms. Kosmos has more than 20 years of experience in emergency preparedness, planning, and response in a variety of settings.

Before joining CDC in January 2009, she served as the deputy commissioner for Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response, managing both the CDC Public Health Emergency Preparedness cooperative agreement and the Hospital Preparedness Program funded by the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

She spent 20 years with the City of Chicago Department of Public Health where she held a number of leadership positions, including director of the Chicago Trauma System, a network of designated trauma centers, and Deputy Commissioner for Clinical Operations, a network of 23 public health clinics in Chicago. Chris began her career as a staff nurse and later the emergency department nurse manager at one of the busiest trauma centers in Chicago.

Carol Pertowski, M.D. - Senior Advisor for Medical Countermeasures

Dr. Carol Pertowski, a Captain in the US Public Health Service, most recently served as a Career Epidemiology Field Officer (CEFO) in the Division of Communicable Disease Control, Center for Infectious Diseases, California Department of Public Health. In this role, she provided expertise in epidemiology and planned, implemented, and evaluated infectious disease preparedness and response activities in surveillance, epidemiology, and laboratory capabilities since August 2008. CAPT Pertowski began her federal career in 1989 as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer assigned to the Infectious Disease Branch at the California Health Department. She completed a Preventive Medicine Residency working in the Division of Surveillance at the Epidemiology Program Office (EPO) at CDC.

For the next several years, she worked in the Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects (DEHHE) at the National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), primarily in environmental health surveillance and childhood lead poisoning prevention in domestic and international settings. In 1998, as a Brookings Fellow, she was assigned to the Senate Labor Subcommittee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, where her work focused on infectious diseases, public health preparedness, and global health. In 2000, she returned to EPO as the first Medical Director of Epi-X, The Epidemic Information Exchange, overseeing the final development, launch, and implementation of the website. She

subsequently served to coordinate EPO's preparedness and emergency response activities. In 2004, she became a member of the Air Pollution and Respiratory Health Branch at DEHHE/NCEH where she led CDC's efforts in preventing carbon monoxide in areas affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. In 2006, she transferred to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services as the Associate Regional Administrator for Quality Improvement for 13 western states. In 2008, CAPT Pertowski returned to CDC to assume responsibilities as a CEFO in California.

CAPT Pertowski received a bachelor's degree in public health from Johns Hopkins University and a medical degree from Tulane University. She completed a residency in internal medicine at Strong Memorial Hospital at the University of Rochester. She is board certified in internal medicine.

Captain Eric M. Sergienko, M.C., U.S.N. - Liaison Officer to the Department of Defense

Eric Sergienko is the Department of Defense Liaison to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention working out of the Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response.

From 2010 to 2014, Captain Sergienko served in various roles at the U.S. Naval Hospital Guam. During his time as staff emergency physician he participated in the 2002 Typhoon Pongsona response. He also held positions as director of Medical Services and director of Public Health. CAPT Sergienko served as the public health emergency officer to both the U.S. Naval Base Guam and Joint Region Marianas, acting as the principal advisor to these commanders on public health issues related to disasters and other incidents. Additionally, CAPT Sergienko deployed to Afghanistan as assistant officer- in-charge of a shock trauma platoon. As a diving medical officer at Roosevelt Roads Naval Station, he participated in dive salvage operations off of Haiti.

Prior to Guam, CAPT Sergienko was the chief of Preventive Medicine at North American Aerospace Defense Command and the U.S. Northern Command. In this position, he conducted strategic medical planning and provided force health protection guidance for forces in the NORTHCOM area of responsibility. He served as a subject matter expert on emerging infectious diseases for both Department of Defense (DOD)-level and combatant command-level pandemic influenza plans, was the lead medical planner for DOD support to the 2010 Winter Olympics, and supported numerous Defense Support of Civil Authorities operations including Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. Prior to this, CAPT Sergienko was the head of Public Health Emergency Planning at the U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery where he developed and promulgated all-hazards policy and plans for Navy Medicine.

From 2004 to 2006, then Lieutenant Commander Sergienko was part of CDC's Epidemiology Intelligence Service Officer Program and was assigned to Washington State where he conducted disease outbreak investigations and disease surveillance. Working with federal, state, and local partners, he developed public health emergency response plans and designed and conducted numerous exercises including full- scale bioterrorism exercises. He deployed to Louisiana in support of Hurricane Katrina relief operations, establishing a statewide disease surveillance system. A native of Tacoma, Washington, Captain Eric Sergienko was commissioned into the United States Navy in 1990. He earned a Bachelor's degree with honors from Oregon State University, a medical degree from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, and a Master's degree in Public Health from the University of Massachusetts – Amherst. He completed a transitional internship at Naval Medical Center San Diego and an Emergency Medicine residency at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth. He is board certified in Emergency Medicine.

Jill Smith – Acting Associate Director for Communications

Jill Smith is the Acting Director of PHPR's Communication Office. In this position, she is responsible for leading the strategic development and dissemination of information products that promote preparedness messages and relay the value of PHPR programs. Ms. Smith has been with CDC for 14 years and has a background in media relations as well as health communication and social marketing campaigns. Other CDC positions include Deputy Chief for Program in the Prevention Communication Branch, Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention (DHAP), and National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP), where she managed CDC's multi-million dollar Act Against AIDS campaign. She also served as the Director of News Media for NCHHSTP as well as Media Team Lead and Marketing Manager for CDC's National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), where she led the agency's World Trade Center Health Registry communication campaign.

Prior to joining the federal government, she was the National PR Manager for McKessonHBOC (now McKesson, Inc.), a Fortune-40 healthcare IT company, and was the Director of Marketing and Public Relations for an Atlanta hospital and its network of outpatient centers.

Ms. Smith holds a degree from the Henry W. Grady school of Journalism at the University of Georgia and has more than 20 years of experience in marketing and media relations.

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Sarah Smith, M.P.A. – Associate Director for Management Resources

Sarah Smith serves as Associate Director for the Management Resources Office (MRO) in PHPR. Prior to holding this position, she served as Principal Management Officer for the Scientific Education and Professional Development Program Office. She has worked as acting deputy division director of the Career

Development Division (CDD) in the Office of Workforce and Career Development (OWCD). From 2007-2009, she served as branch chief for CDD's Leadership and Management Programs group, working closely with the Emerging Leaders Program, Presidential Management Fellowship, and HHS Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program. Ms. Smith came to OWCD from a position in CDC's Office of the Director (OD) where she worked from January 2003–2007. While in the OD, she served as the special policy assistant to CDC's Chief Operating Officer, developing speeches and presentations, tracking policy and high priority business services issues, and serving as the CDC Management Council's Executive Secretariat. She completed an assignment in the CDC Washington office in 2005 and served as an assignee to the World Health Organization (WHO) through CDC's Global Immunization Division in 2006. In this capacity, she supported sub-regional operations for WHO's Inter- country Programme based in Nairobi, Kenya, staffed administrative and financial functions for the office, and participated in two emergency measles and polio campaigns in the Northern and Coastal Provinces of Kenya.

Ms. Smith began her CDC career in the Office of the Director, Public Health Practice Program Office as a Presidential Management Fellow in June of 2001. As part of the fellowship program, she was involved in workforce development and succession planning efforts for the office and completed a 4-month rotation at the Atlanta Human Resources Center, where she was involved in CDC's "get to green" initiative for the President's Management Agenda and agency recruitment outreach efforts.

In 1999, she earned her Bachelor of Arts degrees in history and political science from Presbyterian College in South Carolina and in 2001, a master's in public administration from the University of Georgia.

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Daniel M. Sosin, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.P. – Acting Director of Division of Select Agents and Toxins

Dr. Daniel Sosin began his CDC career in 1986 as an Epidemic Intelligence Service officer assigned to Kentucky. He served as Associate Director for science at the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, coordinating national injury surveillance and extramural research activities. He also served as director of CDC's former Division of Public Health Surveillance and Informatics, where he managed notifiable disease surveillance systems and tools and introduced CDC to biosurveillance concepts. Dr. Sosin joined PHPR in 2004 as the Senior Advisor for Science and Public Health Practice. In 2008 he initiated the Biosurveillance Coordination Unit at the request of the CDC and PHPR directors. In this role he was the federal lead for the development and integration of the nationwide biosurveillance capability for human health. Dr. Sosin served as acting PHPR director from January 2009 through July 2010. He is board certified in preventive medicine and internal medicine and a fellow of the American College of Physicians. He received his medical degree from Yale University School of Medicine, his master's degree in epidemiology from the University of Washington School of Public Health, and his bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Michigan.

Dan Tuten, M.S., P.M.P., M.C.S.E. – Associate Director for Information Resources

Dan Tuten is the Associate Director for Information Resources. Mr. Tuten joined CDC in March 2009 as an IT Project Manager in the Management Information Systems Office (MISO). Prior to coming to CDC, his career spanned over a decade in the U.S. Army followed by Information Systems positions as both engineer and leader for small, medium and Fortune 500 organizations. Mr. Tuten has a wealth of experience in information technology, resources, and program/ project management and has successfully navigated complex personnel issues, such as boosting morale and productivity in a department at a Fortune 500 company despite downsizing and outsourcing. Working with the Project Management Institute (PMI), Mr. Tuten led the first phase of the organizational realignment of their virtual communities and set the stage for the Communities of Practice PMI currently uses. During his time at the Georgia Department of Revenue, he and his team successfully reduced the electronic processing time for tax returns from weeks to days; this system is still in use today.

Mr. Tuten earned a master's degree in Information Technology with a specialization in Project Management from Capella University and a bachelor's degree in Information Systems Management from the University of Phoenix. He is currently pursuing a doctorate in Information Technology Management from Capella University.