

Presenter Bios

- **Abate, Kimberly, M.S. Ed., Senior Public Health Educator, Cayuga County Health Department:** Ms. Abate has been with the Cayuga County Health Department for seven years. She oversees the Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan in addition to working on the Cancer Services Program, Healthy Neighborhoods Program and Governor's Traffic Safety Committee.
- **Agett, Breeanne, Junior Planner, Chautauqua County Department of Health and Human Services:** Ms. Aggett oversees the CHA/CHIP process in Chautauqua County and coordinates chronic disease prevention efforts for the department. She holds a B.S. in Biology from the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry and a MPH in Epidemiology from the SUNY Albany School of Public Health.
- **Bedell, Jane, MD, Assistant Commissioner and Medical Director, Bronx District Public Health Office, NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene:** Dr. Bedell directs a staff of public health educators, epidemiologists and community health workers who promote health equity in New York City by ensuring that conditions for good health – available, sustainable, high-quality services and efficient, effective systems – flourish in all of the city neighborhoods. The Bronx District Public Health Office focuses on two priority areas: reduction of unintended teen pregnancy and obesity prevention. They partner with medical practices, schools, community organizations, local leaders, community stakeholders, and other city agencies to improve conditions for NYC residents so that the healthier choice is the easier choice. Dr. Bedell received her medical degree from SUNY-Downstate in Brooklyn, trained in internal medicine at the Montefiore Medical Center Residency Program in Social Medicine and did further training in HIV/AIDS primary care with the NYS Dept of Health, as well as in the public health program at Yale University. She has worked as a primary care physician, a medical director of clinical services and a physician-teacher.
- **Buchman, Tavora, Director of Quality Improvement, Epidemiology & Research and serves as Director of Tuberculosis Control, Nassau County Department of Health:** Dr. Buchman received her Bachelor of Science from Cornell University and her Doctorate from Columbia University and is currently an Epidemiologist at Nassau County Department of Health where she serves as Director of Quality Improvement. Dr. Buchman is responsible for the Community Health Assessment and Health Improvement Plan, as well as regulatory and accreditation efforts. Furthermore, she explores initiatives to improve tuberculosis control approaches. She designs epidemiology research and is particularly interested in analytic methods. In addition to tuberculosis and population health, Dr. Buchman's expertise includes lead poisoning and epidemiologic methods.
- **Catlin, Michele, Community Outreach Coordinator, Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center, St. Lawrence County:** Ms. Caitlin has held this position for 15 years. Michele has an Associates of Applied Science Degree in Business Administration and has been a member of Prevention Agenda Coalition from its inception in 2009.
- **DeAngelo, Toni, RN, WCA Hospital, Jamestown, NY:** Since 1980, Ms. DeAngelo has worked in a variety of specialties at the hospital, such as dialysis, cardiac telemetry and 15 years in the Intensive Care Unit. She has been the Community Health and Wellness Director for WCA Hospital since 1996 with certifications in patient navigation, tobacco cessation and lactation consulting.
- **Durkee, Dan BS, Community Health Education, Warren County Public Health, B.S. Community Health Education:** Mr. Durkee is a Senior Health Educator with Warren County Public Health. His roles and responsibilities include community outreach, health education program development and implementation. Mr. Durkee is the lead person for completing the Warren County Community Health Improvement Plan.

- **Ebersole, Kate, Community Health Advisor, Cattaraugus County Health Department:** Ms. Ebersole has been involved in community health improvement collaborative efforts for the past seven years in Western New York, using her specific training in applied improvement science to help develop a range of community-level pilots and associated measurement systems. She is currently a consultant with New York Academy of Medicine in the DASH-NY project and is the Community Improvement Advisor for Cattaraugus County under the SCALE program through the Institute of Healthcare Improvement and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- **Green, Theresa PhD, MBA, Director of Community Health Education and Policy, Center for Community Health, University of Rochester Medical Center:** Dr. Green is an Assistant Professor in Public Health Sciences at the University of Rochester Medical Center and is the Director of Community Health Policy and Education at the University's Center for Community Health. She is also the George W. Merck Dean's Teaching Fellow at URMC for 2014-6. Dr. Green is currently the Coordinator for the community health improvement planning process and implementation for Monroe County that is conducted jointly between four hospital systems and the Department of Public Health.
- **Gupta, Indu, MD, MPH, MA, FACP, Commissioner of Health, Onondaga County Health Department:** Dr. Gupta completed her medical degree in India; her Master of Arts in Public Administration from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University; and a Master of Public Health from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. After completing her internal medicine residency training in New Jersey, Dr. Gupta moved to Syracuse, NY and practiced as a primary care provider. Prior to her current role, she was working at the UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles, California as an Assistant Clinical Professor and Hospitalist, and was actively involved in the teaching of medical students and residents. She has continued to be involved in teaching of medical students at Upstate Medical University in Syracuse. As Commissioner of Health, Dr. Gupta is working to ensure the county's health by communicating and collaborating with all community partners and through increased engagement, education, and empowerment of all our citizens.
- **Halse, Sabrina, Manager of Respiratory Care, Ellis Health Care, Bellevue Women's' Center, and the Sleep Disorders Center:** Ms. Halse serves on the Process Improvement Team as a Certified Lean Facilitator and a Yellow Belt in Six Sigma. Ms. Halse has a B.S. Degree in Healthcare Management from Northeastern University, an A.A.S. in Respiratory Care and A.S. in Individual Studies from Hudson Valley Community College. Ms. Halse is currently working on a Master's Degree in Project Management from Northeastern University.
- **Headwell, Laurel, Program Coordinator, Montgomery County Public Health:** Ms. Headwell is responsible for coordinating preparedness and response to public health emergencies, coordinating prevention programs, and provides assistance to Dental Education and Chronic Disease Education programs in Montgomery County. She received her BS in Health Education from SUNY Cortland and her MS in Community Health from SUNY Cortland as well.
- **Hollingsworth, Nicole, EdD, MCHES, Master Certified Health Education Specialist, Assistant Vice President of Community and Population Health, Montefiore Health System:** Ms. Hollingsworth oversees the creation and implementation of community and population health strategies, patient education systems, community-based interventions, and the development of worksite wellness resources. For over 25 years, she has specialized in the development of community health programs designed specifically to create behavior change and increase knowledge in hard-to-reach populations including regional school based programs, national reproductive health organizations and national child welfare organizations. Dr. Hollingsworth received her Baccalaureate Degree from Cornell University in Health Education and both her Doctoral and Master's Degrees from Teachers College, Columbia University in Health and Behavior Studies, and holds a Certificate in Executive Leadership from the Harvard T.H Chan School of Public Health.

- **Hooey, Deanna, M.S., Senior Public Health Educator, Cayuga County Health Department:** Ms. Hooey has been with the Cayuga County Health Department for eight years. She oversees development of the Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan in addition to working on public health preparedness, lead poisoning prevention and immunization grants.
- **Hunt, Glynnis, MS, Public Health Education Coordinator, Schenectady County Public Health Services:** During her 15 year career in healthcare, Ms. Hunt has coordinated a variety of public health initiatives. Ms. Hunt has expertise in communication of health risks and successful use of the media to market public health programs and health promotion. Currently, Ms. Hunt is Program Director and Principal Investigator for several chronic disease prevention grants. These projects are pioneering programs which promote policies, and system and environmental changes in order to increase healthy eating, physical activity opportunities, decrease exposure to tobacco, create community and clinical linkages through population-based strategies. Ms. Hunt has a Master's Degree in Health Services Administration from Sage Graduate School in Albany, NY.
- **Lawler, Jackie, MPH, CPH, Epidemiologist, Orange County Health Department:** Ms. Lawler has an MPH in Epidemiology and has worked for the Orange County Department of Health since 2009. Her responsibilities include developing, implementing and evaluating health department programs, serving as a community liaison, and preparing and analyzing epidemiological and statistical reports including the community health assessment and community health improvement plan used to identify county health priorities.
- **Lyczko, Theresa, MS, Director of the Health Promotion Program (HPP), Tompkins County Health Department (TCHD):** Ms. Lyczko's responsibilities as HPP Director include supervision of staff responsible for chronic disease prevention programs and promotion of TCHD's programs and services. She maintains participation in community agency networks and coalitions, assesses health care access in the community, participates in the evaluation of TCHD division policies and is responsible for producing TCHD's Community Health Assessment and the Community Health Improvement Plan. Ms. Lyczko is a trained Lifestyle Coach. She is TCHD's Public Information Officer and maintains media relations for the Department.
- **Maki, Laurie, Director of Preventative Services, St. Lawrence County Public Health Department:** In her 26 years with the public health department, Ms. Maki has worked as Public Health Educator and Supervisor of Preventive Services. Ms. Maki has a B.S. Degree in Health Sciences and is also a Registered Nurse. Throughout her tenure, Ms. Maki has worked with the Community Health Assessment, Municipal Public Health Services Plan, and Community Health Improvement Plan. In 2009, Ms. Maki was tasked by her Public Health Director to bring together partners to start planning for the Prevention Agenda. These meetings were the start of what has morphed into the Bridges to Wellness Coalition in St. Lawrence County.
- **McFadden, Mary, Supervising Public Health Educator, Broome County Health Department:** Over the past 24 years, Ms. McFadden has managed several population-based health projects, worked as the Public Information Officer and assisted with the coordination of the community health assessment and community health improvement plan process. She has a Bachelor of Science in Health and a Certificate in Public Health.
- **Oldenburg, Diane Oldenburg, Senior Public Health Educator, Oswego County Health:** Ms. Oldenburg has been with the county health department since 1991 and has worked in the Preventive Service Program since 2009. Diane spearheaded the development of the Community Health Assessment and the Community Health Improvement Plan for 2013. She has a Bachelor's of Science Degree from SUNY Cortland and teaches part-time at SUNY Oswego.

- **Shultz, Rebecca, Director of Surveillance and Statistics, Onondaga County Health Department:** Ms. Shultz is responsible for overseeing the public health surveillance and assessment unit. She received a Master of Public Health Degree in Epidemiology from the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University in Atlanta. In addition to her role at the health department, she is on the faculty of the Department of Preventive Medicine and an adjunct instructor of Epidemiology in the College of Health Professions, both at Upstate Medical University. Prior to moving to Syracuse, she worked as an epidemiologist with the Florida Department of Health in Tallahassee.
- **Snell, Anne Marie, Executive Director, Health Initiative:** Ms. Snell received her Bachelors of Science in Wellness Management from the State University of New York at Oswego. She has been providing community health improvement programs with the Health Initiative for ten years. Ms. Snell works in partnership with the St. Lawrence County Public Health Department, hospitals and community entities as an energizing chair/facilitator of the Bridge to Wellness Coalition and moving its efforts forward. Ms. Snell has leveraged resources within St. Lawrence County to meet program goals and objectives whenever possible. One example includes the creation of a regional enrollment specialist group that continues to meet quarterly after the adoption of the Affordable Care Act and the creation of Navigators and Certified Application Counselors. This group meets at least quarterly with representatives from over 30 different organizations within the tri-county region.
- **Walsh, Mandy, Public Health Director, Delaware County Public Health:** Ms. Walsh has a Master's Degree in Public Health and has worked with Delaware County Public Health for 11 years as a Program Coordinator, Epidemiologist and now as the Public Health Director. Mandy wrote Delaware County's Community Health Assessment 2013-2017 and co-authored the Community Health Improvement Plan with Heather Warner and Bonnie Hamilton. In her spare time, Mandy enjoys, walking, hiking and spending quality time with her three boys.
- **Welge, Charles H., Director of Public Health Planning and Education, Albany County Department of Health:** During his 13-year tenure with the Albany County Department of Health, he has been responsible for chronic disease prevention, injury prevention, communications, community health improvement planning, and health promotion activities. Prior to working for the Albany County Department of Health, Charles worked for over twenty years in the healthcare field such as hospitals, regional planning, and insurance. Mr. Welge is a graduate of the University at Albany and received his Master's Degree in Business Administration, concentration in health care management, from Boston University.
- **White, Willie J., Executive Director, AVillage:** Mr. White is a community activist in the South End of Albany since 2009 and founded a grassroots organization called AVillage. The mission of AVillage is to secure the well-being of the children. AVillage is committed to the establishment of an outreach center to teach the values of respect, cooperation, responsibility, and self-improvement. Along with his committee members, Mr. White gathered the children of the neighborhood and began to initiate events such as picnics in the park, sporting events, street clean-ups, Halloween parties, Gospel concerts, and Christmas parties. They most recently organized a drive for the victims of the disaster in Haiti where they collected over \$3,000 in merchandise such as first aid and personnel care items. The organization also strives for parental involvement and to that end created a Parents Club. He has also worked as a volunteer Cub Scout leader, encouraging young boys to become responsible citizens. He owns a two-family home in the City's South End and has three wonderful children.