

# Public Health Performance Management Centers for Excellence

## Keynote Presenter Biographies

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Liza Corso is Senior Advisor for Public Health Practice and Accreditation with the Office for State, Tribal, Territorial and Local Support, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She has more than 20 years of experience working in federal, non-profit and local governmental organizations. She has been involved in numerous public health infrastructure initiatives and has played key leadership roles in the development and support of the national accreditation program for public health departments, national performance standards, and assessment and planning tools including the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) tool. In her volunteer time, Liza has served on the Healthy DeKalb Steering Committee and the Community Advisory Board for the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta. She has a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Richmond and a Master of Public Administration from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University.



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Craig Thomas, PhD, is the director of the Division of Public Health Performance Improvement in CDC's Office for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support (OSTLTS). Dr. Thomas received a Bachelor of Sciences from U.C. Irvine, a Master of Sciences in Psychology from California State University Fullerton, and a PhD in social psychology from the Claremont Graduate University. Dr. Thomas joined CDC in 1998 where he has served as senior evaluator for CDC's HIV and AIDS Prevention Program and The Guide to Community Preventive Services, as well as Chief of the Evaluation Branch in the Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response (OPHPR). He has more than 20 years of professional experience in the planning, design, and implementation of public health programs and evaluation projects in the areas of mental health, HIV prevention, tobacco prevention and control, public health emergency preparedness, and most recently in quality improvement and public health accreditation.

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