



# **REGIONAL SUMMIT ON SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR IN-HOME ASTHMA INTERVENTIONS**

**Region 2: New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, and Tribal Nations**

November 20, 2015 | Stern Auditorium | Mount Sinai Hospital



## REGIONAL SUMMIT OVERVIEW

**PURPOSE:** This joint EPA-HHS-HUD regional summit brings together key stakeholders in health, housing, environmental programs and health insurance plans to support efforts to develop sustainable financing for asthma in-home interventions.

### SUMMIT OBJECTIVES:

- 1) Showcase innovative Federal/Regional/State asthma in-home programs and initiatives
- 2) Foster collaborations across health, housing, environment, and insurance plans to advance preventive care services for asthma
- 3) Call for action by prioritizing next steps for broadly implementing insurance reimbursement for asthma in home interventions
- 4) Provide an opportunity for participants to network and develop future collaborations.

### PARTNERS

**Federal Region 2:** Environmental Protection Agency, US Department of Health and Human Services (HRSA-CMS-IHS-OASH-CDC), US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit

**State/Territory/Tribal Nation:** NYSDOH, NYCDOHMH, NYCHA, NJDOH, NJDMAHS, PRDH, PR Health Insurance Agency (ASES), SRMT-Health, USVI DOH

**Asthma Coalitions:** ALA-NE, Asthma Coalition of Long Island, Asthma Coalition of Queens, Hudson Valley Asthma Coalition, NYCAP, PACNJ, PR Asthma Coalition

**Foundations:** Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, The Nicholson Foundation, The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, St Louis Chapter; W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

**Health & Housing Policy:** American Academy of Pediatrics District 2 Chapter 3, Asthma Regional Council of New England at Health Resources in Action, Green & Healthy Homes Initiative, New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute, Next Wave, National Center for Healthy Housing

**Community Organizations:** a.i.r. nyc, InquisitHealth, Isles, Inc., Little Sisters of the Assumption Family Health Service, WEACTION for Environmental Justice

**Academic Institutions:** Children's Environmental Health Center of Hudson Valley, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, Rutgers University, School of Health Professions, University of Puerto Rico-Allied Health Sciences, New York Medical College, University of Puerto Rico-Research Institute for Global Health Promotion and Health Education (IIPESAG).

**Health Plans & Hospitals:** Healthfirst, Urban Health Plan, NYC Health and Hospital Corporation, Jersey City Medical Center–Barnabas Health, Jersey Shore Medical Center, One City Health-PPS, Saint Barnabas Medical Center-Barnabas Health, YourCare Health Plan/Monroe Plan for Medical Care, New Jersey Primary Care Association, Inc., St. Josephs Healthcare System.

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| <b>8:00-8:25</b>  | <b>REGISTRATION</b>  |
| <b>8:30-8:45</b>  | <p><b>Uniting Stakeholders to Shift the Focus to Asthma Preventive Care</b><br/>                 Ameesha Mehta-Sampath, MPH, LEED-AP; US EPA Region 2</p> <p>Tanya Pagán Raggio-Ashley, MD, MPH, FAAP; DHHS HRSA ORO NY Regional Office</p> <p>Maida P. Galvez, MD, MPH, FAAP; Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai</p>   |
| <p><b>8:50-10:00</b></p> <p>Moderator:<br/>                 Ameesha<br/>                 Mehta-Sampath</p>  | <p><b>Welcome Remarks</b><br/>                 Philip J. Landrigan, MD, MSc, FAAP; Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai</p> <p><b>Federal, State, City Commitment to Reducing Asthma Disparities</b><br/> <u>Panel Lead:</u> Catherine McCabe, JD; Deputy Regional Administrator/US EPA- Region 2</p> <p>Michelle Davis, PhD; Regional Health Administrator, Office of the Secretary of Health-Region 2</p> <p>Ricardo Holligan; Division of Medicaid &amp; Children’s Health Operations, Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services- Region 2</p> <p>Cheryl R. Donald, LMFT, MBA; Deputy Regional Administrator; DHHS HRSA ORO New York Regional Office and HRSA ORO USVI Lead</p> <p>Susan Horowitz; HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Region 2</p> <p>Daniel Kass, MSPH; Deputy Commissioner Environmental Health NYCDOHMH</p> <p>Douglas G. Fish, MD; Medical Director, Division of Program Development &amp; Management, Office of Health Insurance Programs; NYSDOH</p> <p>Arturo Brito, MD, MPH; Deputy Commissioner of Public Health Services NJDOH</p> <p>Jesus Irizarry, PhD; Health Advisor, Puerto Rico’s Governor’s Office</p> |
| <b>10:00-10:15</b>  | <b>BREAK</b>   |
| <p><b>10:20-10:50</b></p> <p>Moderator:<br/>                 Ameesha<br/>                 Mehta-Sampath</p> | <p><b>#MedicaidReform and #ProviderServices for #InHomeAsthmaInterventions</b><br/> <u>Panel Lead:</u> Sankaran Krishnan, MD, MPH; New York Medical College</p> <p>Stacey Chacker; Health Resources In Action</p> <p>Joy Krieger; Asthma &amp; Allergy Foundation of St. Louis, MO</p>   |

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| <p><b>10:55-11:25</b></p> <p>Moderator:<br/>Ameesha<br/>Mehta-Sampath</p>     | <p><b>Insurance Reimbursement for Asthma In-Home Interventions: The Health Plans' Perspectives</b><br/> <u>Panel Lead:</u> John Shaw; Next Wave</p> <p>Joseph A. Stankaitis, MD, MPH; Monroe Plan for Medical Care</p> <p>Susan Beane, MD; HealthFirst</p>   |
| <p><b>11:30-12:10</b></p> <p>Moderator:<br/>Tanya Pagán<br/>Raggio-Ashley</p> | <p><b>Community Health Workers in Asthma Care</b><br/> <u>Panel Lead:</u> Desire La Tempa; OneCity Health Services; HHC</p> <p>Jim Krieger, MD, MPH; Action for Healthy Food</p> <p>Diana Perez; NYCDOHMH</p> <p>Shoshanah Brown; a.i.r. nyc</p>   |
| <p><b>12:15–1:15</b></p>  | <p><b>NETWORKING LUNCH</b></p>   |
| <p><b>1:20-1:55</b></p> <p>Moderator:<br/>Tanya Pagán<br/>Raggio-Ashley</p>   | <p><b>Advancing Sustainable Funding for Asthma In-Home Interventions in Region 2: Open Forum</b><br/> NJ Sub-Committee (co-chair: Raquel Jeffers: The Nicholson Foundation); PR Sub-Committee (co-chair: Lourdes Soto: University of Puerto Rico); Tribal Nations Sub-committee; USVI Sub-committee; NYS Sub-Committee (co-chair: Cindy Trubisky: ALA-NE)<br/> NYC Sub-Committee (co-chair: Desire LaTempa: OneCity Health Services; Health and Hospitals Corporation)</p> |
| <p><b>2:00-2:30</b></p> <p>Moderator:<br/>Tanya Pagán<br/>Raggio-Ashley</p>   | <p><b>Region 2 Call to Action: Sustainable Health Care Payment for Asthma In-Home Interventions</b><br/> Key Note Speaker: Amanda Reddy, MS; National Center for Healthy Housing</p>   |
| <p><b>2:30-2:45</b></p>   | <p><b>BREAK</b></p>  |
| <p><b>2:50-3:40</b></p> <p>Moderator:<br/>Maida P. Galvez</p>                 | <p><b>Ins and Outs of Asthma Business Plans and Insurance Reimbursement</b><br/> <u>Panel Lead:</u> Mary Beth Hart; George Washington University</p> <p>Ruth Ann Norton; Green Healthy Homes Initiative</p> <p>Joy Hsu, MD, MSCI; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Environmental Health</p> <p>Deborah Nagin, MPH and Carolyn Olson, MPH; NYCDOHMH</p>  |
| <p><b>3:45-4:15</b></p> <p>Moderator:<br/>Maida P. Galvez</p>                 | <p><b>Q &amp; A with the Experts: Best Practices in Asthma In-Home Interventions</b><br/> <u>Panel Lead:</u> Peggy Shepard; WEACTION</p> <p>Felesia Bowen, PhD, RN, APN; Rutgers University School of Nursing</p> <p>Theresa A. Soriano, MD, MPH; Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai</p> <p>Ray Lopez; Little Sisters of the Assumption Family Health Service</p>   |
| <p><b>4:20-4:30</b></p>   | <p><b>NEXT STEPS: Advancing Sustainable Funding for In-Home Asthma Interventions</b><br/> Ameesha Mehta-Sampath, MPH, LEED-AP; US EPA Region 2</p>   |

## Speakers and Panelists



**Ameesha Mehta-Sampath, MPH, LEED-AP** is the Asthma Projects Coordinator at the US Environmental Protection Agency Region 2 where she provides leadership, strategic focus and manages the Regions' Asthma programs. She has a successful track record in initiating and managing national environmental health initiatives through collaborations and partnerships with multiple stakeholders. She established key Asthma partners in Puerto Rico and created an environment of collaboration on highly successful and creative initiatives to address the Asthma epidemic, including, training and certifying a cadre of 500+ asthma educators; implementing the Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools program in over 300 schools on the island; and, developing an asthma business case to create momentum to move forward on securing insurance reimbursements for in-home asthma interventions. She developed and initiated the *Sister City Children's Asthma Program: New York City and Mumbai* by energizing partners from various organizations from both cities and bringing them together to a conference in Mumbai, India. In the Region, she also provides guidance and direction on Indoor Air issues related to Climate Change. While at EPA Headquarters, she directed a national initiative, *Pesticides and National Strategies for Health Care Providers* in collaboration with other federal agencies and non-profits to equip the medical, nursing and public health system with the knowledge and tools to respond effectively to environmental health hazards. She received her MPH in Environmental and Occupational Health from UMDNJ-Piscataway.



**Tanya Pagán Raggio Ashley, MD, MPH, FAAP** is a senior medical officer at the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration Office of Regional Operations Region II. She has served in the following capacities HRSA Chief Medical Officer, Director of the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities, Director Division of Medicine and Dentistry Bureau of Health Professions, Senior Advisor BHPR and Medical Officer for the Maternal Child Health Bureau. Dr. Raggio is double boarded in pediatrics and preventive medicine. She was awarded a Bachelor's of Science from Livingston College Rutgers University and a Doctorate of Medicine from Rutgers Medical School. She completed her pediatric residency training at Montefiore Hospital and Medical Center in New York City; a cardiovascular epidemiology fellowship and a Master's in Public Health from University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health. Dr. Raggio has dedicated her life to eliminating healthy disparities, discrimination and creating health as well as social equity.



**Maida Galvez, MD, MPH, FAAP** is an Associate Professor in the Departments of Preventive Medicine and Pediatrics at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. She is a Pediatrician and directs the Region 2 Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit (PESHU) serving NJ, NY, Puerto Rico and the USVI and is Co-Director of the Mount Sinai Transdisciplinary Center for Early Environmental Exposures Community Outreach and Engagement Core. Dr. Galvez currently serves on the EPA's Scientific Advisory Board as well as on the CDC's National Environmental Health Partnership Council and is past president of NYS AAP Chapter 3 (2013-2015).



**Philip Landrigan, MD, MSc, FAAP** is Professor of Preventive Medicine and Pediatrics and Dean for Global Health in Arnhold Institute for Global Health of the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. He is a pediatrician, epidemiologist, and leader in public health and preventive medicine. He has devoted his life to protecting vulnerable populations, most notably workers and children, against toxic environmental threats to health. Dr. Landrigan graduated from Boston College (1963), Harvard Medical School (1967) and the London School of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene, University of London (1977). He completed a residency in pediatrics at Children's Hospital Boston. He trained in epidemiology at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and served for 15 years as a CDC epidemiologist with extended overseas tours in Nigeria and El Salvador. He was elected to the Institute of Medicine in 1987. Dr. Landrigan currently co-chairs the *Lancet*-GAHP-Mount Sinai Commission on Pollution, Health and development, an international body dedicated to documenting the global burden of disease and the costs due to pollution and to developing solutions to this urgent public health problem, especially in the world's poorest countries.



**Catherine R. McCabe, JD** is the Deputy Regional Administrator of Region 2 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in New York City. In this position she assists the Regional Administrator in overseeing the Region's operations and regional implementation of all EPA programs in the States of New York and New Jersey, in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. She is also a member of the national EPA's Executive Management Council. Ms. McCabe came to EPA after a 22-year career at the U.S. Department of Justice, where she served in various positions as a manager and trial attorney in the Department's Environment and Natural Resources Division, including Deputy Chief of the Environmental Enforcement Section, Assistant Chief in the Natural Resources Section, and Senior Counsel in the Policy, Legislation and Special Litigation Section. Prior to her federal service, Ms. McCabe was an Assistant Attorney General in the Office of the Attorney General of the State of New York, and was associated with the law firm of Webster & Sheffield in New York City. Ms. McCabe holds a J.D. degree from Columbia Law School and a B.A. in environmental science from Barnard College. She also studied environmental science at the graduate level at the Columbia University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.



**Michelle S. Davis, PHD, MSPH** is the Regional Health Administrator (RHA) for the United States Department of Health and Human Services within the Office of the Secretary for the New York Regional Office. In this position she serves as the principle federal public health authority in the region working with NJ, NY, PR and the USVI. She also serves as co-chair for both the Environmental Justice and White House Initiative for Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders Regional Interagency Working Groups. Dr. Davis also holds the following positions: President of the board for the Public Health Association of New York City, National Representative and Board member for the Alpha Gamma Chapter of the Delta Omega Honorary Public Health Society and Governing Council of the American Public Health Association representing the Epidemiology members. She is the honored recipient of the U.S. Public Health Service Greater New York Commissioned Officers Association "RADM Davidson Inspiration Award" ; Federal Executive Board, Federal Employee of the Year for Super Storm Sandy Response, multiple HHS Assistant Secretary for Health Honor Awards and the CDC/ATSDR Honor Award for Management Excellence. Dr. Davis received her BA in the sciences from University of Michigan and her graduate public health and epidemiology training from the University of South Carolina, Johns Hopkins and the University of North Carolina.



**Cheryl R. Donald, LMFT, MBA** is the Deputy Regional Administrator for the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Office of Regional Operations (ORO). Assigned to the New York Regional Office, which oversees HRSA activities in New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, Cheryl works collaboratively with HRSA-supported grantees and stakeholders to improve health care systems and America's health care safety net, increase access to quality primary care, reduce health disparities, and advance public health. Cheryl serves as the regional team co-lead for HRSA activities in the U.S. Virgin Islands and is the point of contact for behavioral health & primary care integration activities in all four of the region's jurisdictions.



**Susan Horowitz**; U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development-Region 2 is Healthy Homes Representative for the Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes, ensuring compliance with the Lead Safe Housing Rule and Lead Disclosure Rule in both public and federally assisted housing as identified in 24 CFR Part 35 and 24 CFR Part 570.608. Her office provides monitoring reports, technical assistance and review of grant applications consistent with NOFA regulations. The Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes provides guidance to both federal partners and the general public on the Lead Safe Housing Rule and have participated in enforcement investigations, as required. HUD's commitment to combating Asthma Disparities includes provision of resources to research the relationship between indoor environment and asthma as well as the integration of health and housing disciplines.



**Daniel Kass, MSPH;** NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is the Deputy Commissioner for the Division of Environmental Health Service at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, where he oversees a variety of enforcement, policy and research programs, and a staff of more than 950. Mr. Kass joined the Department in 2000 as the Director of Evaluation for the Childhood Asthma Initiative, later serving as a Deputy Director in the Bureau of Environmental Disease Prevention. Prior to joining the Department, Mr. Kass founded and directed the Hunter College Center for Occupational and Environmental Health. He is appointed to the Board of Scientific Counselors of NIEHS' National Toxicology Program, and is the former Chair of the CDC Board of Scientific Counselors for the National Center for Environmental Health/ATSDR. He serves on the advisory committee for the Columbia University Children's Environmental Health Center and is a board member of Animal Care Centers of NYC. He is Co-PI with Montefiore Hospital for a study that is evaluating the return-on-investment for providing pest control in the homes of asthmatic children in the South Bronx. He holds a Sc.B. degree from Brown University and M.S.P.H degree from the UCLA School of Public Health, and completed doctoral studies in Public Administration at NYU.



**Douglas G. Fish, MD** joined the NY State Department of Health in January, 2015, as a Medical Director in the Division of Program Development and Management, the Office of Health Insurance Programs. He has been actively engaged in the early, Implementation Phase of New York State's DSRIP program, and serves as the Medical Director for DSRIP. Prior to DOH, Doug worked at Albany Medical College for 21 years in the Department of Medicine, and was the Medical Director of the Division of HIV Medicine and AMC's Designated AIDS Center from 1998 until January 2015. He is Board Certified in both Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases, and maintains his affiliation with Albany Medical College as an Associate Professor of Medicine, participating in their Infectious Diseases' weekend call rotation.



**Arturo Brito, MD, MPH** is an experienced and nationally recognized physician executive with a proven track record of leading high-performing clinical, public health, and administrative teams. His professional experiences include leadership positions in the private and public sectors as well as academia. Dr. Brito was previously Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer at the Children's Health Fund, a national not-for-profit organization, and Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. As the Deputy Commissioner for the Public Health Services Branch, New Jersey Department of Health (DOH), Dr. Brito has direct oversight of four Divisions and a special program: HIV, STD and TB Services; Family Health Services; Epidemiology, Environmental and Occupational Health Services; Public Health Infrastructure, Laboratories, and Emergency Preparedness; and the Medicinal Marijuana Program. He graduated from the University of South Florida College of Medicine, trained in Pediatrics at Emory University, and received a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.



**Jesús Irizarry Mora, PhD** is the Puerto Rico Governor's Health Advisor since 2014. He holds a PhD from The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, School of Public Health and is also a public health leadership fellow from the University of Carolina at Chapel Hill. After completing his PhD in 1992, he worked as Planning Analyst at the University of Medicine and Dentistry in Newark (UMDNJ), New Jersey 1986 and also served as Deputy Director at St. Columba Neighborhood Club, a community-based organization serving primarily African American and Hispanic minorities. In 2001, Dr. Irizarry Mora worked as Planning and Health Care Quality Adviser for the PR Secretary of Health. In 2005, he worked at the Puerto Rico Health Insurance Administration (PRHIA) as Health Quality and Planning Consultant to the Executive Director. In 2010, he was appointed Dean of The School of Health Sciences at *Universidad Del Este* in Carolina, PR.



**Sankaran Krishnan, MD, MPH, FAAP** is a Pediatric Pulmonologist at Maria Fareri Children's Hospital at Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, NY and the Hudson Valley Center for Children's Environmental Health. He is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at New York Medical College. He is currently a Co-Investigator of the American Lung Association Asthma Clinical Research Center. He serves as Associate Program Director for the Fellowship Program in Pediatric Pulmonology and as Associate Director of the Pediatric Pulmonary Function and Exercise Laboratory.





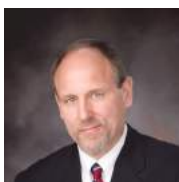
**Stacey Chacker** is a Project Director at Health Resources in Action where she leads the Asthma Regional Council of New England, and serves as the Director and Co-PI for the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation funded New England Asthma Innovation Collaborative. She is a leader on policy, advocacy, and research on environmental health/justice issues at community and governmental levels. For the past 7 years, she has worked extensively with health care providers, Medicaid payers, and New England State Asthma Programs to promote sustainable financing of asthma best practices – particularly led by Community Health Workers. Ms. Chacker was honored in 2014 by Partners Asthma Center (Boston) for her contributions to the field of preventive medicine and asthma. Ms. Chacker received her bachelor's degree from Clark University in Urban Social Geography.



**Joy B. Krieger, MA, RN** considers herself to be an outlier and visionary with proven results as a “game changer”. Joy is a fiscally responsible leader who brings the vision, passion, entrepreneurial mindset and expertise needed to achieve outcomes. She has served as the Executive Director of the Asthma and Allergy Foundation, St Louis Chapter for over five years. Under Joy's leadership, the state of Missouri, in 2012, was the first state to allow school nurses to stock the rescue medication for any child who suffers an asthma attack in the public school setting. In 2014, another first statewide effort, legislation was passed for Medicaid reimbursement for asthma education and healthy home assessments for those children identified as high risk suffering from asthma.



**John D. Shaw** is currently the President of Next Wave, a health policy research and consulting group based in Albany, NY which focuses on value and return on investment for stakeholders across multiple settings and sectors. Prior to founding Next Wave in 1984, he spent 12 years with the Healthcare Association of NYS (HANYS) where he held several positions, including Vice President. A parent of several children with Asthma, he became actively involved in measuring Asthma and COPD hotspots, trends, and cost as part of Next Wave's policy, payment, and quality research. Volunteer leadership positions held include the American Lung Association (ALANYS), Healthy Schools Network (HSN), Coalition for Healthier Schools (CHS), and the National Quality Forum (NQF).



**Joseph A. Stankaitis, MD, MPH** is the Chief Medical Officer of YourCare Health Plan in Western New York and the Monroe Plan for Medical Care, a healthcare management organization in Rochester, New York. He is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and the American College of Physician Executives and Clinical Associate Professor of Family Medicine at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. He is an active reviewer and past Chair of the Review Oversight Committee for the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) and is the President of American Diabetes Association (ADA) Rochester Volunteer Leadership Board, currently serving as a member of the ADA's National Professional Practice Committee.

Dr. Stankaitis received a bachelor's degree in biology from Boston College, his MD from the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and completed his residency and chief residency in the Primary Care Program in Internal Medicine at the University of Rochester. As a Kellogg Foundation Fellow at Harvard University, he received a Master's degree in Health Policy and Management.



**Susan Beane, MD** joined Healthfirst in 2009, bringing with her extensive professional experience in managed care. As Vice President and Medical Director at Healthfirst, Dr. Beane focuses on care management and clinical provider partnerships, especially programs designed to improve the delivery of vital, evidence-based healthcare to our members. Dr. Beane, a dedicated primary care physician and Board certified internist, is a strong proponent of collaborating with and engaging providers to improve health outcomes. Prior to joining Healthfirst, Dr. Beane served as Chief Medical Officer for Affinity Health Plan for five years—during which time she helped Affinity's plan become a top performer in quality and member satisfaction. Before that, she worked at AmeriChoice and HIP USA, as Medical Director. Dr. Beane is a graduate of Princeton University and Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons.



**Desire La Tempa, MD** is a Senior Director at OneCity Health Services. In this role, Dr. La Tempa manages the organization's citywide implementation of DSRIP project 3.d.ii., Expansion of Home Base Asthma Management. Dr. La Tempa works with the New York City Asthma Partnership in developing and implementing community health worker programs in hospital settings and other community-based initiatives at Daycare Centers. As a Coalition Coordinator, Dr. La Tempa chairs the implementation of the New York State Department of Health - Asthma Regional workplan, coordinating initiatives to reduce school absence from asthma in Brooklyn public schools, and working to address health disparities by implementing asthma learning sessions for the community in Senior and Daycare Centers. Dr. La Tempa has served as an advisor for the development of asthma training modules for patients and family by the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America.



**Jim Krieger, MD, MPH** is founding Executive Director of Action for Healthy Food (AHF) and Institute for Healthy Food (IHF), formerly chief of the Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention Section at Public Health-Seattle & King County, and Clinical Professor of Medicine and Health Services at University of Washington. Dr. Krieger is a nationally recognized leader in the development and evaluation of community-based chronic disease prevention programs. His asthma-related work focuses on reducing asthma health inequities through environmental and systems change interventions. He has led multiple asthma research studies funded by NIH, CDC, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and PCORI that have examined the effectiveness of in-home community health worker asthma education programs, how integrated systems of asthma control and asthma coalitions can improve outcomes, and the impact of improving housing conditions on asthma. He has contributed to improving asthma control through directing the King County Asthma Program, chairing the asthma track of the Washington Collaborative to Improve Health, serving on the Washington Asthma Initiative Steering Committee, and being a member of the NIH Asthma Guidelines Implementation Panel and EPA Expert Panel for Best Environmental Practices for Asthma.



**Shoshanah Brown, MS, MBA** has served as Executive Director of a.i.r. nyc since 2009. Under her leadership, a.i.r. nyc has embarked on a plan for sustainable expansion of home-based services to keep asthmatic New Yorkers healthy, active and out of the hospital. Shoshanah is passionate about improving health outcomes for NYC's most vulnerable families despite the many economic, social, and environmental barriers they face. Beginning her public health career as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Burkina Faso, West Africa, Shoshanah holds an MS from the Harvard School of Public Health and an MBA from Columbia University.



**Cindy Trubisky, MS Ed, AE-C** has been with the American Lung Association of the Northeast (ALA NE) since 2003. She holds a BS and MEd in Community Health Education. She has completed her Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) and has been a Certified Asthma Educator (AE-C) for the past decade. Through her experiences in non-profit management, Cindy has developed an extensive background in quality improvement, grants, schools, and program management. As an Asthma Coalition Director for 8 years, and now as the Sr. Director of Health Education, Cindy manages and oversees the asthma staff, membership, activities, goals/ objectives, evaluation, and grant funding. In addition, she coordinates and leads mission related projects to improve lung health and prevent lung disease. She has been involved with the Asthma Friendly Schools Initiation projects locally and nationally as well as the "big 5" districts across NYS. She serves as a NICHQ Improvement Advisor and provides leadership and guidance for asthma improvement partnerships.



**Lourdes Soto, MPH, EdD**, Professor and Acting Director of the Research Institute for Global Health Promotion and Health Education (IIPESAG), has worked to help individuals take control over their risk behaviors and social determinants of health to improve their quality of health and environment. IIPESAG was established as a means for the development of interdisciplinary and interprofessional research and collaboration, recognizing that an interdisciplinary approach strengthens the exchange of knowledge between professionals. As Co-Investigator and member of the leadership group of the Hispanics-In Research' Capabilities Endowment (HiREC) and Hispanic Clinical and Translational Research Education and Career Development (HCTRECD) Program, Dr. Soto works to strengthen the research capacity to study health disparities as part of the Masters of Science in Clinical and

Translational Research (MSc) program and of Ph.D. and M.D. around the US. She received her BA from UPR- Río Piedras Campus, MPH from UPR/Medical Sciences Campus, and Ed.D. from UPR-Río Piedras Campus. She holds many awards and honors for her work and previously served as the Director Health Education Program, MSC, at the University of Puerto Rico.



**Amanda Reddy, MS** is the director of the Programs Division at the National Center for Healthy Housing where she is responsible for advancing numerous organizational initiatives, including those related to increasing healthcare financing of healthy homes services and developing training and technical assistance to support states in launching and growing sustainable asthma home visiting programs. Ms. Reddy is an experienced public health professional with nearly a decade of experience in data management, analysis, and program evaluation. In her prior role as Senior Analyst with NCHH and its subsidiary, Healthy Housing Solutions, Ms. Reddy led the development of indicators for the HUD Healthy Communities Index. She was previously a research scientist with the New York State Department of Health where she filled a variety of program evaluation, management, and technical support roles for a collection of programs including the Asthma Control, Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention, Healthy Neighborhoods, and Healthy Home Environments for New Yorkers with Asthma Programs. She holds an MS in Environmental Health from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and a BA in Neuroscience and Behavior from Mount Holyoke College.



**Mary-Beth Malcarney, JD, MPH** is an Assistant Research Professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Milken Institute School of Public Health at the George Washington University. She has a diverse range of expertise in public health law and policy, including: Affordable Care Act implementation; Medicaid reimbursement policy; health homes and other delivery system reforms; the changing landscape of public health departments and community health centers; community-based prevention and wellness programs; and health care and public health spending reforms. Professor Malcarney is the Executive Director of the *Childhood Asthma Leadership Coalition*, a multi-sector coalition of organizations working to advance policy proposals that will improve cost-effective, evidence-based childhood asthma management and symptom prevention through federal policy change and targeted state efforts. Professor Malcarney holds a JD from The George Washington University Law School; a MPH in health policy and management from Tufts University School of Medicine; and a BS in biopsychology and community health from Tufts University.



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**Deborah Nagin, MPH** is the Director of the NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene, Healthy Homes Program. She has been a public health professional for over 25 years. Ms. Nagin began her public health career working in the field of occupational safety and health as a health advocate. In 2001, she became the Director of the NYC Health Department's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, focusing her public health work on children's health concerns. In 2008, while continuing to provide services to lead poisoned children and lead poisoned pregnant women, the program expanded its primary prevention activities beyond lead to include interventions to address other home environmental hazards. In 2013, the program formally changed its name to the Healthy Homes Program. Ms. Nagin has a MPH from Columbia University, specializing in environmental and occupational health.



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