

NYS Public Health Corps Summit Agenda Outline



November 15-16, 2022

WELCOME

10:00AM – 10:15AM

Event Emcee: Loretta (Lora) Santilli, MPH; Director, Office of Public Health Practice at the New York State Department of Health

OPENING REMARKS

10:15AM – 10:30AM

Speaker: The Honorable Kathy C. Hochul, 57th Governor, State of New York

PLENARY

10:30AM – 12:00PM

Public Health Workforce: Where It Is, Where It Is Going, and Where You Fit In

Speakers: Heather Krasna, PhD, MS, EdM; Gen Meredith, MPH, DrPH, OTR; Brian Castrucci, DrPH, MA

Moderator: Thomas Reizes, MPH

This plenary session will focus on the public health workforce – its evolution, opportunities available, and the important role of public health professionals. Dr. Castrucci will talk big picture of public health – why there has been workforce turnover, the importance of communication, the need for policy change, and what you can do right now in your community to move the needle on the public health workforce. Dr. Gen Meredith will discuss the evolution of public health and the role academic partnerships play in addressing workforce needs. Finally, Dr. Krasna will highlight the diversity of opportunities and resources available to further your public health career and find your home in public health.

12:00PM – 1:00PM

Working Lunch / Poster Presentations / Exhibitors at the base of The Egg

1:00PM – 2:30PM

Better Together: Building Community Partnerships that Benefit All

Speakers: Stephen Lee, MD, MBA; Marci McCall, BS; Allan Clear

Moderator: Karen Hagos, MPH

Effective public health programming is built on cohesive and productive cross-sectoral partnerships and community engagement. This session will discuss the importance of engaging public health partners at all levels—local, state, and national. Effective relationships involve collaboration between public health organizations, key stakeholders, and engaging community members. This session will highlight examples of effective partnerships in public health, look at the role of faith and science, explore why substance use is a public health issue, and explain what engagement looks like on the national level. This session will exhibit how all the individual pieces fit together into a larger public health puzzle.

2:30PM – 3:00PM

Break / Exhibitors at the base of The Egg

3:00PM – 4:30PM

Using Systems and Strategic Thinking to Tackle Health Inequities

Speaker: Nicholas Freudenberg, DrPH

Moderator: Christopher Maylahn, DrPH, MPH

In this talk, Dr. Freudenberg will describe how systems thinking, an approach that analyzes the multiple determinants and consequences of health and social problems rather than breaking them into smaller parts, can lead to new ideas for public health innovation. He will also explore the role of strategic thinking, an approach that focuses on finding and developing unique opportunities to improve health and reduce health inequities. Using examples from current initiatives to improve health in New York City and State, Dr. Freudenberg provides participants with tools to take effective action to promote health and social justice.

4:30PM – 4:45PM

Digital Art Presentation with Viola Clark

4:45PM – 5:00PM

Break / Exhibitors at the base of The Egg

5:00PM – 6:00PM

Posters / Networking at the base of The Egg

PLENARY

9:00AM – 10:30AM

Exploring Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in the NYS Department of Health

Speakers: Priya Nair, BA; Johanne Morne, MS

Moderator: Donna Leong, MPH, MCP

This session will discuss all the ways the Department of Health is working to incorporate health equity and justice, as well as diversity and inclusion, in its statewide programs and policy with the newly appointed Deputy Commissioner of Health Equity and Human Rights at the New York State Department of Health, Johanne Morne, and the Deputy Chief Diversity Officer for the Office of Governor Kathy Hochul, Priya Nair. This plenary will explore the core components of Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, with a focus on the results of these efforts across programs. Discussions exemplify how a justice, equity, and inclusivity lens makes health outcomes better for all New Yorkers and highlight new ways public health professionals can incorporate these dynamic concepts in their daily work.

10:30AM – 11:00AM

Break

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

11:00AM – 12:30PM

Panel and Workshop Breakout Sessions

11:00AM – 12:30PM

Breakout Session, Meeting Room 2

Best Practices of the NYSPHC Local Coordinators in the Finger Lakes Region

Presenters: Kathy Wille, MEd; Maggie Steele, BA

Moderator: Sarah Walker, MSHSA

The Local Coordinators (LCs) of the Finger Lakes Region will share best practices, which include the use of templates for effective communication and reporting. They will show how they have created a seamless communication process with Fellows, LCs, Supervisors, Fellowship Placement Coordinators, Host Agencies, and Public Health Directors, and share how this communication and workflow style has led to successful results in the Finger Lakes region.

11:00AM – 12:30PM

Breakout Session, Meeting Room 7

COVID-19 Prompts Broome County Health Department to Conduct a Long Overdue Strategic Plan 2023-2026

Presenters: Victoria K. Alt, BA; Jason Zheng, MPH

Moderators: Aletha Sprague; Binta Ceesay, MPH

Broome County Health Department designed a dynamic strategic plan process to help restructure, rebuild, and reunite the public health workforce. Come and hear how these best practices can be replicated in other local health departments.

11:00AM – 12:30PM

Breakout Session, Meeting Room 4

Developing a Comprehensive Communication Plan for Your County Health Department

Presenters: Pauline W. Hoffmann, PhD; Julie A. Hall; Alyssa Dean, CHES

Moderator: Bridget Kasaoka, MPH

This presentation will share how you can develop a comprehensive countywide communication plan using limited resources. We will discuss communication strategies and tactics, including which media outlets to use, how, and how often. Worksheets and templates will be included that may be used statewide.

11:00AM – 12:30PM

Breakout Session, Meeting Room 5

Opioid Task Force: A Cross-Sectoral Partnership

Presenters: Been Valcin, MA

Moderator: Gabrielle Mayfield, MS

It is essential to leverage resources from all community sectors to combat the impact that opioid addiction is having on our communities. In this session, we will discuss the work of the Wayne County Opioid Task Force led by the Wayne Behavioral Health Network. This task force is being coordinated by a NYS Public Health Corps Fellow.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS (cont'd)

11:00AM – 12:30PM

Breakout Session, Convention Center

Public Health Careers and Journeys: Conversations with Public Health Practitioners**Facilitator:** Donna Leong, MPH, MCP

This session will give you the opportunity to chat with people working in public health, to hear about their professional journeys, and how they developed their careers in this field. The format of the event will be semi-structured group conversations with public health practitioners, so please bring your questions about job searching, professional responsibilities, and career growth. Short bios of the featured public health practitioners will be available at the event so that participants can choose which conversation to join.

11:00AM – 12:30PM

Breakout Session, Meeting Room 1

Recruit, Train & Retain: Restructure of a Local Health Department with the Help of the NYS Public Health Corps Fellows**Presenters:** Diane Oldenburg; Meghan Tice, MPH; Hayley Donhauser, MPH; Cheryl Rox; Jodi Martin, MSN-PHN**Moderator:** Peter G. Williams

In an effort to rebuild an experienced staff, improve capabilities, seek accreditation, and solidify succession planning, the Oswego County Health Department developed a plan to utilize the NYS Public Health Corps, changes in Article 6 funding, and other funding sources to assist in the restructuring and rebuilding of the Public Health workforce. This panel will explore the gaps identified, the restructuring plan to expand the workforce, the development of local leader support, funding utilized, and ongoing Fellowship projects to help recruit, train, and retain an innovative and efficient public health workforce in Oswego County.

11:00AM – 12:30PM

Breakout Session, Meeting Room 3

Zoned Project Management Amid Individual Outreach Initiatives: The Array of Activities Supported by the NYSPHC Fellow Team at the Genesee and Orleans County Health Departments (GO Health)**Presenters:** David E. Bell, PhD, MPH; Emily Nojem; Lilly LeTourneau**Moderator:** Jennifer Rowan, MPH

Since the implementation of the New York State Public Health Corps (NYSPHC) Fellow program, the Genesee and Orleans County Health Departments (GO Health) have maintained a team of up to four Fellows to assist with COVID-19 response, wider emergency preparedness initiatives, targeted research and outreach activities, and key infrastructure support. While some activities have required full participation from this team, capacity has also been maintained for projects of individual interest and importance. This panel explores two separate projects sustained by individual NYSPHC Fellow efforts, involving mental health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and wastewater analysis for local COVID-19 prevalence. The panel also addresses the primary shared activities of the team, including management of COVID-19 mass immunization and testing, and the reformulation and promotion of a local medical reserve corps (MRC) unit. The “zoned” approach to point of dispensing (POD) clinic management and MRC organization is meant to separate essential work areas consistent with incident command system (ICS) principles while still attending to the practical and spatial needs of repetitive and ongoing public-facing events. In this way, zoned project management includes both collaborative team efforts as well as individually coordinated projects, helping balance larger emergency preparedness tasks with individual motivations and activities of NYSPHC Fellows.

12:30PM – 1:00PM

Lunch Pickup / Break at the base of The Egg

1:00PM – 2:30PM

Leveraging DOH Data to Respond to Public Health Crises**Presenter:** Eli Rosenberg, PhD**Moderator:** Stephanie Mack

Many activities at the state and local levels of public health involve the collection and analysis of data. In this presentation, Dr. Rosenberg will describe how the efforts of many individuals at those levels can be synthesized into statewide insights, and how this was done to rapidly address key questions and challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic, and in more recent infectious disease challenges, such as monkeypox and polio.

2:30PM – 2:45PM

Digital Art Presentation with Viola Clark

2:45PM – 3:00PM

Closing Remarks**Speaker:** Ursula Bauer, PhD, MPH; Deputy Commissioner of the Office of Public Health at the New York State Department of Health

Poster Presentations

1. Are High Morbidity and Mortality Rates in Rural Areas Related to Lower Health Literacy?

Diana M. Sieracki

It is known that health literacy impacts how well health information is understood. It is also known that access to health information impacts the ability to understand that same health information. This presentation displays the ways that community types (rural, suburban, and metropolitan) may affect a community's ability to understand health information.

2. Broome County COVID-19 After-Action Report

Michael Bender, EMT; Anna Lynch, MS

This poster provides an overview of the process that occurs when after-action reports are created, in addition to describing the key points of the Broome County Health Department's COVID-19 AAR. It gives a narrative of the progression of COVID-19 over time in Broome County and describes the strengths and challenges we had over the past 2.5 years.

3. Characterization and Prediction of Factors Associated with Substance Use in American Indian Youth: A Cross-Sectional Study

Jaffer Shah, BS

Substance use by teens can have a big impact on their health and well-being. Previous studies have revealed that American Indian students are at high risk for substance use compared to US youths, making it critical to identify prevention tools that would help in the process of harm reduction. The primary goal of this study was to characterize the population of American Indian youth using substances (cigarettes, alcohol, marijuana, and inhalants) and determine factors associated with the likelihood of substances ever being used. This will help identify prevention tools and harm reduction methods.

4. Community Asset Survey; A Major Tool to Assess a Community's Perceptions on Their Strengths and Needs

Hannah Matthews, MPH; Marie P. Gay, MPH; Christina A. Torres, MPH; Jackie Lawler, MPH, CPH; Ava M. Marsich

The Community Asset Survey (CAS) was developed by the Orange County Department of Health. It includes 5 questions with 2 demographic questions and 3 primary questions. The primary questions ask residents what are the greatest strengths of the community, where should community efforts be focused to improve quality of life, and what are the most important health issues.

5. Community Health Assessment and Improvement Plan and the Impacts of COVID-19

Julie Very, BS, MPH; Margaret Reynolds, BA, MS

This poster will demonstrate a brief overview of the Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). The poster will showcase a summarized timeline of Broome County's response to COVID-19 as well as the COVID narrative added to the CHA. The poster will include how COVID-19 fits into the CHA, CHIP, survey, and community resource guide and graphics of COVID-19 data. Lastly, the poster will include data from our Community Health Survey COVID-19-related questions.

6. Conducting A Community Health Survey: COVID-19 Impact in Orange County, Building Partnerships and Lessons Learned

Hannah Matthews, MPH; Andreia da Silva, MPH; Adolfo A. Rivera, MPH, MA; Marie P. Gay, MPH; Jackie Lawler, MPH, CPH

The seven local health departments of the Hudson Valley (Orange, Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester) partnered with Siena College Research Institute to conduct a survey of residents' health and well-being following the COVID-19 pandemic. The results of this survey will identify health trends and inform future programming to ensure the best health of residents in Orange County and the Mid-Hudson Region. The survey was designed to collect information about a wide array of health topics including health care disparities, health care access/utilization, perception of the community, the impact of COVID-19, and general health questions.

7. COVID-19 in Orange County, NY 2020-2022

Adolfo A. Rivera, MPH, MA; Samuel Rubin, Jackie Lawler, MPH, CPH

The purpose of this report is to disseminate the findings of the COVID-19 data analysis, which will be included in the Orange County Community Health Assessment 2022-2024. The COVID-19 pandemic had a significant impact on the residents of Orange County and this report provides an enhanced understanding of the subgroups that were disproportionately impacted and assists in informed decision-making on key messaging to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the future.

Poster Presentations (cont'd)

8. COVID-19 Vaccine Safety in Westchester County, New York: Experiences at the Public Health Clinic

Kwaku Quist, MPH, RN, BSN, MA

The following daily average figures for COVID-19 – 44, 414 new cases, 330 deaths, and 35.2% first Booster Dose vaccinations (<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#datatracker-home>, Accessed on October 6, 2022) – and vaccine uptake hesitance especially among African Americans, the case for continued COVID-19 vaccination remains a significant public health endeavor. Analysis of 2021 COVID-19 vaccination data for Westchester County and vaccine adverse events from the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) was done to determine the level of vaccine safety. The small number of reported self-limiting vaccine adverse events imply vaccines administered by the Westchester County Department of Health are safe and recommended for anyone eligible to be vaccinated.

9. Cross-Sectoral Approach to Early Childhood Social-Emotional Wellness Service Delivery in a Rural NY County

Christina Cain, BS, BSN, MA, MS, RN; Christopher Connolly, BA, MS; Andrea Blowers, BA, MPH

Children in Herkimer County face significant social and physical health concerns that make the need for a cross-sectoral children's center imperative. Herkimer County Public Health convened stakeholders from diverse sectors to strategize collaborative programs and interventions to fill these gaps while simultaneously building cross-sectoral bridges and streamlining social, emotional, physical, and mental health service delivery to children. This new, innovative Center, and the collaborative nature of its creation, will fill the gaps in rural service delivery of urgently needed cross-sectoral services.

10. Cross-Sectoral Partnerships to Improve Care and Outcomes for the Unhoused

Kristine Joslyn

This poster presentation will display how different organizations and agencies, including civil, government, religious, business, etc., work together to help the unhoused.

11. Developing a Model to Increase COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake Among Vaccine-Hesitant Populations in Erie County, NY

Parveen Attai, MPH

This presentation will address the main causes of, and strategies to overcome, COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy. It will also summarize the results of initiatives directed toward increasing COVID-19 vaccine uptake in Erie County, NY's Afghan and Bangladeshi populations.

12. Developing a Sexual Health Program with Effective, Accessible Messaging

Bethany Patterson

This poster will highlight the sexual health services available in Erie County and show how sexually transmitted infections began to increase again during COVID-19.

13. Eat Better Food Resource Guide

Andrea Callahan

The "Eat Better" Food Resource Guide was developed to combat food insecurity in a local community without a grocery store. With two food deserts within the county, the Be Well in Livingston initiative was developed to encourage county residents to "Eat Better, Move More, and Stress Less." Currently, two Livingston County communities are "Be Well" communities, with a third planned for 2023.

14. Evaluation of Genesee County Education Campaigns: Utilization of Lead and Opioid-Related Outreach to Identify Effective Strategies for Engagement

Meghan Sheridan; Jennifer Rowan, MPH

Through the operation of the New York State Public Health Corps (NYSPHC) Fellowship Program, the Genesee County Health Department was better equipped to connect with and provide education resources to the community on lead and opioid-related topics. Outreach tactics were extended throughout the GLOW (Genesee, Livingston, Orleans, and Wyoming) Region and included the development of flyers, online distribution materials, and outreach tabling events. In order to determine which methods worked best to provide public health education to the community, two evaluation tools were created: an internal evaluation assessment and a public media survey. Utilization of these survey tools allowed for continued improvement in community outreach as a health department.

15. Expanding Expedited Partner Therapy in Orange County

Kevin Horiszny; Kaitlin Cafferky, Disease Intervention Specialist; Jackie Lawler, MPH, CPH

This presentation details the Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT) pilot program deployed by Orange County to combat chlamydia, gonorrhea, and trichomoniasis in the county. Included is the project abstract, Orange County STI epidemiological data, an explanation of EPT and associated challenges, the improvement theory, planning and implementation, and the state of EPT distribution in the county.

Poster Presentations (cont'd)

16. Fight to the End for Latent Tuberculosis Infection

Myo Khaing, MPH

There are a substantial number of persons with latent tuberculosis infection (LTBI) who are at risk of their infection progressing to active tuberculosis (TB). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, cases of LTBI may increase or go unnoticed, unreported, and/or underreported. Up to 13 million people are estimated to be carrying TB germs in the United States. With partnership and funding, our Schenectady County clinic provides free treatment for both LTBI and active TB cases. With proactive strategies, we can continue efforts in TB control by educating patients and providers of the high-risk groups: new immigrants, the uninsured, underinsured, and the marginalized community. By building partnership with community organizations, county residents are actively surveyed to identify the need for access to free or low-cost TB skin tests. These partnerships are the entry point for eradication of LTBI in the community. The option to expand targeted testing plays a central role in eliminating the disease, which will help address issues with health disparities.

17. Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C Coinfected Population, NYS excluding NYC 2010-2021

Kenneth Okonkwo, MBBS, MPH

This presentation will describe the demographics and risk factor characteristics of Hepatitis B and C coinfecting population in New York state. Discussion will include patterns observed in timeliness of diagnosis across subpopulations, possible causes, and ways to improve prevention, detection, and treatment in high-risk populations.

18. Hoorah, Hoorah, Let's Get in the Fight. Be a Herald for Public Health in Your Community. Herald, Herald, an Official Messenger for Public Health is Here!

Shadara Jones, Case Investigator

A poster on ways to help keep your community and state informed and become a voice and a resource to help your community.

19. Medical Reserve Corps: Increasing Surge Capacity for Emerging Community Threats

Amy K. Fassold, MPH

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) in the Broome County Health Department is utilizing the Respond, Innovate, Sustain, and Equip (RISE) grant to bolster community preparedness for emerging threats.

20. Mental Health Access and Care is Worse in Rural Areas Than Metropolitan

Joshua P. Bernstein

A look at disparities in mental health access and care in rural communities when compared to their urban counterparts. This comparison utilizes a literary review to provide national trends and geographical information systems maps to show the trends at the local level.

21. Onondaga County's Collaborative Approach to Lead Poisoning Prevention

Kenna Q. Kelley

Onondaga County has some of the nation's highest rates of childhood lead poisoning in the country. Currently, stakeholders are working to refurbish the Lead Safe CNY coalition, where community partners collaborate to reach shared visions and goals relating to lead poisoning prevention. This presentation will give background to the issue of lead poisoning in Onondaga County and also discuss the various primary prevention methods that have been implemented to combat the lead poisoning.

22. Post-Pandemic Strategies to Increase Outreach and Community Engagement for the Community Health Assessment

Sarah Doyle, CHES; Savannah M. Usher, MPH; Natalia Sanchez-Bahr, MA

The Putnam County Department of Health in collaboration with the seven Mid-Hudson Region County Health Departments and Siena College Research Institute conducted a community health survey. In an effort to hear from underrepresented populations, Putnam County NYSPHC Graduate Fellows participated in in-person recruitment. By doing so, relationships with community partners and Putnam County residents were reinvigorated.

23. Rock Voting! An Effective Method of Community Engagement

Hannah Matthews, MPH; Andreia da Silva, MPH; Adolfo A. Rivera, MPH, MA; Marie P. Gay, MPH; Jackie Lawler, MPH, CPH; Christina A. Torres, MPH

The Orange County Department of Health invited county residents to participate in "Rock Voting," an interactive method of assessing community perceptions of the highest priority prevention agenda areas. The top two priority areas that residents voted for were: Promoting Well-Being and Preventing Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders; and Promoting Healthy Women, Infants, and Children. In addition to quantitative results, this survey proved to be a successful means of engaging community members compared to other traditional methods of surveying and offers a model for future engagement efforts.

24. Rural Residents are in Danger of Environmental Hazards

Sadat Khan, MPH

This presentation focuses on rural residents and their health risks from pollution. The health outcomes and possible policy solutions to counter this will be discussed. This presentation will focus primarily on the health risks of air, water, and soil pollution.

Poster Presentations (cont'd)

25. *The Importance of Partnership Development in Improving Emergency Plans*

Louise A. Sullivan-Blum, MFA

Since joining Steuben County Public Health, Louise Sullivan-Blum has traveled throughout the county and talked to people ranging from fire chiefs to pharmacists to funeral directors. In this poster presentation she will demonstrate a model for in-person interviews and will discuss the importance of taking the time to meet face-to-face with partner organizations, volunteers, and community members to involve them in revising our Public Health Emergency Preparedness plans. Specifically, discussing how to engage partners to solve challenges in medical countermeasure dispensing, non-pharmaceutical interventions such as isolation and quarantine, information sharing and distribution of supplies such as tests and masks. Finally, Louise will show the ways in which integrating their suggestions has helped to determine which areas of the plan need improvement and identify appropriate improvement actions for each.

26. *The Schenectady County Fellows in Action!*

Shelby A. Bojdak, MPH

This poster shows a culmination of all of the outreach events, community programs, agriculture and horticulture programs, wellness initiatives, and vaccine work our Fellows have been involved with in Schenectady County.

27. *Schenectady Menstrual Health Coalition and the Importance of Menstrual Equity*

Claire T. Jennings, BA; Brynn Watkins

Schenectady Menstrual Health Coalition (SMHC) is dedicated to addressing period poverty, and advocating for menstrual equity in Schenectady, New York. SMHC provides free menstrual hygiene products to organizations that serve populations in need. We believe everyone should have adequate access to the period products required for physical and mental well-being. In this presentation we will highlight the definitions of menstrual equity and period poverty, our SMHC mission, our partner organizations.

28. *What Makes Chronic Health Conditions More Prevalent in Rural Than Metropolitan Areas of the USA?*

Md Ashraful Islam Rony

In the U.S., rural areas have a higher prevalence of chronic diseases with fewer resources for prevention and treatment compared to metropolitan areas. Nationally, the data suggest that multiple factors may contribute to this higher prevalence of chronic diseases in rural areas, e.g., geographic isolation, lower socioeconomic status, lack of proper health education, higher rates of unhealthy behaviors, lack of access to health care, and limited job opportunities which cause residents to be less likely to have employer-provided health insurance. However, local data must be gathered in order to develop local solutions.

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Victoria K. Alt, BA, (she/her/hers) began working at the Broome County Health Department in January of 2020 for the COVID response team. She quickly excelled in vaccine pods, contact tracing, case investigation, and communicating with local organizations (SUNY Binghamton, Pre-Ks, Daycares, etc.) on quarantine and isolation. Her previous career experience has prepared her for the changing environment of the pandemic. She is using her previous skills of management and project actualization to enhance and streamline her work at the Broome County Health Department.

Parveen Attai, MPH, (she/her/hers) is a Public Health Graduate Fellow for the Erie County Department of Health. Parveen's background is in biomedical sciences and psychology from the University at Buffalo. She has experience in health care and research and plans to pursue further education in medicine.

David E. Bell, PHD, MPH, (he/him/his) is a medical anthropologist with public health experience in emergency preparedness, disaster response, and risk perception for both infectious disease and environmental contamination. He is currently both an Adjunct Professor of Public Health for Niagara University, and the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for the Genesee and Orleans County Health Departments in western New York. Within his public health role, he has undertaken extensive COVID-19 response management duties, including the organization and administration of mass testing and vaccination clinics, as well as supervision of all NYSPHC Fellows associated with emergency preparedness and response. His ongoing work in global health focuses on international disaster relief, hazard mitigation, and health equity.

Michael Bender, EMT, (he/him/his) has been one of the most relied-upon people at the Broome County Health Department throughout the pandemic. Prior to starting at the health department several years ago, Mike served as a dispatcher in the emergency services 911 center. Mike is a subject matter expert in all things relating to public health and emergency preparedness.

Joshua P. Bernstein (he/him/his) is a recent graduate of the undergraduate Public Health program at the University at Buffalo. Joshua currently works at the Rural Outreach Center as a NYSPHC Fellow. The goal of the Rural Outreach Center is to assist rural communities in fighting rural poverty and the health outcomes associated with it. In pursuit of this goal, he is working with a team of 3 other public health fellows to design a community health survey that will help them to obtain local data to guide future policy.

Andrea Blowers, MPH, BA, (she/her/hers) is a Public Health Fellow and a passionate advocate for rural maternal and child health in Herkimer County. She is a current NYSPHC Fellow with a background in biological research and a Master of Public Health degree.

Shelby A. Bojdak, MPH, (she/her/hers) is the Fellowship Coordinator for Schenectady County. Our Fellowship works in tandem with Cornell Cooperative Extension, Schenectady County, and Schenectady County Public Health Services. Shelby has nearly 9 years of experience working with marginalized populations in Albany County with mental health and substance use diagnoses. This Fellowship has given her the opportunity to continue the work she cares about most by bringing her past work experiences and education together.

Kaitlin Cafferky (she/her/hers) is the Supervising Public Health Investigator for the Orange County Department of Health (OCDOH). Prior to becoming the supervisor, Kaitlin was a Public Health Investigator at OCDOH for 5 years. Kaitlin aided in OCDOH COVID-19 pandemic response before transitioning into her role as supervisor in June of 2020, and she now leads the STD Unit for OCDOH. Kaitlin has 7 years of communicable disease investigation experience, specializing in syphilis staging and treatment recommendations.

Christina Cain, MS, MA, RN, BSN, BS, (she/her/hers) is the Public Health Director for Herkimer County. She is a Registered Nurse and holds master's degrees in Public Health, Genetic Counseling, and Biological Anthropology. Christina has dedicated her professional life to the advancement of maternal child health equity.

Andrea Callahan (she/her/hers) is currently a Public Health Assistant with the Livingston County Department of Health. She earned her bachelor's degree in English Literature in 2020 and started with Livingston County in January of 2022. During her time with Livingston County, she has assisted with application for the Medical Reserve Corps RISE Award Grant, which was awarded to the Department of Health in May of 2022 and the planning of All Staff Training Day, hosting 80 participants. Dedicated to lifelong learning, Andrea is in the process of applying to Graduate school to study Public Health.

Brian Castrucci, DrPH, MA, (he/him/his) is the president and chief executive officer of the de Beaumont Foundation. Brian has built the Foundation into a leading voice in health philanthropy and public health practice. An award-winning epidemiologist with 10 years of experience working in the health departments of Philadelphia, Texas, and Georgia, Brian brings a unique perspective to the philanthropic sector that allows him to shape and implement visionary and practical initiatives and partnerships and bring together research and practice to improve public health.

Binta Ceesay, MPH, (she/her/hers) is the Senior Health Program Coordinator for the Southern Tier Region of New York State. Prior to joining the NYSPHC, Binta worked for the Alliance for Positive Health as a Women's Care counselor. She facilitated psychoeducational support groups for women who experienced trauma. In addition, she was an HIV/ STI testing counselor. Binta has her Master of Public Health degree from the University at Albany School of Public Health with a concentration in Social Behavior and Community Health.

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Alan Clear, (he/him/his) is the Director of the New York State Department of Health, AIDS Institute's Office of Drug User Health where he is responsible for program planning, design and implementation related to drug user health, including overdose, HIV and HCV prevention, low threshold buprenorphine and access to care including medical care and mental health services. Mr. Clear has worked in the field of drug user health since 1990. He was the Executive Director of the Lower East Side Harm Reduction Center, one of the first syringe exchange programs in New York State, and of the Harm Reduction Coalition, which is the prominent community-based organization promoting harm reduction as a mode of working with drug users in the US. Mr. Clear has served on both local and international advisory bodies, including Governor Cuomo's End the Epidemic Task Force in 2015 and the United Nations Civil Society Taskforce on Drugs.

Christopher J. Connolly, BA, MS, (he/him/his) is a Mohawk Valley resident born in the Capital District who brings an education, entrepreneurial, construction, and farming background, combined with a don't-quit-attitude that is going to help make NYSPHC the hottest ticket in town.

Andreia Da Silva, MPH, (she/her/hers) is a Public Health Fellow at the Orange County Department of Health. Andreia has been working on the county's Community Health Assessment and Improvement Plan with the community and stakeholders and has a BA in language teaching from São Paulo, Brazil, and is a graduate student at the CUNY School of Public Health. She has a passion for working with the community and engaging with people as well as helping them. For a year Andreia worked with Health and Hospitals as a Resource Navigator connecting COVID-19 cases and contacts to resources needed during the pandemic. She has 10 years of experience teaching languages and 3 years of experience in research. In her free time, Andreia enjoys taking hikes with her son and dog and learning new languages.

Alyssa Dean, CHES, (she/her/hers) is a recent Public Health graduate from St. Bonaventure University and a Fellow in the Cattaraugus County Health Department. She is a Certified Health Education Specialist and currently in training to be a Yoga teacher. She works on a variety of projects within the department, such as the annual report, and assists with the community health assessment and improvement plan, strategic planning, communications, and educational programs. She also redesigns and creates educational materials and resources for health programs. Her prime interests include health promotion and disease prevention, holistic health education, workplace culture, nutrition and food systems, and environmental health.

Haley Donhauser, MPH, (she/her/hers) is an Epidemiologist for the Oswego County Health Department through the NYS Public Health Corps Fellowship Program. She has a bachelor's degree in both biology and anthropology from St. Lawrence University. She then went to SUNY Upstate where she received a Master of Public Health degree with a concentration in data and analytics. Haley works on a variety of projects including Oswego County's CHIP/CHA, ELC school testing grant, COOP plans, social media and website, GIS mapping, and various chronic and communicable disease projects.

Sarah Doyle, CHES, (she/her/hers) is a SUNY Cortland graduate where she obtained her BS in Community Health. Sarah went on to complete her internship at the Putnam County Department of Health where she later got hired as the school COVID-19 coordinator before getting hired as the Local Coordinator under the NYSPHC Program. Sarah is CHES certified and is planning to continue her education this upcoming fall to get her MPH.

Amy Fassold, MPH, (she/her/hers) is a native of the Southern Tier Region of New York State. She attended Pennsylvania State University where she received her Bachelor of Science in Biobehavioral Health, and then continued her education at Binghamton University where she earned her Master's degree in Public Health. Amy is currently a Graduate Public Health Fellow at the Broome County Health Department where she focuses on projects related to emergency preparedness.

Nicholas Freudenberg, DrPH, (he/him/his) is a distinguished Professor of Public Health at the CUNY School of Public Health in New York City. Freudenberg is also a senior faculty fellow and founder of the CUNY Urban Food Policy Institute and faculty director of Healthy CUNY, a university initiative to promote the health of CUNY's 250,000 students to support their academic success. For 40 years, Freudenberg has assisted community organizations, schools, government agencies, and others to plan, implement and evaluate policies, and programs to improve public health and reduce racial/ethnic, class, and other inequities in health in New York and elsewhere. He has published 5 books and more than 120 scientific articles on urban health, health inequities, young adult health, and the social and commercial determinants of health. His work has been supported by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the NYC Department of Health, the Andrew Mellon Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and others. His most recent book is, *At What Cost: Modern Capitalism and the Future of Health* (Oxford University Press, 2021).

Marie P. Gay, MPH, (she/her/hers) is a Public Health Educator at the Orange County Department of Health. She is mostly responsible for teaching and updating Orange County stakeholders on COVID-19. She is currently collaborating with Johns Hopkins University to create a web link called, "Let's Talk COVID-19 Vaccine." This link is geared toward answering various COVID-19 questions people may have. Marie is also involved in her local church, where she organizes numerous community events, and she links members to additional resources, including health screening locations. In her free time, Marie enjoys spending time with her husband, three beautiful daughters, a German Shepherd named Thena, and a cat named Snowblack.

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Karen Hagos, MPH, (she/her/hers) has worked within the New York State Department of Health's AIDS Institute for 11 years, and she has served as Director of the Office of Planning and Community Affairs within the AIDS Institute since 2016. The AIDS Institute focuses on eliminating new HIV infections while improving the health of persons living with HIV, AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, and viral hepatitis, as well as improving LGBTQ and drug user health. She works collaboratively with staff to create reliable, consistent, non-stigmatizing messaging, along with developing mechanisms for obtaining community partner feedback and input – all are critical activities carried out by her team. A key aspect of Karen's current position includes cultivating partnerships with consumers, service providers, community leaders, advocacy groups, and federal, state, and local government agencies. These partnerships have been relied on to inform the design and implementation of many AIDS Institute policies and programs.

Julie A. Hall (she/her/hers) has been working with the New York State Public Health Fellows program in Cattaraugus County for five months. She came to this position after a 30-year career in the field of Education. Julie has found that a transfer of skills between Education and Public Health exists and the leap into this field has been quite seamless.

Pauline W. Hoffmann, PhD, (she/her/hers) is an associate professor in the Jandoli School of Communication at St. Bonaventure University and a Senior Health Fellow in the Cattaraugus County Health Department. She is also the owner of Data Doyenne, a podcast and online education platform. She is working on strategic planning and communication planning within the fellowship program. Her research interests include health communication, conflict resolution, and global health equity. For more information about Dr. Hoffmann, please visit her website at www.datadoyenne.com.

Kevin Horiszny, BA, (he/him/his) is a graduate of Vassar College class of 2021 with a BA in chemistry. Kevin has past public health experience as an emergency department Medical Scribe during the COVID-19 pandemic, and he intends to apply to medical school and specialize in emergency medicine. In his position as a Public Health Fellow with the Orange County Department of Health, Kevin oversaw the development and implementation of the Orange County Expedited Partner Therapy Distribution Program.

Claire T. Jennings, BA, (she/her/hers) is a NYS Public Health Corps Fellow at Schenectady County in the Capital Region. She received her Bachelor's in Political Science with a minor in Geological Sciences at SUNY Geneseo, and she is currently a student at the University at Albany School of Public Health, obtaining her Master of Public Health in Health Policy and Management. Claire has enjoyed her fellowship experience so far and hopes to pursue a public health career that allows her to advocate for social justice and create health policies that promote the welfare of underserved populations.

Shadara Jones (she/her/hers) lives in Suffolk County and has accepted a NYS Public Health Corps Fellowship position for the Suffolk County Health Department. Her passion is in public health, and she feels that it has been a wonderful journey working with the fellowship. She has held many positions within the public health sector, including public safety as a Correctional Officer, serving as a Mental Health Counselor working with families, and today she is the Case Investigator for the COVID-19 unit in Great River DOH.

Kristine Joslyn (she/her/hers) is a NYS Public Health Corps Fellow at Wayne County DSS. She has experience as a Licensed Practical Nurse, having worked in urgent care, in special education with medically fragile students, and as a camp nurse. She was also a part of the NYS Contact Tracing Initiative as a COVID-19 contact tracer and case investigator for nearly 2 years before joining NYSPHC as a Fellow. In her spare time, Kris is a mother to 3 teens/young adults, is finishing a bachelor's degree in Social Work at SUNY Plattsburgh online and is an active scouting volunteer.

Bridget H. Kasaoka, MPH, (she/her/hers) works for the New York State Public Health Corps as the Western Regional Fellowship Placement Coordinator, a public health workforce development initiative. Prior to this role, Bridget was a Disease Intervention Specialist for the NYS Department of Health, providing contact tracing and referrals for individuals newly diagnosed, plus their partners, with gonorrhea, Chlamydia, syphilis, and HIV. Bridget formerly worked at Child & Family Services Haven House, Erie County's shelter and non-residential services program for victims of domestic violence. As Domestic Violence Community Coordinator, Bridget worked with providers throughout Western New York to coordinate service provision to increase victim safety, promote abuser accountability, and improve system responsiveness. Bridget is also a volunteer for the Susan G. Komen Western New York affiliate on the speaker's bureau, and a volunteer for Breast Cancer Action as a Community Change Leader.

Kenna Q. Kelley, BS, (she/her/hers) is a NYS Public Health Corps Fellow with Onondaga County's Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (LPPP). She graduated from Syracuse University this past May with her B.S. in Public Health, and she will be returning to school next year to complete her MPH. She has always had a passion for helping others, and through her time in school, she realized her overarching goal, both professionally and personally, was to improve health equity and accessibility for those with significant health disparities resulting from the negative impacts of their social determinants of health. Through her five months with Onondaga County's LPPP and their support, she has been able to work towards achieving this goal within her Syracuse community.

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Myo Khaing, MPH, (he/him/his) graduated from the University of Albany's School of Public Health. During MPH coursework, he completed an internship experience as a data analyst at NYSDOH and health education coordinator at Whitney Young Health Center. After the completion of his MPH, he worked as a Client Support Specialist at the Alliance for Positive Health. Case management, testing and health education related to HIV and STI gave him a wider view of public health needs in various health disparity groups of the Capital Region. Now, as one of the NYS Public Health Corps Graduate Fellows at Cornell Cooperative Extension CCE Schenectady County, he works alongside the County Health Department in Communicable Disease and Emergency Preparedness. He has had many opportunities to participate in community outreach by working COVID testing and vaccination sites. Myo takes many active roles in the county's TB education process and monthly TB clinic. He also participates in CCE community events such as the Green House Agriculture and community education. In doing so, he has had the chance to build an extensive communication network with many stakeholders including schools, community-based organizations, and security personnel. He feels confident he will continue learning as a public health professional with the NYSPHC Fellowship Program.

Sadat Khan, MPH, (he/him/his), earned his MPH at the University at Buffalo School of Public Health and Health Professions with a concentration in Epidemiology. His current employment is at the Rural Outreach Center (ROC) as a Graduate Public Health Fellow. At the ROC he's involved in the distribution and data analysis of a survey on health disparities within NY state. The goal of the survey is to attain local health data to ultimately influence public health policies of rural residents within the Southwest NY state.

Erin Knoerl, MPH, (she/her/hers) is the Assistant Director for the New York State Public Health Corps Fellowship Program in the Office of Public Health Practice at the New York State Department of Health and previously served as the Oral Health Unit Manager in the Bureau of Child Health. Her work includes development, management, and oversight of programs/projects and administrative operations, contract management, partnership development and stakeholder engagement, performance management and quality improvement, and grant writing. Ms. Knoerl has been with the Department since 2010 and she has a Master of Public Health.

Heather Krasna, PhD, EdM, MS, (she/her/hers) is the co-author of the book, *101+ Careers in Public Health* (3rd Edition) and author of, *Jobs That Matter: Find a Stable, Fulfilling Career in Public Service*. She is the Assistant Dean of Career Services at Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. With her 23 years of experience as a career coach, recruiter, public health workforce researcher, and nonprofit professional, she has seen what works to recruit new hires, and what doesn't. Krasna's doctoral dissertation, "Public Health Graduates in the United States: Employment Outcomes and Employer Demand" included the largest-ever employment data collection on public health graduates in history and the largest analysis of job postings from employers seeking to hire these graduates. She also holds a Master of Education in Adult Learning and Leadership from Teachers College Columbia University and a Master of Science in Nonprofit Management from New School University.

Jackie Lawler, MPH, CPH, (she/her/hers) is the Director of Epidemiology and Public Health Planning for the Orange County Department of Health (OCDOH). Prior to becoming the Director in 2020, Jackie was the Epidemiologist at OCDOH for 11 years. Jackie has led the epidemiology portion of the COVID-19 response since the beginning of the pandemic, but prior to that she oversaw data management responsibilities for the county. Jackie has over 13 years of experience preparing and analyzing epidemiological and statistical reports, as well as morbidity and mortality reports, and developing Community Health Assessments and Community Health Improvement Plans used to identify health priorities. She has a Master of Public Health in Epidemiology from the University at Albany and is certified in Public Health.

Stephen A. Lee MD, MBA, (he/him/his) is the executive director of NASTAD. Stephen oversees all NASTAD programs – Health Care Access, Prevention, Hepatitis, Drug User Health, Health Equity, Policy & Legislative Affairs, and Health Systems Integration – as well as NASTAD's overall operations. Stephen has deep expertise in program and organizational management, and his experience as a physician brings a practical perspective regarding policy and program implementation. Prior to joining NASTAD, Stephen was a global HIV expert for the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation. For 13 years he managed the Foundation's development and implementation of programs that provided prevention, care, and treatment services to individuals affected by HIV. He has a bachelor's degree in biology from Baylor University, a degree in medicine from Emory University School of Medicine, an MBA from Heriot-Watt University, and a post-graduate diploma in health systems management from the University of London, School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Donna Leong, MPH, MCP, (she/her/hers) is the Manager for Workforce Development at Cornell University's Master of Public Health Program. In this role, she helps strengthen several public health workforce development programs using her monitoring and evaluation background. A mixed-methods evaluator, Donna continuously measures the impact of local, state, and national programs to assess how they build public health capacity in new and existing workers. Prior to Cornell, Donna worked as a public health and housing researcher at the Pew Charitable Trusts and as a social sector evaluator at Harder + Company Community Research. She is passionate about multi-sector partnerships and overcoming geographic access issues in health equity work. Donna earned her dual bachelor's degrees in Ethnic Studies and Political Science at Brown University. She also earned dual master's degrees in Public Health and City and Regional Planning at UC Berkeley. Outside of work, Donna enjoys reading and writing fiction, taking public transit, and going on hikes.

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Lilly LeTourneau, (she/her/hers) is a 2020 graduate of SUNY New Paltz with a bachelor's degree in Communication Studies and Creative Writing. She spent her first year out of college running COVID-19 tests before taking a Fellowship position with the Genesee/Orleans County public health departments. Her plans are to pursue a master's degree in Social Work and become a certified Mental Health Counselor.

Anna Lynch, MS, (she/her/hers) is a Graduate Fellow at Broome County Health Department. She is originally from Orange County, New York, and graduated from Binghamton University in 2022 with a Master of Science in Biomedical Anthropology. Her interest in improving social determinants of health and working with community members to better understand their perspectives led her to pursue a career in Public Health.

Stephanie Mack (she/her/hers) has served as the Senior Population Health Data Manager in Public Health Information Group in the NYS Department of Health for nearly 4 years. Previously, Stephanie worked in the New York State Asthma Control Program for 2 years and taught at SUNY Albany for nearly a decade. In addition, she has contributed to publications analyzing the New York State public health system's response to Hurricane Sandy.

Ava M. Marsich, BS, (she/her/hers) obtained a Bachelor of Science in Community Health from SUNY Cortland. She is a Public Health Fellow I at the Orange County Department of Health. She is currently completing her Master of Public Health through the CUNY School of Public Health studying public health nutrition.

Jodi Martin, MSN-PHN, (she/her/hers) is the Director of Preventive Services for the Oswego County Health Department. She received a Master of Science in Nursing with an Emphasis on Public Health. Jodi is a Fellow with the Health Leadership Fellows program. With over 15 years' experience in public health, she has been recognized by NACCHO, NYSDOH, NYSPHA and several local agencies for her contributions to the community. She has played a lead role in the COVID-19 response activities. She also oversees all core public health programming and the Maternal Child Health Home-visiting program within Oswego County.

Hannah Matthews, MPH, (she/her/hers) is a Public Health Fellow at the Orange County Department of Health. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Biology from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts in 2020 and continued to pursue a Master of Science in Public Health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in London, UK. Her professional interests lie in tackling social, structural, and commercial determinants of health to advance health equity and improve population health. Hannah is also an Honorary Research Fellow with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical medicine, working to publish her dissertation on tactics used by the alcohol industry to spread misinformation on the links between alcohol and cancer. In her free time, Hannah enjoys playing volleyball, exploring NYC's infinite restaurant scene, and making travel plans to traverse the globe!

Gabrielle Mayfield, MS, BS, (she/her/hers), has her Master's degree in Nutrition from Meredith College and she received her Bachelor of Science in Community Health from SUNY Potsdam. She is currently the Fellowship Placement Coordinator for the North Country Region with the NYSPHC. She has over 15 years of public health experience focusing on nutrition, chronic diseases, and workplace wellness. In her role as the Fellowship Placement Coordinator, she is currently focusing on workforce development and data and reporting initiatives for the NYSPHC team.

Christopher Maylahn, DrPH, MPH, (he/him/his) is a Program Research Specialist in the Office of Public Health Practice in the NYS Department of Health. His particular focus areas are supporting the New York State Prevention Agenda and applying evidence-based decision-making in local health departments. He received his MPH in chronic disease epidemiology from the Yale School of Public Health in 1978 and began employment at the New York State Department of Health in 1980. He subsequently received a DrPH in Health Policy from the State University of New York at Albany School of Public Health in 2019. His primary research interest is applying evidence-based decision-making in local health departments to improve the delivery of public health services.

Marci McCall, (she/her/hers) brings over two decades of talent and experience from both private and nonprofit business development and community outreach to her position as Director of Planning and Community Affairs in the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Office of Health Equity and Human Rights. This experience includes creating her own business, McCall Enterprises, that specialized in business consulting services for startup companies and nonprofits. In her role, Ms. McCall continuously works at her goal to address health disparities through education, outreach, and vaccine promotion in communities that are medically underserved. Ms. McCall nurtures both private and public partnerships with similar missions to establish community trust and bring quality care to at-risk populations. Her leadership is exemplary and noteworthy, especially for her efforts to make the COVID-19 vaccine available to all New Yorkers – 161,133 vaccinated, and still counting. Ms. McCall is committed to ensuring that all New Yorkers are educated about the health care system and aware of their options in obtaining access to quality, affordable health care.

Gen Meredith, DrPH, MPH, OTR, (she/her/hers) is a professor of practice in Cornell University's Department of Public and Ecosystem Health, associate director of the Master of Public Health Program, and lead for External Public Health Education. In these roles, Gen braids her experiences as a public health practitioner at local, clinical, state, and international levels to support and develop public health leaders of our future through teaching, capacity building, and practice-based mentoring. Gen's areas of research and practice include engaged pedagogical practices for workforce development, optimized public health systems utilization, community capacity building for collective impact, and upstream health benefits of nature engagement. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Gen has also served as a public health lead with Cornell University's response team, leading university-wide initiatives, and liaising with county and state public health officials for systems optimization.

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Johanne Morne, MS, (she/her/hers) serves as the Deputy Commissioner, Health Equity and Human Rights, New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH). Ms. Morne oversees the AIDS Institute and the Offices of Health Equity and Human Rights, Minority Health and Health Disparities Prevention, and Gun Violence Prevention. Most recently, Ms. Morne served as the Deputy Director for Community Health in the Office of Public Health (OPH). In this role, Ms. Morne served as the Director for both the AIDS Institute (AI), where she has worked for more than 15 years, and (as of 2021) the Center for Community Health (CCH). The AI portfolio includes HIV, sexually transmitted infection (STI) prevention and care, viral hepatitis, drug user health, and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) health and wellness. The CCH is comprised of four Divisions, including Chronic Disease Prevention, Epidemiology, Nutrition, and Family Health. Ms. Morne's leadership has advanced the State's Ending the Epidemic and Hepatitis C Elimination initiatives. Her leadership led the NYSDOH to sign on to the Undetectable = Untransmittable consensus statement, making the NYSDOH the first state health department to do so. Ms. Morne previously served as a board member of the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD), serving as the Board Chair from 2019 to 2020. In 2019, Ms. Morne was appointed to the CDC/HRSA Advisory Committee (CHAC) on HIV, Viral Hepatitis, and STD Prevention and Treatment. The CHAC advises the HHS Secretary, the CDC Director, and the HRSA Administrator on objectives, strategies, policies, and priorities for HIV, viral hepatitis, and STD prevention and treatment efforts. Throughout the COVID-19 response in New York State, Ms. Morne served on the COVID-19 response leadership team. She oversaw multidisciplinary teams and statewide initiatives, including COVID-19 antibody sampling, community-based pop-up testing, mass vaccination sites, and she participated in the work of the NYS Governor's office-led Vaccine Equity Taskforce. The foundation of Ms. Morne's work prioritizes health equity, social justice, and trauma-informed care.

Priya Nair, BA, (they/them/theirs) currently serves as the Deputy Chief Diversity Officer for Governor Kathy Hochul. Before this position, Priya served in several roles in New York City and New York State government, including as the Associate Director of Gender Equity for NYC Health + Hospitals, as the Governor's Inaugural Edie Windsor, Marsha P. Johnson, and Sylvia Rivera New York State LGBTQ Fellow, and as the LGBTQ Liaison for New York City Council Speakers Melissa Mark-Viverito and Corey Johnson. Priya was named on *City & State's* "Pride Power 100" list in 2019, 2020, and 2022, and is a lifelong New Yorker with a BA from Vassar College.

Emily Nojem (she/her/hers) graduated with a bachelor's degree in Public Health from SUNY Brockport. She started working at the Genesee/Orleans Health Department as a COVID-19 Response Specialist and then transitioned to a Public Health Fellow. She is planning on returning to school to further her education with a focus on nutrition.

Diane Oldenburg (she/her/hers) is an Associate Public Health Educator with the Oswego County Health Department. She is a New Jersey native with 31 years of experience in Oswego County. In her current role, she oversees the Public Health Education and Emergency Preparedness division within the Health Department and the County's Public Health Corps Fellowship Program. This division is responsible for the development of the Oswego County Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan, implementing evidence-based strategies to address Public Health priorities as well as planning response and recovery for public health emergencies. Some of the ongoing projects include COVID-19 response, opioid overdose prevention, chronic disease self-management classes, fall prevention, and child passenger safety. Diane is also an adjunct professor at SUNY Oswego. When not working, she enjoys spending time with her family, Jim, Emily, and Matthew, preferably at the beach in South Jersey, and trying to tame her wily puppy, Fletcher.

Kenneth Okonkwo, MPH, MBBS, (he/him/his) is a Public Health Representative for the Hepatitis Surveillance Unit in the Bureau of Hepatitis Healthcare and Epidemiology, AIDS Institute, NYSDOH. Kenneth holds a Master of Public Health degree from the University at Albany School of Public Health and a Medical degree from China Medical University. His research focus is on the characterization of hepatitis coinfection cases.

Bethany Patterson (she/her/hers) is currently a Public Health Fellow working under the guidance of Kara Kane at the Erie County Department of Health. Her background is in Public Policy and Public Administration. She is currently pursuing a paralegal degree and is involved in local grassroots organizations to advocate for the Black and Brown community.

Kwaku Quist, MPH, MA, RN, BSN, (he/him/his) has a background in computer science and nursing. He worked as a computer programmer analyst in various settings – NY City tax collection, actuarial, market research, and legal. He also worked as a staff Registered Nurse on a Medical/Surgical Neurology/Neurosurgery unit for 14 years. Kwaku went back to school in 2015 and graduated in 2018 with a Master of Public Health degree while working full time. He was a COVID-19 vaccinator for the Westchester County Department of Health (WCDH) from April 2021 to April 2022. He has been a NYS Public Health Corps Fellow since May 2022. He contributes by working on various manuscripts, documenting the WCDH Community Health Division clinic experience with monkeypox vaccinations, and miscellaneous projects at the clinic. He is excited about learning and contributing to public health management because it is affected by, and impacts, many factors in society. His strengths include the ability to simplify complex concepts and writing. His interests include urban hiking and rooting for the now-retired tennis player Roger Federer. Now he is rooting for Novak Djokovic.

Thomas Reizes, MPH, (he/him/his) has focused on workforce development and learning management at the New York State Department of Health for the last 20 years. He oversees the administration of the Office of Public Health's [NYLearnsPH.com](https://www.ny.gov/learning-management-system) Learning Management System and works with state, regional, and federal training partners to facilitate training for the existing public health workforce. As the Department's Accreditation Coordinator, Tom recently helped the Department achieve reaccreditation by the Public Health Accreditation Board. He also helped start the New York State Public Health Corps Fellowship Program and continues to be active in program activities.

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Margaret Reynolds, MS, BA, (she/her/hers) studied anthropology, biology, and art as an undergrad at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. As a graduate of Binghamton University, she studied biomedical anthropology. The bulk of her independent work as a graduate was focused on fostering just and healthy living environments through community-based action, environmental remediation, and creative/multimodal communication. She is now working as a Fellow at the Broome County Health Department, updating the Community Health Assessment and Improvement Plans and working with community partners to develop new initiatives to address persistent issues for our county.

Adolfo A. Rivera, MPH, MA, (he/him/his) is a Public Health Fellow at the Orange County Department of Health. He is primarily responsible for creating the COVID-19 report as a component of the Orange County Community Health Assessment 2022-2024, as well as updating the Mid-Hudson Region Community Health Assessment 2022-2024. He holds an MPH in Global Health from New York University, as well as a Master's in Health Education and Promotion from East Carolina University. He has experience working on several public health issues around the world, including combatting human trafficking, HIV/AIDS prevention and support, refugee health, water sanitation and hygiene, and others. Adolfo's career interest lies in migrant health and reducing disparity in LMIC countries. In his free time, Adolfo enjoys hiking, going to the gym, reading, and listening to music.

Md Ashraful Islam Rony, MPH, (he/him/his) is a recent graduate of the University at Buffalo's MPH program with a concentration in Epidemiology. He is currently employed as a Public Health Fellow at the Rural Outreach Center. He is working on a project to identify health care needs among the residents served by the Rural Outreach Center. He is also proposing ideas with interventions to address those needs.

Eli Rosenberg, PhD, (he/him/his) is Deputy Director for Science in the Office of Public Health at the New York State Department of Health. An infectious disease epidemiologist by background, specializing in HIV/STI, viral hepatitis, COVID-19, and other emerging infectious diseases, he oversees special epidemiologic and data activities at the Office of Public Health. He currently is the incident manager for the New York State polio response. Dr. Rosenberg is also an associate professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the University at Albany School of Public Health, State University of New York. Prior to coming to Albany in 2017, he was an assistant professor at Emory University Rollins School of Public Health and held several guest appointments at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He received his PhD in Epidemiology from Emory University and his BS in Biometry and Statistics from Cornell University.

Jennifer Rowan MPH, (she/her/hers) is an Epidemiologist with Genesee County Health Department and she is serving as the NYSPHC Local Coordinator for Genesee and Orleans County Health Departments (GO Health). In May, 2021, prior to her current roles, she received her MPH in Epidemiology and facilitated GO Health's mass immunization and testing efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic. Her current work focuses on communicable disease management and participation in local response efforts to reduce county opioid overdose deaths.

Cheryl Rox (she/her/hers) is currently working as a Senior Accountant for the Oswego County Health Dept. She has worked for Oswego County for 33 years, with most of her tenure spent in various positions with the Department of Social Services. About a year ago Cheryl transferred to the Health Department as a Senior Accountant in the finance unit. Cheryl obtained a Master of Business Administration with a focus on Finance from SUNY Oswego. Since working for the Health Department, Cheryl has been involved in many aspects of COVID-19 relief, including assisting at clinics, working the phone bank and assisting employees with COVID-19-related HR questions. Cheryl has also been involved in the budget and hiring process for the Fellowship Program grant since the beginning of the program.

Samuel Rubin (he/him/his) is a Public Health Fellow at the Orange County Department of Health (OCDOH). He is primarily responsible for the analysis of data for communicable diseases, the creation of interactive dashboards, and the automation of projects and tasks across the Epidemiology and STI divisions. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in Computer and Information Science from SUNY Polytechnic Institute in Utica, NY.

Natalia Sanchez-Bahr, MA, (she/her/hers) has an MA in psychology. She is a Public Health Corps Graduate Fellow at the Putnam County Department of Health where she has been collaborating on several projects for the last 5 months. She's had the opportunity to work in different areas in the field of behavioral health, but this is her first time working in the field of Public Health. During her brief time with the PCDOH, she has learned immensely and has come to really appreciate how much she enjoys working with the community. Natalia is always looking for ways to make a difference and improve access to community health and resources.

Loretta Santilli, MPH, (she/her/hers), known as Lora to colleagues and friends, is a passionate public health leader with 28 years of experience across various programs within the New York State Department of Health. Lora is currently the Director of the Office of Public Health Practice where she serves as a fierce advocate for local health departments and as an ambassador for the Prevention Agenda in support of the mission to make New York the healthiest state in the nation for people of all ages. She has been actively involved in various aspects of the COVID-19 response, including contact tracing and vaccination efforts. Lora is a proud graduate of the University of Rochester and the University at Albany School of Public Health. Her proudest accomplishment is raising two amazing grown-and-flown daughters with her husband of 28 years.

Jaffer Shah, BS, (he/him/his) is a graduate of Hofstra University with a major in neuroscience and a minor in chemistry. He has over 80 peer-reviewed medical journal publications and is an editor at BioMedCentral (BMC). His research interests are related to public health and infectious disease.

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Meghan Sheridan, BS, (she/her/hers) is a recent graduate from SUNY Geneseo with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and minors in Mathematics and Geography. She is a Public Health Educator Fellow for the Genesee County Department of Health. Previously, she presented undergraduate research at the Geneseo TriBeta Research Symposium and the Geneseo Recognizing Excellence, Achievements, and Talent (GREAT) Day Symposium.

Diana M. Sieracki, (they/them/theirs) is a recent graduate of SUNY Brockport, where they achieved their B.S. in Public Health. They were accepted into the New York State Public Health Corp Fellowship Program by Erie County Department of Health and placed at The Rural Outreach Center where they work serving five counties in western New York. The Rural Outreach Center's mission is to improve the lives of the rural poor and to end generational rural poverty. Their work comprises developing and distributing a community health survey, conducting community outreach, collecting and analyzing data, and creating reports that will influence local policy. Diana has interests in biostatistics, health literacy, advocacy, and health education.

Aletha Sprague, (she/her/hers) is a NYS Public Health Corps (NYSPHC) Fellowship Placement Coordinator for the Mohawk Valley Region. Prior to joining NYSPHC, Ms. Sprague had 14 years of public health experience working for the Bassett Research Institute. Most recently, she worked as a population health improvement program supervisor for the Mohawk Valley, focusing on the development and implementation of community health needs assessments for local health departments, community-based organizations, and hospitals. Ms. Sprague has experience bringing diverse stakeholders together to provide a neutral forum on population health issues with a particular focus on health and health care disparities and providing data and evidence-based solutions to community, county, and regional leadership.

Maggie Steele, BA, (she, her/hers) works as a Local Coordinator with Schuyler, Seneca, and Chemung County health departments to support fellows in the program to work toward progressing county public health goals. She obtained her undergraduate degree from Binghamton University in Philosophy, Politics, and Law, and is currently pursuing a Master of Public Administration degree with a Nonprofit Management concentration from Baruch College. She hopes to use her business and teaching experience to help solve complex public health issues. In her downtime, she enjoys watching the Buffalo Bills, listening to music, and kayaking.

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Been Valcin, MA, (he/him/his) is a New York State Public Health Fellow serving at the Wayne Behavioral Health Network. He's currently the coordinator for the Opioids Task Force in Wayne County and is also helping grow the community's awareness by providing Narcan/Naloxone training. Been received his Master of Public Health from Roberts Wesleyan College. He obtained his Bachelor of Science in Health Administration from Roberts Wesleyan and his Associate in Business Administration from Finger Lakes Community College. Been holds several certifications including Notary Public (NP) AutoCAD Certification (ACC), and Instructional Design Certification (IDC). Originally from Port au Prince, Haiti, Been has been a teacher, a coach, and he has worked as a counselor since 2004. As choir director, Been led a group of more than 80 members who performed nationally and internationally. Been was responsible for coordinating travel arrangements, including working with embassy leadership. Been currently volunteers his time for several community organizations, including Edgewood Free Methodist Church and the Dirt Road Collective.

Julie B. Very, BS, MPH, (she/her/hers) is a NYSPHC Graduate Public Health Fellow with the Broome County Health Department. Julie earned her Master of Public Health degree from Binghamton University in 2020. During her graduate studies, she interned at a nonprofit organization, monitoring and analyzing a fitness lifestyle and overall wellness program. She currently works as a Public Health Fellow at the Broome County Health Department updating the Community Health Assessment, Community Health Improvement Plan, Community Health Survey, and Community Resource Guide. Her passions include mental health awareness, substance use disorder, and community outreach.

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Peter G. Williams (he/him/his) has lived in and worked most of his professional life in Oswego. His work has been focused on human services, specifically working with persons with developmental disabilities. He decided to change his focus to public health to help people within his community and he felt that the public health sector would be a great fit.

Jason Zheng, MPH, (he/him/his) received his undergraduate degree in Biomedical Sciences at the Rochester Institute of Technology. He then pursued his MPH in Health Policy and Management at the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health. He has experience in the private sector through his internship in strategic operations at the Allegheny Health Network and in academia with his work as an assistant for the Mid-Atlantic Regional Public Health Training Center. After his time in Pittsburgh, he worked with the Maryland Department of Health's provider enrollment division. Jason has interest in both infectious diseases and social determinants of health because of his education and experiences.