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Tamara Yang Demko, J.D., M.P.H., currently serves as a senior health policy advisor and registered lobbyist in the Executive Office of Florida Governor Rick Scott, presenting before the Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate on behalf of the Governor.

Until February 2011, Ms. Demko served as the Chief of Staff for the Agency for Persons with Disabilities. Until January 2011, Ms. Demko also served as the Executive Director of the Governor's Task Force on Autism Spectrum Disorders. Prior to joining the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, Ms. Demko served as the Assistant Deputy Secretary for Health at the Florida Department of Health, and fulfilled the statutory role of Florida's Officer of Women's Health Strategy.

Ms. Demko obtained her juris doctor from Harvard Law School, where she focused on health law and public policy. She obtained a master of public health from the University of South Florida, where she focused on public health administration and also earned a graduate certificate in health policy and programs. Ms. Demko received her undergraduate degree in psychology from the University of Florida, where she completed premedical studies. Prior to governmental service, Ms. Demko practiced in the private sector for several years in the areas of health law and white collar criminal defense. She is an active member of the Florida, Massachusetts, and District of Columbia Bars.

Ms. Demko enjoys public speaking, health advocacy, genealogy, taekwondo, volunteering as a birth assistant, and spending time with her two children.

PHILIP DOWNS

*Technical Advisor, Neglected Tropical Disease Control Program
RTI International
Residence: Silver Spring, Maryland*

Philip Downs is Technical Advisor for the Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD) Control Program at RTI International, where he is responsible for country grantees and provides technical assistance in the implementation of integrated NTD control. He has over 12 years of experience managing infectious disease control and eradication programs, including previous work as project manager of RTI's Integrated Vector Management (IVM) Program and Deputy Director of The Carter Center's Guinea Worm Eradication Program. His technical interests are on evaluating the eco-epidemiology of diseases; strengthening institutional and technical capacity for infectious disease control; and supporting operational/applied research to develop new tools, advocacy, and global coordination and communication of infectious disease. Philip earned his Master in Public Health from Emory University's Rollins School and completed the Field Epidemiology Certification course at UNC.

Philip met his wife, Jill, while serving in the U.S. Peace Corps in Côte d'Ivoire. They keep active entertaining their 6 year old daughter, Ava, and are passionate supporters of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. He loves any excuse to get his hands dirty in the garden and always has an eye on the map for the next big adventure.

LAURA HOEMEKE

Director of Strategic Communications
IntraHealth International
Residence: Carrboro, North Carolina

I have worked in global health for more than 20 years—and lived in Africa for 14 of those years. I have lived and worked in the Central African Republic, Benin, Senegal, and Rwanda, and have had short-term assignments in another 20 countries in Africa. After studying journalism at Northwestern University, I had an illustrative one-year career in journalism in Chicago (at Vegetarian Times magazine), then decided to do the Peace Corps. After three years working on primary health care in the Central African Republic, I moved back to the US to do my MPH at Johns Hopkins. After several years working on reproductive health and maternal and child health programs for Africare, based in Washington, DC, I moved to Benin. I spent four years in Benin as the family health technical advisor at USAID. I began working with IntraHealth in 2003, first as the Regional Director for West and Central Africa based in Senegal, and most recently as the Chief of Party in Rwanda for a \$30-million USAID-funded decentralization and health program (through January 2010). I am currently the Director of Strategic Communications at IntraHealth International, a non-governmental organization based in Chapel Hill.

I am passionate about global health and communications, and am interested in the role of various players in the changing world of global health, including international and local NGOs, other civil society groups, bilateral and multilateral organizations, and ministries of health. I also am interested in how we in the global health community communicate results and stories to a variety of audiences.

I live in Carrboro, which is close enough to walk to UNC's campus. I enjoy reading and writing—and look forward to catching up on several novels over the summer before the onslaught of school work. I also spend my free time dancing and doing a variety of art and design projects. And, last but not least, my fiancé Juan and I have plans to get married this year. I am truly enthused about starting the executive DrPH program, and look forward to meeting and working with a fascinating group of fellow students and faculty members.

GIFT KAMANGA

Manager for Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) Clinical Services and Research
UNC Project/ Kamuzu Central Hospital STI Clinic
Residence: Lilongwe, Malawi

Gift Kamanga is a Clinical Officer trained in Malawi. He is currently working as Manager for Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) Clinical Services and Research at the UNC Project/ Kamuzu Central Hospital STI Clinic. His clinical expertise dates back to 1998 and has been largely in sexual and reproductive health particularly; obstetrics/gynecology, family planning, sexually transmitted infections (including HIV). He received his MSc from University College London/London School of Hygiene and

Tropical Medical of the University of London in 2004. He has also provided technical expertise in several sexual, reproductive and HIV national technical working groups coordinated by Malawi Ministry of Health such as Sexually Transmitted Infections Advisory Committee, HIV Testing and Counseling working group and National Health Sector Review Group.

His interest is in HIV prevention services. His country has high HIV prevalence of 12%. The services he is involved in are potential for mitigating the impact of HIV. He would like to see effective coordination/leadership of different players to bring about the much needed primary and secondary HIV prevention.

SAAD KHAN

Chief Health Informatics Officer

US Department of Veterans Affairs

Residence: Westchester, New York

Saad was born in Karachi, Pakistan and moved to Northern Virginia at the age of 7. He got his Bachelors of Science in medical technology from George Mason University. Not quite satisfied with spending so much time behind a microscope, he later went on to receive Masters degrees in public health and health systems administration from George Washington University. All the while, honing his true passion for applying technology to solve health care issues and was intimately involved in integrating lab information systems to point of care accessibility.

He currently works for the US Department of Veterans Affairs as the Chief Health Informatics Officer; serving as the senior leader and resident expert for health informatics across the New York/New Jersey VA system made up of eight medical centers and 27 primary care centers. Before his arrival in New York, he was serving as a public health IT expert for the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development based in Paris, France where he was responsible for studying and advising on the use of health ICTs across the OECD countries. Prior to gallivanting around Europe and where a love of the policy side to health IT emerged, Saad was a senior analyst at the US Government Accountability Office in Washington where he spent over 7 years providing public health care IT expertise to the US Congress and federal agencies in developing health care legislation, policies, and regulations. Prior to GAO, in addition to doing clinical pathology bench work, Saad was involved in various operational roles managing the design, development, and deployment of a broad range of public health IT systems in both the private and public sector.

He resides in Westchester, NY (for the moment) with his wife and 4 kids who wonder if we'll ever give up our nomadic ways of late—he's always on the lookout for the next public health IT opportunity!

ANAND KURUP

Technical Officer, Social Determinants of Health Unit

Department of Ethics, Equity, Trade and Human Rights

World Health Organization

Residence: Geneva, Switzerland

Anand is public health professional with 20 years of experience of working with civil society organizations and with the UN system on various public health and development issues such as HIV/AIDS, maternal and child health, water and sanitation, social determinants of health and health

equity. He has extensive experience in program development and management, building and managing partnerships, and in community mobilization. He started his career in Kerala, his native place in India in 1991 with a program to ensure access to safe drinking water and sanitation among rural communities. He then moved to community health research and teaching social work for Graduate students in different parts of the country (1992-98). During 1998-2005, he managed civil society organization-led comprehensive HIV prevention, AIDS care, treatment and support programs with key populations including sex workers, men who have sex with men as well as people living with HIV/AIDS and children affected by AIDS in different States of India.

In 2005, Anand was selected as a Health Leadership Service Officer of WHO, a prestigious leadership and management development program for young professionals. He was placed in WHO China office for two years, and was responsible for policy and programme of work on maternal and child health issues. He moved to Geneva in 2007 to work on social determinants of health and health equity issues, and has been primarily responsible to work on mainstreaming social determinants of health within public health programs of WHO. He recently has co-edited two books published by WHO on the subject. Anand has a Masters degree in Social Work and M.Phil in Community Health from India.

JENNIFER LUDOVIC

Division of Laboratory Sciences

National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Residence: Atlanta, Georgia

After brief stints in healthcare consulting and the software and technology sector, I joined CDC in 2003 as a policy analyst. For the past year, I have been a policy advisor in the Office of the Director of the Division of Laboratory Sciences in the National Center for Environmental Health. CDC's Environmental Health Laboratory comprises a broad range of program areas, including biomonitoring for nutrients and exposure of people to toxic chemicals in the environment; responding to terrorism and public health emergencies involving chemicals and radiation; improving laboratory methods to diagnose and prevent disease, including chemical threat agents, radiation, toxins, organic compounds, and cardiovascular disease biomarkers; and newborn screening. Among other activities, I am responsible for the 400-person Division's annual budget request, program performance measurement, congressional inquiries and testimony preparation, and coordination of legal issues. My role also includes working closely with other parts of CDC and outside partners in support of the Division's programs. I genuinely enjoy working with the world-renowned laboratorians in our Division and appreciate the privilege of being part of a Division that uses cutting-edge science to directly impact the public's health.

I received an undergraduate degree in English and American Language and Literature from Harvard College, and an MPH in Public Health Policy and Management from Emory's Rollins School of Public Health. I love working in the yard and gardening, reading, listening to live music, traveling, and making dinner for friends. I also enjoy playing fetch with my two rescued dogs and volunteering with an animal rescue organization. I am looking forward to beginning classes and meeting everyone in our cohort.

DEBORAH PAONE

Executive Director, Normandale Center for Healing & Wholeness
Principal, Paone & Associates, LLC
Residence: Bloomington, Minnesota

Deborah Paone has focused her work on designing, pilot-testing and evaluating systems, practice methods, and service models for older adults and family caregivers offered through hospital-based systems, primary care, and community-based settings. She is particularly interested in the transformation from research to practice and the *implementation and sustainability* of evidence-based interventions that prevent disability, improve care outcomes, and build capacity (both individually and organizationally).

Deborah serves as Executive Director of a community-based nonprofit in the Twin Cities serving older adults and family caregivers and as the founder and Principal of her own healthcare evaluation and consulting service, primarily focusing on statewide demonstrations and initiatives testing payment and practice models. Previously, Deborah served as the Director of the American Hospital Association's Section for Aging and Long-Term Care Services in Chicago and as the Vice President for Member Services and as Senior Research Associate for the National Chronic Care Consortium in Minnesota.

Deborah has a Master of Health Services Administration from the University of Michigan and a Bachelor of Arts in Gerontological Issues in Community Medicine from the University of Rochester. She lives in the Twin Cities and enjoys biking, cross-country skiing, dancing, gardening, hiking, reading, and yoga. Every winter (which lasts 6 months in Minnesota) she dreams about living in an Italian villa and learning how to transform Italian produce and pasta into culinary works of art.

STEPHANIE WATSON-GRANT

Country Portfolio Manager
MEASURE Evaluation
Residence: Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Stephanie Watson-Grant, has 10 years of experience in community mobilization, project management, participatory research methodologies, partnership development and development of community based M&E systems. Stephanie is a Country Portfolio Manager with MEASURE Evaluation Phase III, a USAID funded public health project managed by the Carolina Population Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Previously, Stephanie worked for USAID in Jamaica managing the HIV portfolio and UNAIDS Office for Jamaica, The Bahamas and Belize providing technical assistance in HIV M&E. Stephanie is an avid reader. When she is not reading, she is a voice activated light stand for her husband who is a photographer.

AMY WOLKINS, MSPH

Lead of the Disaster Epidemiology and Response Team
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Residence: Atlanta, Georgia

I have been an environmental epidemiologist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the past nine years. As the Lead of the Disaster Epidemiology and Response Team, I am responsible for leading preparedness and response efforts in disaster epidemiology. My team is responsible for conducting epidemiology studies following disasters, implementing preparedness

strategies, and providing technical assistance to local, state, and federal public health agencies during a disaster response. Following a domestic disaster, I am often lead the scientific response for the CDC in the Emergency Operation Center or I am deployed to the the disaster area. My response work has sent me all of the country and to international locations, including Southeastern Asia and Central America. My areas of expertise include disaster epidemiology, environmental epidemiology, and environmental toxicology.

I have a MSPH in Epidemiology and Environmental Health from Emory University, and a BS in Environmental Health Science from the University of Georgia (go Dawgs!). I live in Atlanta, Georgia with my husband Brent, two active sons (Ethan and Shai), and a regal beagle. When I am not working, I am spending time with my family; playing with the boys, enjoying the outdoors, and traveling the world.

MARK WOODRING

Associate Administrator of Operations
Lakewood Hospital, Truman Medical Centers
Residence: Kansas City, Missouri

Mark Woodring has spent his career in healthcare administration working to make a difference for underserved populations and communities in the Midwest. Mark recently joined Truman Medical Centers in February 2009 as Associate Administrator of Operations at Lakewood Hospital, and has administrative responsibility for ensuring effective day-to-day operations at Lakewood, strategic campus development and is current chair of Lakewood's "Accountable Care Organization – Lookalike" project for uninsured patients. Additionally, Mark serves as the administrative liaison for the University of Missouri – Kansas City Family Practice Residency program and affiliated fellowship programs. Truman Medical Centers is one of the country's leading academic safety net health systems that primarily serves the uninsured and indigent populations of Kansas City and Jackson County.

Prior to joining TMC, Woodring was Chief Executive Officer of Myrtue Medical Center and Shelby County Medical Corporation (Harlan, IA), a community health system comprised of a public county hospital, network of rural physician clinics, outpatient behavioral health center, and county health department. During his four year tenure as CEO, MMC was nationally recognized with awards in clinical excellence, named one of 36 national demonstration sites for the American Academy of Family Practice's "TransforMed" project, and Mark secured over \$6 million in necessary funding and partnership to construct Vision Iowa's first LEED-certified 45,000 square foot Wellness and Recreation Center in the state. As a reflection of MMC's efforts in improving care and expanding access to Western Iowa, Woodring was named a finalist for the American Hospital Association's "Shirley Ann Munroe Leadership Award" in 2007. While in Iowa, Woodring served on various councils and task forces with the Iowa Hospital Association, including the Council on Representation and Advocacy and Council on Health Information.

Mark graduated from Bradley University, Peoria, IL, with a degree in risk management and insurance, and completed his Master's Degree in Health Administration at the University of Iowa. He is also a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives. Mark also served various administrative leadership roles with Keokuk Area Hospital, a non-profit 125 bed community hospital in his hometown of Keokuk, Iowa, where he served as Chairman of the Board for the Community Health Centers of Southeastern Iowa in Burlington, Iowa, and Treasurer for Big River United Way. Mark, his wife Kari, and daughters Jenna (8) and Ashlyn (1) reside in Lee's Summit, MO where he enjoys playing electric guitar for Legacy Christian Church,

bicycling, and NASCAR.