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Communicable Disease Epidemiology: Applying Tools of the Trade to Investigations

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Jim received his Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education, Broad field Science, from The University of Montana. Jim is currently the Bureau Chief of the Communicable Disease Control and Prevention Bureau at the Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services. Programs in this bureau include Immunization, Communicable Disease, Food and Consumer Safety and Emergency Preparedness. Jim has been with DPHHS for 20 years and in the past coordinated the department's preparedness and communicable disease and response activities and worked on a variety of HIV/AIDS related issues. Jim was born and raised in Butte and currently lives outside of Helena with his wife Vickie and two children.

Elton Mosher

Elton Mosher, a Disease Surveillance Specialist, with DPHHS has been with the department for over 13 years. He started his public health career with the Immunization Program where he was the Adult Immunization and Hepatitis C Coordinator for five years before transitioning to his current position in the Communicable Disease and Epidemiology Program. Prior to his employment at DPHHS Mr. Mosher spent many years as a medical technologist and medical intelligence analyst working in hospitals and clinics worldwide.

Alli Bishop, MPH, BSN, CPN

Alli is the HIV Surveillance Epidemiologist at the Disease Control and Prevention Bureau, Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services. Alli completed an MPH, UW (Seattle) (2010); BSN, UM (Ann Arbor) (1975); Certificate in Field Epidemiology at the UNC (Chapel Hill) (2007); and earned a CPH (2010). Since 1975, Alli has worked as a PHN in Vermont, Michigan, Washington, and Montana and as an Advanced Practice Nurse in Planning and Preparedness in King County, WA. Alli was PHN for communicable disease and surveillance at Flathead City-County Health Department. Alli currently resides in Helena.

Denise Ingman, B.S.

Denise Ingman is the Tuberculosis Program Manager at the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, a position she has held for 18 years. Denise has a B.S. in Microbiology from Montana State University, Bozeman. She is an executive board member of the National TB Controllers Association, currently serving as Executive Secretary. Recent national workgroups and committees Denise has served on include CDC's Expert Group to Evaluate Molecular Drug Susceptibility Testing, the National Model TB Law Workgroup, and the CDC Long-term Funding Redistribution Workgroup. She also served as an external contributor on the CDC publication *Guidelines for Preventing the Transmission of Mycobacterium tuberculosis in Health-Care Settings*. Denise has co-authored journal articles and posters presented at national venues and has also presented at national workshops and conferences.

Debbi Gibson

Debbie Gibson is a Clinical Laboratory Scientist who is currently the Microbiology and Molecular Laboratory Manager at the Montana Public Health Laboratory. She has been involved with infectious disease testing as a bench technologist in microbiology, virology, and molecular, and has also had the experience of managing these areas during various outbreaks. Debbie is a Carroll College graduate and is currently pursuing her Master in Public Health degree from the University of Montana. She has been with the Montana Public Health Laboratory for 13 years.

Tools of the Trade: Practical Skills for Managers

Julie Benson-Rosston

Julie is currently a professor in the Communication Department at Carroll College in Helena, Montana. Over the past 23 years, she has taught at the Universities of Minnesota (Morris) and Montana (Missoula), as well as Red Rocks Community College in Denver. She teaches interpersonal communication, organizational communication, conflict management, and public speaking. In addition, Julie is an Associate with the Collaboration Institute, where she works as a facilitator, mediator, coach, trainer, and consultant.

John R. (Jack) Thompson, MSW

Jack is a former Director of the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice at the University of Washington and is a Senior Lecturer with the Department of Health Services. He is the Principal Investigator on the Northwest Center for Public Health Preparedness Program and the Northwest Public Health Leadership Institute, supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as well as the Kansas Health Foundation Community Health Project Evaluation. Mr. Thompson has been on faculty in the School of Public Health since November of 1994. Prior to that time, Thompson was employed by the Seattle-King County Department of Public Health for ten years, and was the Director of the Seattle Health Services Division from 1986-1994. Before coming to the Seattle-King County Department of Public Health, Thompson was Executive Director of Neighborhood Health Centers of Seattle, a consortium of community health centers, for six years.

Tara Melinkovich, MPH

Ms. Melinkovich is the Outreach & Training Design Specialist at the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice. She works directly with regional partners to identify training gaps; develop and manage new training activities; and expand regional relationships through various outreach activities. Tara's favorite part of her job is helping improve the public health workforce capacity through a variety of collaborations across the Northwest. Ms. Melinkovich has a Master of Public Health from the University of Washington. Before joining the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice, she was active in the Seattle theatre community as both a performer and writer. When not at work Tara enjoys spending time with her family. She recently welcomed the birth of her second son, Nico.

Bud Nicola, MD, MHSA

Ray M. (Bud) Nicola, MD, MHSA, is assigned by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as a Field Assignee to the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice at the University of Washington School of Public Health in Seattle, Washington. He is a member of the King County Board of Health and the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). Nicola is an Affiliate

Professor at the University of Washington's School of Public Health in the Department of Health Services and at the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice. Prior to joining CDC in 1991, Nicola directed the Seattle King County Health Department in Seattle, Washington, the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department in Tacoma, Washington, and worked in several local health departments in Colorado. For six years, Nicola was the Director of the Division of Public Health Systems at CDC's Public Health Practice Program Office in Atlanta, Georgia. He was assigned to Seattle to support the Turning Point Initiative, an effort funded by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to improve public health in 21 states and 43 communities.

Disaster Lessons Learned: How all Hazard Events Apply to Public Health.

Adam Powers, BS

Adam comes to us from North Dakota where he headed up a small consulting firm for the last seven years. During that period of time he helped state and local governments develop an ongoing preparedness program including planning, training, exercise, equipment, and organizational development. He has supported public health, health care, EMS, law enforcement, public works, schools, private and non-profit organizations in areas such as terrorism, evacuation and sheltering, special needs populations, ICS training, HSEEP compliance, and grant writing to secure more than 12 million dollars in equipment. Adam has also worked with the North Dakota Department of Emergency Services, the City of Breckenridge, MN, and the City of Moorhead, MN on disaster preparedness, planning, training, exercises, mitigation, response, and recovery. Adam is a graduate of North Dakota State University with a Bachelors Degree in Political Science, is a Certified Office for Domestic Preparedness Trainer, and is working towards his master's degree in Emergency Management at Capella University, in Minneapolis.

Derek Hanson, BA

Derek currently serve as the Director of Safety, Security & Emergency Management at St. Alexius Medical Center, in Bismarck, North Dakota with more than 33 years of service in healthcare, public health, emergency management, fire service, and EMS. Derek serves as the chair of the Bismarck/Burleigh LEPC and is a Type III Incident Management Assistant Team Logistics Chief. He also chairs the statewide HRSA Grant, SE Regional Hospital Coalition, and on the Regional Bioterrorism Response Committee. He serves on the board for the regions life flight program. Derek served as a volunteer with the Bismarck Rural Fire & Rescue Department, and retired from that department in May of 2009. He was also on the Williston Fire Department and the Drayton Ambulance Squad. Derek served on the Executive Council of the International PHTLS (Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support) organization and presented program information throughout Argentina, Canada, and United States. Derek Hanson is owner and President of EPIC Group LLC and contracts with Bartlett and Jones Publishing Company, ND Game & Fish Department, North Dakota Department of Health, North Dakota Healthcare Association, Mosby Publishing company, and other state and local government agencies. Derek has a Bachelors Degree from the University of North Dakota in Health Administration.

Luke W. Fortune, M.Ed.

Luke is the Risk Communications and Special Populations Coordinator for the DPHHS Public Health Emergency Preparedness Office. Luke's background entails over 20 years of writing and planning in the communications and educational fields. His specialty is in crisis and emergency communication planning.

Using and Interpreting Statistical Health Data, the tools that you can use.

Dianna Frick

Dianna is the Lead Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Epidemiologist for the Family and Community Health Bureau (FCHB) and the MCH Epidemiology Unit supervisor. Prior to her current position she was a Public Health Prevention Specialist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for three years, one year in Atlanta working with the Division of Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Prevention where she analyzed STD data, conducted assessments, and developed and coordinated a nationwide survey of STD clinics, and two years in Montana with FCHB where she coordinated the 5-year MCH needs assessment and strategic planning for the Family and Community Health Bureau. She has also worked with international health programs, conducting analyses of reproductive health data, and was a Peace Corps Volunteer in West Africa. Ms. Frick has a bachelor of arts in international affairs from Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon, and she earned a master of public health in maternal and child health with a minor in epidemiology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Dr. Joanne Oreskovich

Joanne is the BRFSS Director/Epidemiologist for Montana and has provided epidemiology support and supervision to a number of public health programs in DPHHS in 2002. Before joining the state, she taught at the Universities of Minnesota (Minneapolis), Century College (White Bear Lake, MN) and Dawson Community College (Glendive). She earned advanced degrees from the University of Montana and the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. She also is a faculty affiliate with the UM School of Public and Community Health Sciences in Missoula.

Heather Zimmerman

Heather has served as the BRFSS Epidemiologist for Montana since the fall of 2009. Prior to coming to Montana she served as the bioterrorism epidemiologist for the City of St. Louis. She earned her Masters of Public Health in epidemiology from Saint Louis University and a Bachelor of Science in biology from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville.

Dr. Carol Ballew

Carol is the Senior Public Health Epidemiologist for the State. Prior to that, she was the manager of Montana's Cancer Surveillance and Epidemiology Program for five years. She came to Montana from Alaska, where she was the Director of the Alaska Native Epidemiology Center for four years, and prior to that, she was an epidemiologist in the Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion at the CDC for eight years. She is a graduate of the University of Oregon, Oxford University, and Penn State University.

Cody L. Custis

Cody is the Epidemiologist for the Montana Hospital Discharge Data System. He graduated from the University of Montana and Montana State University. He has taught classes in mathematics and statistics at Carroll College and UM – Helena.

Leadership, Education and Performance

Mark Wilmarth, MA

Mark has been working in the field of Organizational Development and Career Development for over 25 years after having received his MA in in College Student Personnel. He currently is the

part time training and development coordinator at the City of Great Falls and is co-owner of a consulting business, Vision West, out of Great Falls, Montana. He is a presenter and facilitator in Montana and the region with specialties in personality type, emotional intelligence, building teams, generational differences, and strategic planning.

Mark is a certified user of the Myer-Briggs Type Indicator and a certified facilitator of the Oz Principle. He is member of the American Society of Training and Development. He currently writes a bi-monthly article on People Issues for the Great Falls Tribune. His experience in healthcare includes facilitating numerous sessions of a leadership program for the Northwest's largest healthcare system as well as on-going work with the largest hospital in Montana. He spent 14 years as the career services director for the University of Great Falls and continues to teach a graduate course in Career Counseling.

Karen Marsolek

For more than a decade, Karen has been involved in the design and implementation of corporate education and group facilitation. Her areas of expertise include Community Development, Customer Service and Employee Engagement. Karen is passionate about promoting and developing high functioning and healthy work environments through the establishment of a community-driven culture.

In addition to Karen's speaking career, she most recently worked as a master educator and facilitator for the Northwest's largest healthcare system. For this group Karen assisted in the design and facilitation of a multi-year leadership curriculum for the entire healthcare system. This program grew into a system-wide effort designed to involve all employees and implement wide-scale cultural change. In her own business, Karen continues to be a trusted advisor and skilled facilitator to healthcare organizations.

Karen stays committed to growing her knowledge base through attending professional conferences and continuing education classes; including training with the Disney Institute, The Studer Group, Baptist Hospital Leadership Institute, Kauffman Foundation for Entrepreneurs and the Center for Ethical Leadership. Karen is a member of the esteemed National Speakers' Association and a certified Gracious Space Facilitator.

Larry White, MHA

After having served as the President and CEO of St. Patrick Hospital for 23 years, Larry White has moved to the University of Montana where he started up the Western Montana Area Health Education Center. Larry also serves as a Research Associate Professor at the University, where his primary research interests revolve around rural healthcare. He teaches a graduate course on Administration and Management in the U.S. Healthcare System for the school's Master of Public Health program, which he helped to create while working as a healthcare consultant for the Albus Group. Other projects of Larry's at the Albus Group included biomedical technology development and interim CEO assignments at critical access hospitals.

Larry has served on the boards of numerous hospitals and health centers across Montana, and has cultivated an in-depth knowledge of healthcare operations around the state. Among the many awards he has received are the *Modern Healthcare* Young Administrator Award and the American College of Healthcare Executives Regent's Award.

The LEAP sessions presented by Larry will benefit from his expertise in rural healthcare operations, management functions, problem solving methodology, and strategic planning.

