

**Pacific Northwest Border Health Alliance  
Sixth Annual Bi-National Cross Border Workshop  
Public Health Resilience: A Collaborative Change  
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**Speaker Biographies  
(In order of Appearance)**

**Wayne Dauphinee, BPE, MHA  
Emergency Management Unit Consultant  
BC Ministry of Health Services**

Wayne Dauphinee is the former Executive Director, Emergency Management Branch, Ministry of Health, Victoria, British Columbia. He is a qualified health services administrator and operational planner with over 40 years experience in the field. His academic qualifications include physical education and health services administration.

While with the Ministry of Health Wayne was responsible for providing leadership in the implementation of a strategic planning process for emergency management, including maintaining the momentum, which BC has displayed in leading numerous pan-Provincial and pan-Canadian public health preparedness initiatives. In this regard, he was instrumental in promoting the need to develop a framework for the provision of both psychosocial services and support for vulnerable populations in disasters.

Currently, as a Contract Service Provider, he is guiding the British Columbia health sector planning for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games and leading the creation of the Pacific North West Border Health Alliance fostering improved dialogue and collaboration on the management of bi-national cross-border public health preparedness. Recent work with the Public Health Agency of Canada has included collaboration in the development of a Real-Time Pandemic Influenza Exercise Tool Kit, a mass casualty table-top exercise and a number of papers on topics ranging from border health initiatives to managing disaster surge.

He is a former co-chair of the Federal/Provincial/Territorial (F/P/T) Emergency Preparedness and Response Expert Group and the F/P/T Pandemic Preparedness Health Operations Working Group and was a member of the National Pandemic Influenza Committee. He also served as chair of the F/P/T Council of Health Emergency Management Directors.

Prior to joining the British Columbia Public Service, he spent 35 years with the Canadian Forces (CF) as a Health Services Officer retiring in the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He is a graduate of the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College and the United States Army Academy of Health Sciences.

**Wayne Turnberg**  
**Epidemiology Preparedness and Response Program Manager**  
**WA State Department of Health's Office of Communicable Disease Epidemiology**

Wayne Turnberg currently serves as the Epidemiology Preparedness and Response Program Manager with the Washington State Department of Health's Office of Communicable Disease Epidemiology. Since 2004, Wayne has also served as the Department of Health's border health coordinator. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Massachusetts, and his Master of Science in Public Health degree from the University of Washington. In 2006, he received his Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Washington, School of Public Health, focusing study on respiratory infection control practices among health care workers.

**Terrence M.I. Egan, Ed.D.**  
**WA Military Department**  
**Emergency Management Division**

Terry joined Washington State Service in 1990 after serving for over 20 years in the U.S. Air Force in a variety of command and staff positions retiring from active service with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. His first state position was with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) as the Maintenance and Operations Training Program Manager. He joined the Emergency Management Division (EMD) of the Washington Military Department in April 1997. He is currently the Manager of the Planning, Exercise and Training Unit where he has the lead for development of critical infrastructure protection strategies for Washington State.

Terry is a past-Chair of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) Executive Task Force. EMAC is the nation's mutual aid compact signed by all 50 states, 3 territories, and Washington D.C. He is currently the Chair of the Pacific Northwest Emergency Management Arrangement, a mutual aid compact of Northwest states, British Columbia, and Yukon Territory. He was also the principal investigator for a NASA research grant for integration of remotely sensed data into emergency management operations where he spearheaded the enhancement of EMD's Geo-spatial Information System capabilities. Terry has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science, a Master of Arts in Public Administration, and a Doctorate in Education.

**John Lavery, Executive Director**  
**Emergency Management Unit**  
**Ministry of Health Services**

John Lavery is the Executive Director of the Emergency Management Unit at the Ministry of Health Services in BC and was previously the Director of Emergency Management at the Provincial Health Services Authority in Vancouver. Prior to moving to BC, he spent 10 years in Manitoba in a variety of emergency management positions including as the Director of the Office of Disaster Management with Manitoba Health, and an Emergency Management Advisor with the Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization.

**Gordon Macatee**  
**Deputy Minister**  
**Ministry of Health Services**

Gordon Macatee was appointed Deputy Minister of Health on June 23, 2006. He has worked for 25 years in the British Columbia (BC) public service and, prior to his appointment as Deputy Minister of Health, he was Deputy Minister of Labour and Citizens' Services, Chair of BC Buildings Corporation, Deputy Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection, and Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries. He served five years at the Assistant Deputy Minister level in several portfolios.

He has also been vice president of the BC Trade Development Corporation, a commissioner on the Agricultural Land Commission, a director on the board of Land and Water BC Corporation, and a member of the BC Wine Institute. Gordon has been an active member of the Pacific States/BC Oil Spill Task Force, is past President of the North American Agricultural Marketing Officials organization (NAAMO), past President of the Canadian Council of Ministers of Environment, co-chair of the National Sustainability Policy Framework, co-chair of the BC/Washington Environmental Cooperation Agreement, and the Public Services Summit on the real benefits of e-transformation in e-government. He has been a member of the Crossing Boundaries National Council, which fosters the development of Canada as an information society through more citizen-centred approach to government and governance. He is a signatory of the *Georgia Basin Action Plan: sustaining a healthy ecosystem and healthy communities*, the *Canada - United States Marine Spill Pollution Contingency Plan*, and the *Gulf Islands National Park Reserve*.

A graduate of the University of Guelph and Centralia College, Gordon has held management positions in the private sector with Canada Packers, Maple Leaf Mills, Rogers Foods, and NOCA Dairy.

A keen advocate of community involvement, Gordon was the 2005 Honorary Campaign Chair of the Provincial Employees Community Services Fund campaign, which holds the current record for annual fund raising.

Gordon and his wife Janet have four children who share their passion for sailing and racing.

**Mary C. Selecky**  
**Secretary of Health**  
**Washington State Department of Health**

Mary C. Selecky has served as Secretary of the Washington State Department of Health since March 1999, serving under Governor Chris Gregoire and former Governor Gary Locke. Prior to working for the state, Mary had 20-year tenure as administrator of the Northeast Tri-County Health District in Colville, Washington. Coming from one of Washington's most rural areas, Mary is keenly aware of the unique challenges facing rural communities.

Throughout her career, Mary has been a leader in developing local, state and national public health policies. She is a past president of the *Association of State and Territorial Health Officials*, receiving the 2004 McCormack Award for excellence in public health, and is a past president of the *Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials*. Mary served on the Board of Directors of the *National Association of City and County Health Officials*.

In 1989, Mary helped create the state's Department of Health, which she now leads. She was also instrumental in developing Washington's nationally recognized *Public Health Improvement Partnership*.

On a statewide level, Mary has made tobacco prevention and control, patient safety, and emergency preparedness her top priorities. Mary is known for bringing people and organizations together to improve the public health system and the health of people in Washington. Mary graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in political science and history, and has been a resident of Washington for 35 years.

**Dr. Evan Adams**  
**BC Ministry of Health**

Dr. Evan Adams is a member of the Sliammon First Nation near Powell River, BC, Coast Salish tribe. He did his MD at the University of Calgary, and his residency in the Aboriginal Family Practice program, UBC, in Vancouver. He is currently the Director of the Division of Aboriginal People's Health, UBC Faculty of Medicine, and the Aboriginal Health Physician Advisor in the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, Ministry of Health.

**John Erickson, Special Assistant**  
**Washington State Department of Health,**  
**Director of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Program**

John Erickson is a Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Washington State Department of Health and director of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response program. In this role he coordinates the overall agency work on emergency preparedness and response. He also administers the cooperative CDC and ASPR agreements. As such he is involved in all aspects of natural, biological, chemical and radiological emergency planning with Washington State's hospitals, local public health agencies, tribal and other federal, state and local partners.

Prior to this he was the director of the Department's Division of Radiation Protection. John joined the Washington program in 1982 as an environmental health physicist. He moved up through the ranks within the Division becoming the director in 1996. John received his training at the University of California at Los Angeles and the University of Washington. He holds an MS degree in nuclear chemistry.

**Dr. Tony Marfin**  
**WA State Department of Health**  
**Communicable Disease Epidemiologist**

**Joe Finkbonner, RPH, MHA**  
**Executive Director**  
**NW Portland Area Indian Health Board**

**Rick Buell, Regional Emergency Coordinator**  
**US Department of Health and Human Services**

Rick Buell is a U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services Regional Emergency Coordinator with the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response. As a Region 10 emergency coordinator he works primarily with Alaska, Oregon, Idaho and Washington health departments, tribal governments, and healthcare systems to prevent, prepare for and respond to public health emergencies and disasters.

Previously, he was a public health preparedness manager for the Washington State Department of Health's Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Program. In this position he administered the bioterrorism cooperative agreements for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Hospital Preparedness Program.

**Robin S. Cox, PhD**  
**Associate Professor of Disaster & Emergency Management**  
**Royal Roads University**

Robin Cox, PhD is an Associate Professor of Disaster & Emergency Management in the Faculty of Social Science, Royal Roads University, Victoria, Canada. She is also a Research Associate with the Justice Institute of British Columbia's Applied Research Division.

She has over 12 years of counseling, consulting, and research experience focused on the psychosocial dimensions of disasters and traumatic stress and coping. Her current research is focused on issues of community engagement and resilience in the context of health emergency management planning and response to natural disasters, climate change, and other catastrophic transitions. She has researched and published scientific articles and government reports on the psychosocial dimensions of pandemic planning for healthcare workers and communities, disaster recovery, community resiliency and capacity building, and stress and coping.

Based in her belief in the power of community service and the need for basing theory in applied practice, Robin is also active in the Canadian emergency response community as a trainer and a member of various policy and planning committees and as a psychosocial disaster responder (e.g., Firestorm 2003; World-trade Centre 9-11).

Robin's background includes careers in broadcast journalism and television production.

**Randal D. Beaton, PhD., EMT**  
**Professor, University of Washington**

Dr. Beaton is a Research Professor at the University of Washington in the Schools of Nursing as well as Public Health. Dr. Beaton is also on the faculty of the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice at the University of Washington. For a number of years his NIOSH and FEMA funded research focused on the causes and effects of occupational stress in firefighters & paramedics. More recently Dr. Beaton's research and teaching have focused on disaster preparedness and disaster mental health. He has published his findings extensively in peer-reviewed journals and as book chapters.

Dr. Beaton also serves on the Editorial Board of the *International Journal of Stress Management* and is an Associate Editor of the *Journal of Traumatology*. Dr. Beaton currently serves as the PI of a HRSA-funded training grant at the University of Washington providing educational opportunities for Disaster Nursing.

Dr. Beaton is also involved in community disaster preparedness efforts and has provided training for CERT and MRC volunteers. Dr. Beaton has also taught graduate level courses on Work Stress and Health and developed an online training series for public health personnel on Workforce Resilience in the Face of Disaster. Dr. Beaton is also a licensed clinical psychologist and a volunteer EMT in Pierce County Washington.

**Bryant Karras, MD**  
**WA State Department of Health Informatics Office**

**Marty Pearce, MPH**  
**Director, ACG Ltd.**

Marty is a Public Health Epidemiologist with experience in disease surveillance, immunization and adverse events reporting. He has practiced in Environmental Health and Communicable Disease Management across all Canadian jurisdictions. He holds a Master of Public Health, a Bachelor of Science, specializing in Microbiology, and a Diploma of Technology (Environmental Health) and Certificate of Public Health Inspection Canada.

Marty has been involved in several national outbreak investigations and has extensive Public Health project management experience. His peer-reviewed publications range from outbreak investigation reports to internationally recognized health surveillance studies on the effects of biological pesticides. He is currently the Subject Matter Expert for the Outbreak and Communicable Disease Management functions of Panorama and the project manager and consulting epidemiologist for the National Diabetes Surveillance System in BC.

Marty is a Director of ACG Public Health Information Management.

**Debbie Fulmer**  
**Emergency Management Advisor**  
**Department of Homeland Security, Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties**

Debbie Fulmer is an Emergency Management Advisor with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties. Her primary focus is to ensure that people with special needs play an integral role in the nation's emergency planning policies and practices. She provides policy and procedural advice to the senior leadership of the Department on a wide variety of emergency management issues and provides particular expertise in special needs emergency planning. Her areas of concentration include exercise planning, training development and delivery, federal emergency planning and policy development, community education, personal preparedness, interagency, community, higher education, and volunteer organization collaboration.

She served the American Red Cross as a national disaster services volunteer as county disaster training coordinator, community disaster education specialist, county planning council representative and disaster action team member. She received the Fairfax County American Red Cross Disaster Services Volunteer of the Year award for her outstanding service.

She holds an M.A. degree in Emergency and Disaster Management from American Military University and a B.A. degree in Communications from Trinity University in Washington, DC.

**Raul Sotomayor, Program Manager**  
**US Department of Health and Human Services**

Mr. Sotomayor is currently serving as Program Manager for the Early Warning Infectious Disease Surveillance (EWIDS) Program in the Office of Medicine, Science and Public Health for the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). In this role, he is responsible for coordinating programmatic and administrative oversight regarding technical guidance and policy development on the EWIDS-related aspects of public health emergency preparedness within HHS, with other Federal Agencies, among the U.S. Border States, and across the international borders with México and Canada.

He also serves as Program Officer in charge of overseeing the implementation of both: the Infectious Disease Surveillance Networks, and the Training of Latin American Health Care Workers projects with the Gorgas Memorial Institute of Health Studies in the Republic of Panamá. His responsibilities include being substantially involved in the oversight of programmatic, technical, administrative and fiscal activities to include coordinating and managing project activities in collaboration with HHS-Office of Global Health Affairs and other HHS Divisions such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Prior to his Federal Civil Service appointment, Mr. Sotomayor worked as a Department of Defense contractor for the non-profit Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and served on active duty in the U.S. Army for over 21 years as Preventive Medicine Specialist, where he

participated in special operations and humanitarian assistance disaster medicine missions overseas. His travels around the world during his civilian and military government service have provided him with vast cultural awareness and experience within the Americas, Northeast and Southwest Asia, Western Europe and North Africa.

Mr. Sotomayor obtained a Masters of Public Health degree while affiliated with the Department of International Health at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and a Masters of Science in Administration, with a concentration in Health Services, from Central Michigan University. He also completed graduate-level certification from the CDC-sponsored Graduate Certificate Program in Public Health at the University of Washington in Seattle.

**Scott Becker, MS**  
**Executive Director**  
**Association of Public Health Laboratories**

Scott J. Becker, MS, serves as the executive director for the Association of Public Health Laboratories, a position he has held since 1997. As the association's chief staff executive, Scott is responsible for the programmatic and fiscal operations of APHL, as well as for policy development and strategy. Under his leadership, APHL has doubled in the number of staff, tripled its programs for members, and quadrupled its budget. In 1999 he was recognized as one of the nation's top association executives under 40.

Prior to joining APHL, Scott served as the deputy executive director of the Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH). Earlier in his career, while on sabbatical from ASPH, he spent one year directing a World Health Organization (WHO) initiative in integrating HIV/AIDS into health professions curricula, from the WHO headquarters in Geneva.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in business from the University of Maryland's College of Business, and a Master of Science in management, with a concentration in nonprofit management, also from Maryland.

**Theodore I. Kuschak, Ph.D.**  
**National Microbiology Laboratory**

Dr. Kuschak completed his training at the University of Manitoba. (B.Sc. (Hons.) Biochemistry, M.Sc. in Medicinal Chemistry, Ph.D. in Microbiology) and post-doctoral training at the National Cancer Institute at the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda MD. After working as the manager of an imaging platform at the Manitoba Institute of Cell Biology, Dr. Kuschak joined the National Microbiology Laboratory as manager of the Canadian Public Health Laboratory Network in March of 2003.

Theodore is a deputy manager within the Canadian Network for Public Health Intelligence (CNPHI) and plays a developmental role in the National Microbiology Laboratory's Emergency Operations Centre.

Theodore's primary roles since February 2009 are to work on laboratory capacity-building and networking initiatives in South East Asia, as well as working with the Global Health Security Action Group Laboratory Network.

**Domenic Losito, MBA, REHO**  
**Vancouver Coastal Health Authority**  
**Regional Director Health Protection**

Domenic (Nick) Losito is currently the Regional Director of Health Protection for the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, a Health region providing services to nearly 1,100,000 people and home to the 2010 Olympic & Paralympic Winter Games.

A graduate of the Environmental Health program at BCIT (1974), he went on to complete his undergraduate at Simon Fraser University in Business Administration, followed by his Masters of Business Administration at UBC in 1993. He has been in a management capacity since 1990, and also taught at his alma mater in the 1990s.

Nick had the opportunity to be an official observer at the 2006 Winter Olympics in Torino as well as a visitor to Salt Lake City in 2004 to learn from their experiences in food safety. He leads the VCH Health Protection team in collaborating with VANOC and the IOC to address food safety and other health protection issues prior to and during the Games.

Nick is retiring in 2011, after the Games and the IFEH 2010 World Congress on Environmental Health, and hopes to dedicate some of his time after retirement to visiting and volunteering at future Olympic Games.

**Dr. Bonnie Henry**  
**BC Centre for Disease Control**

**Greg Stern, MD**  
**Health Officer**  
**Whatcom County Health Department**

Dr. Stern has served as the Whatcom County Health Officer since 1998. He graduated from the UC Berkeley-UCSF Joint Medical Program in 1984 and the family medicine residency program at San Francisco General Hospital in 1987. He worked in community health centers in California and Whatcom County, WA from 1987-2008.

**Dr. Perry Kendall, Provincial Health Officer  
Ministry of Health Living and Sport, BC**

Born in the United Kingdom in 1943, Dr. Perry Kendall completed his undergraduate medical training at University College Hospital Medical School in 1968 and interned at the Seaman's Hospital in Greenwich, before spending a year as Senior House Officer at the University Hospital of the West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica. In 1972 he moved to Toronto, Canada and spent two years working in general practice and at Toronto's Hassle Free Clinic.

In 1974 he moved to Vancouver and worked for the Vancouver Health Department's Pine Free Clinic and East Health Unit while acquiring a Master's Degree in Health Care Planning and Epidemiology and a Fellowship in Community Medicine. In 1984 he returned to Ontario and was Manager, Disease Control and Epidemiology Services with the Ontario Ministry of Health until 1987, when he returned to British Columbia as Medical Officer of Health for the Capital Regional District, in which capacity he opened one of Canada's first needle exchange programs. In 1989 he took on the role of Medical Officer of Health for the City of Toronto, a position he held for six years, during which time he pioneered programs for AIDS/HIV and drug abuse prevention, established Harm Reduction as the official City policy for substance abuse and was involved in developing and promoting the City's comprehensive tobacco control by-laws. In 1991 he received an Addiction Research Foundation Community Achievement Award for leadership in substance abuse prevention. In 1992 he received the Non Smokers Rights Association Award of Merit for outstanding contributions to environmental health and disease prevention.

In 1993 Dr. Kendall spent a year on secondment to the Deputy Minister of Health as Special Adviser on Long Term Care and Population Health.

In March 1995 he was appointed President and CEO of the Addiction Research Foundation of Ontario, one of six academic health science centres in Toronto and a WHO Collaborating Centre, a position he held until the Foundation's amalgamation with three other hospitals to form the Addiction and Mental Health Services Corporation.

In April 1998 he took on the position of Vice-President, Seniors' Health, with the Capital Health Region in Victoria.

May 3, 1999 Dr. Kendall assumed the position of Provincial Health Officer for the province of British Columbia.

In June 2005 Dr. Kendall was awarded the Order of British Columbia for his contributions to Public Health practice and to harm reduction policy and practice in BC.

He is married with two children.