

The Executive DrPH in Public Health Leadership

Class of 2010

JEANNE ALONGI

Consultant

National Association of Chronic Disease Directors

Residence: California

Jeanne Alongi, MPH, is a consultant with the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors. Her professional interests center on a public health approach to healthy aging and chronic disease prevention. Ms. Alongi served in the Public Health Prevention Service at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention before becoming the director of the arthritis and osteoporosis programs in the California Department of Health Services. She is the recipient of the Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Ms. Alongi earned a Bachelor of Science from the University of California, Davis and a Masters of Public Health from the George Washington University.

DOUGLAS BALL

Medical Director, Bureau of Emergency Management

Section Chief, Medical & Clinical Emergency Section

New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Residence: New Jersey

Doug was born in Los Angeles and grew up in the Intermountain West. He got his undergraduate degree in physics at the University of Utah and received his medical degree from Washington University in Saint Louis, MO as well as a Master's degree in molecular and cellular biology. He completed a residency in General Preventive Medicine and Public Health at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry in Rochester NY. He is board certified in General Preventive Medicine and Public Health. He has practiced medicine in a variety of settings, in addition, he has experience outside of traditional medical settings, including founding and running a corporation and serving as a consultant to medical technology startup companies.

Doug is currently the Medical Director for the Bureau of Emergency Management of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, where he leads a multidisciplinary planning team. In this role, he is a member of a team that plans for both bioterrorism and naturally occurring public health disasters and for the training and deployment of over to 40,000 city employees and volunteers. He also is assigned to act as the primary section chief of one of the agency's incident command system sections during incidents. Doug serves on the American College of Preventive Medicine- Terrorism and Disaster Preparedness Committee. He is a member of the RAND Expert Panel on Point of Dispensing Standards and is a member of the DHHS Workgroup on Public health Resource Typing. He is a member in good standing of the American Public Health Association Health Administration Section, the United States Military Strategist Association and ASIS International.

JILL CENTER

Senior Health Policy Analyst

U.S. Government Accountability Office

Residence: Washington, DC

I am delighted to be a part of the third cohort and to spend my Tuesday evenings learning from and debating with such a fantastic group of colleagues and teachers. I am also happy never to have to take the GRE again! I am balancing the DrPH program with my work as a Senior Health Policy Analyst for the U.S. Government Accountability Office where I research and analyze federally-funded programs for members of Congress.

I served for 5 years as a Public Health Advisor at the National Institutes of Health-- managing communications support contracts and several public health campaigns and program evaluations including for infant mortality and youth media literacy and obesity prevention. In 2005, I completed a 3 month detail to the CDC's Global AIDS Program in Nairobi, Kenya. There I worked with U.S. and Kenyan colleagues to collect data and report findings from several U.S. government-funded HIV/AIDS care and prevention activities.

Prior to my time at NIH, I was the Health Policy Analyst at the American Public Health Association and the Administrative Director of The Cambridge Birth Center in Cambridge, Massachusetts. I was part of the team that opened a beautiful free-standing birth center with midwifery and doula services provided in 14 languages—the most rewarding (and exhausting) work I have experienced! I earned an MPH at the Boston University School of Public Health and an undergraduate degree in English and Women's Studies from Wake Forest University in North Carolina.

I share an old Victorian row home on Capitol Hill with my husband, Steven—a physicist at the U.S. Naval Observatory—and our cat, Charlotte. I have the most pleasant commute I could imagine: a two mile walk past the Folger Shakespeare Library, the Library of Congress, the Supreme Court, the Capitol, the National Mall, and the Building Museum. I enjoy traveling to new places, cooking for friends, singing 80's power ballads to my newborn nephew, walking everywhere, and seeing as many independent movies as I can.

DIANNE DUNNING

Assistant Dean, College Relations

College of Veterinary Medicine, North Carolina State University

Residence: North Carolina

Dr. Dunning received a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Washington State University in 1993. She concluded a rotating internship in Small Animal Medicine and Surgery at the University of Georgia in 1994 and then went on to complete a combined MS degree and residency in Small Animal Surgery at Colorado State University in 1997. Dr. Dunning became a Diplomate in the American College of Veterinary Surgeons in 1999. She has held faculty positions at Louisiana State University and University of Illinois. Currently, she is the Assistant Dean for College Relations at North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine (NCSU CVM). At the CVM, College Relations encompasses the areas of Development, Alumni Relations, Communications and the Animal Welfare Ethics and Public Policy (AWEPP) Program. The AWEPP Program seeks to provide a multidisciplinary and comprehensive approach to better understanding the complex relationship that people share with animals. Through its three Areas of Excellence in Animal Welfare, Veterinary Behavior, and

Community Practice/Shelter Medicine, the AWEPP Program sponsors public service programs, education and engagement activities, research, and public policy development.

HABIB EL TAKACH

Medical Director of Medical Center

Internal Security Forces

Residence: Lebanon

I am Habib El Takach, from Beirut, Lebanon. I am 44 years old and the oldest of seven children in my family. I got my MD at the Lvov State medical Institute in Ukraine in 1991. This period of time was very fruitful for me as far as I took active part in the student life, in the activities that our Lebanese student group was organizing as well as the international student club. It also gave me an appreciation for the unique opportunities that arise from collaborating with people from diverse backgrounds. Growing up in Lebanon I was already fluent in three languages and my seven years in Ukraine added a fourth- one that I still enjoy speaking when I have the opportunity.

After two years of postgraduate medical training I joined the Internal Security Forces as a medical officer. In my twelve years at the ISF, I have served as a medical director of several different facilities, have earned diplomas in forensic and occupational medicine, and earned an MPH in 1996. During the past year, I have the opportunity to be a Humphrey fellow at UNC studying health policy. My year in the United States has taken me to Detroit, Washington DC, Boston, Williamsburg, Emerald Isle. I enjoyed interacting with my new friends in Chapel Hill and appreciate the chance to cook delicious Lebanese food for them.

NNEKA EMENYONU

Project Director

UCSF Epidemiology and Prevention Interventions Center

Residence: Uganda

Nneka Emenyonu was born in Boulder, Colorado to an American mother and a Nigerian father. Her family relocated to Nigeria when she was 3 months old, where she spent the next 19 years of her life. Following high school, Nneka moved back to the United States to attend Oberlin College, where she completed a Bachelors of Arts degree in Biology. She received a Master of Public Health degree with a concentration in International Health and also obtained a certificate in Health Finance and Management from the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, Maryland.

Nneka is currently the Project Director of the MUST-UCSF Research Collaboration in Mbarara, Uganda. She initiated and built the program from the ground up, and in three years it has expanded to consist of 50 staff, 21 active research protocols, and 30 investigators from both Africa and the United States. The main goal of the MUST-UCSF Research Collaboration, besides public health promotion, is to build capacity and learning so that African public health issues can be addressed primarily through African health professionals. Prior to her work in Uganda, Nneka coordinated breast cancer clinical trials at the UCSF Breast Care Center. She is the recipient of 3 outstanding performance awards from UCSF particularly for the impact her work in Uganda has had on the UCSF School of medicine.

JOANNE PIKE

Vice President, Corporate Initiatives

American Cancer Society

Residence: Georgia

I earned my Master of Arts in Community Counseling from St. Mary's University of San Antonio and Bachelor of Arts in Psychology/Philosophy from University of Portland. I have been with the American Cancer Society for seven years in numerous roles, most recently focusing on health initiatives and fundraising with Fortune 1,000 companies. Throughout my time with ACS, I have focused on cancer prevention and early detection initiatives including tobacco control, nutrition and physical activity, and increasing screening rates and access to cancer screening. This work has included numerous clinical trials on interventions for smoking cessation and increasing fruit/vegetable consumption and physical activity. Recently, I have been added to the strategic team for the Preventative Health Partnership between ACS, American Diabetes Association, and American Heart Association. I find my work with ACS deeply rewarding and challenging. Prior to ACS, I worked with teenage girls to build their self-esteem and healthy decision making skills.

WENDY SARRATT

Assistant Director, Program Planning and Development

UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center

Residence: North Carolina

Wendy Sarratt is Assistant Director at the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center. The Center's mission is to reduce cancer occurrence and death in North Carolina and the nation through research, treatment, training and outreach. With the Center's leadership team, Wendy works on planning and developing the Center's program of research. In addition to day-to-day management activities, Wendy focuses on organizing center-wide grant submissions and promoting interdisciplinary interactions. Prior to this work, she managed cancer prevention and control research at the Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center. Though her public health interests extend to many topics, she has found that the scientific and social complexity of cancer poses a number of interesting challenges. Her prior degrees, including an MPH in Health Behavior and Health Education, are also from UNC. Wendy is a native of North Carolina and has lived in Chapel Hill for about 15 years. She enjoys cycling and other outdoor activities when the humidity is tolerable.

CONSTANCE VAN EEGHEN

Chief Operating Officer

Lean Healthcare Partners, LLC

Residence: Vermont

Connie van Eeghen, MBA, MHSA, has provided management support and leadership to health care organizations for over 20 years. During this time, she has contributed to a wide range of health care companies, including large academic health centers in the mid-west and on the east coast, mid-size community hospitals, multi-group physician offices, an innovative psychiatric rehabilitation center, a skilled nursing facility, and a critical access hospital. She has worked closely with Medical Staff Leaders, Governing Board members, and all levels of hospital operations teams. She worked as an independent consultant in a large community hospital in California, providing strategic planning support and developing of a quality improvement program. Connie has consulted with healthcare organizations

around leadership education and special projects, such as emergency preparedness. She is now the Chief Operating Officer for and partner of a healthcare management consulting group, Lean Healthcare Partners, LLC.

Connie was elected Vice President in the Vermont Quality and Utilization Management Professionals Organization and has worked actively in the American Society of Healthcare Risk Management (ASHRM). She received the President's Award in 1999 for her contributions to Copley Hospital. She was inducted into the Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society in 1984 at the University of Michigan.

Over the past 20 years, Connie has managed the functions of Quality Improvement, Medical Staff Services, Human Resources, Social Services, Education, Safety, Emergency Preparedness, Corporate Compliance, JCAHO Accreditation, Risk Management, Utilization Management, Infection Control, and Health Information Management. She has organized and delivered leadership development programs and provided company-wide staff education on such topics as patient centered care and service excellence.

Connie has contributed to health care across a spectrum of roles. She began her career in New York City, as a student social worker in a psychiatric rehabilitation center for schizophrenic adults and teenagers. She volunteered in England as a care assistant in centers for developmentally delayed school children. Connie has "shadowed" surgeons and medical physicians, transported patients, managed medical records, and counseled staff in human resources. Her experiences in hospital administration have added a broad overview to the delivery of services across patient care delivery and support roles. Through out these experiences, she has focused on the needs of the patient/client and the staff, implementing programs that have measurably improved patient and staff satisfaction.

RACHAEL WONG

Executive Director

Kōkua Mau

Residence: Hawai'i

Aloha! I live in Honolulu, Hawai'i and run our state hospice and palliative care organization, Kōkua Mau (*Continuous Care*). I am also involved in organ donation and transplantation work, advise a personal health record company, and serve on the board of a natural foods cooperative. I received an A.B. in East Asian Studies and a certificate in Women's Studies from Princeton University (1995), and earned a MPH in Maternal and Child Health from the University of Hawai'i-Mānoa (1997). I am interested in the overlap between palliative care and organ donation, and how people in these spectrums of illness, dying, grieving, and healing can be better served.

My husband, Brad Chun, is a physician at a local community health center; through him, I have watched many Tar Heel basketball games. We have a small dog, 'Ele, are Aunty & Uncle to many (i.e., no kids of our own), and appreciate good food. I play tennis, practice yoga, and enjoy traveling. I look forward to meeting and working with everyone!

SEBASTIEN WOYNAR

Medical Officer

French Agency for Hospital Audit and Expertise (Mission nationale d'Expertise et d'Audit Hospitaliers / Meah)

Residence: France

My name is Sébastien Woynar. I was born in France 31 years ago from a French mother and American father. I spent most of my childhood travelling in different countries (USA, France, UK...). I graduated from Medical School in Paris. During my public health medical residency I gained clinical, research and health policy experience. I also worked in Senegal as a clinician and as a health policy advisor. I spent a year in London completing a MSc in Health Policy at the London School of Hygiene and the London School of Economics. I currently am the Medical Officer of a governmental agency (MeaH) linked to the French Ministry of Health that provides leadership for national quality improvement campaigns in hospitals. I am also personally in charge of 4 quality improvement campaigns (radiotherapy, medical imaging, pre-hospital medical care and pressure ulcer management).

I live in Paris with my incredible wife Valerie. She is also a MD and she works as head of the clinical cancer treatment guidelines department at the French National Cancer Institute.

I am very happy to join this cohort and look forward to having rich exchanges!

Oh yes by the way: I am pretty much into cycling (I guess they are other fans in the cohort!).