



Agenda

9:00 – 9:05 am

Welcome Remarks

Kristina Box, MD, FACOG

State Health Commissioner

Dr. Box was named Indiana State Health Commissioner by Governor Eric J. Holcomb on September 18, 2017. She brings to the role a passion for improving the health of Hoosiers, beginning before birth.

Dr. Box has been a practicing obstetrician and gynecologist in Indianapolis for 30 years. She served on the Indiana Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative (IPQIC), an advisory council to the Indiana Department of Health that is comprised of more than 300 statewide community professionals working to reduce infant mortality. Her work with IPQIC included serving on a state task force to address neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS), which established standards for the diagnosis of NAS and developed a hospital study to determine the prevalence of drug exposed newborns.

Dr. Box earned her undergraduate degree at Indiana University in Bloomington and her medical doctorate at Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis.

She and her husband of 35 years, David, a retired ophthalmologist, live in Indianapolis. They have four adult children.

9:05 – 10:00 am

Treatment Updates

Bradley Allen, MD, PhD

Indiana Department of Health TB Medical Consultant

Indiana University School of Medicine Division of Infectious Disease

Roudebush VAMC

Dr. Allen grew up on a farm in Iowa and did his undergraduate at the University of Iowa. He stayed at Iowa for MD/PhD training with his doctoral work in Microbiology. He completed residency in Internal Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. He returned to the University of Iowa for fellowship training in Infectious Diseases before joining their faculty.

Dr. Allen moved to Indianapolis and joined the Indiana University School of Medicine's Division of Infectious Diseases in 2000. He later became Chief of Medicine at the Roudebush Veterans Affairs Medical Center and then moved to the role of Vice Chairman for Education in the Department of Medicine. He currently serves as Senior Associate Dean for Medical Student Education and the D. Craig Brater Scholar in Professionalism, as well as Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine and Infectious Diseases for IUSM. His duties include oversight

and management of the curriculum and student support delivered throughout the statewide IUSM system.

Dr. Allen serves as the Medical Consultant for the Tuberculosis Program for the Indiana Department of Health and practices in ID and HIV care at the Indianapolis VAMC. He is an avid bicyclist, Habitat for Humanity volunteer, and enjoys traveling with his wife Anne.

10:00 – 10:30 am

Epidemiology of Tuberculosis in Indiana - 2021

Biak Chinpar, MPH

TB Prevention and Care Program Epidemiologist
Indiana Department of Health

Biak Chinpar, MPH, is the TB Prevention and Care Epidemiologist at the Indiana Department of Health. Before she joined the TB Prevention and Care Program, she worked as an Epidemiologist with the COVID-19 response team. Chinpar received her Master of Public Health from IUPUI Fairbanks School of Public Health with a dual degree in Epidemiology and Environmental Health. She completed her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology at Butler University. She has substantial experience and involvement with the Burmese and Chin community, working as an EL Tutor and Translator at Perry Township Schools in Indianapolis from 2016 to 2020. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, hiking, and watching movies with her husband.

10:30– 10:45 am

Break

10:45 – 11:15 am

Kristi Mathis

TB Survivor

Kristi Mathis is a TB survivor from Michigan and a co-founder of We Are TB.

11:15 – 11:45 am

Multistate Outbreak of Spinal and Disseminated TB caused by Surgical Implantation of a Bone Allograft Product

Noah Schwartz, MD

Medical Epidemiologist
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Dr. Schwartz is a physician and epidemiologist in the Division of Tuberculosis Elimination at the CDC. Since 2019, he has investigated tuberculosis and COVID-19 outbreaks and advised state and local health departments.

11:45 – 12:00 pm

TB Excellence Award Presentations

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Lunch

1:00 – 1:15 pm

TB Survivor Experience

1:15 – 2:00 pm

Operation Allies Welcome Response at Camp Atterbury

Pamela Pontones, MA

Deputy State Health Commissioner and State Epidemiologist
Indiana Department of Health

Pam Pontones has served at the Indiana Department of Health since 1990. She began her career as a microbiologist in the IDOH Laboratory and transitioned to the Epidemiology Resource Center in 1999. Since 2009, Pam has served as State Epidemiologist overseeing programs including infectious disease epidemiology, vectorborne and zoonotic diseases, syndromic surveillance, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, and public health geographics. She also serves as an agency spokesperson for infectious diseases and other health issues. In February 2017, she was appointed deputy state health commissioner, assuming oversight for the Office of Public Health Performance Management (OPHPM) and the agency's quality improvement efforts.

Pam is an adjunct faculty member for the IU Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health and has been a member of the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists since 2010. She was a scholar in the 2010 National Public Health Leadership Institute and a fellow in the 2001 Mid-America Regional Public Health Leadership Institute. She graduated cum laude from Indiana University Bloomington with a BA in biology and minor in journalism and holds a MA in microbiology from IU.

Pam lives in Indianapolis with her husband and two sons.

2:00 – 2:30 pm

So Many Numbers: How to Interpret

Jessica Gentry

Clinical Microbiology Supervisor
Indiana Department of Health

Jessica Gentry began her career in public health by joining the IDOH Lab in 2004 as an entry level Serology microbiologist. She was invited to join the TB Lab team in 2009 and is currently the supervisor of both the TB and Reference Microbiology Lab sections. She lives in Carmel with her husband Ryan, who also works in public health, and daughters Kate and Quinn.

2:30 – 3:00 pm

Descriptive Case Study of Indiana TB and COVID-19 Coinfections

Sarah Bennett and Petia Boykova

CDC Reporting QA Epidemiologist and CDC Reporting Public Health Investigator
Indiana Department of Health

Petia Boykova is a graduate from Indiana University – Indianapolis with a Bachelor of Science in Public Health and a minor in Health Education. In her senior year of college, Petia interned at the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) as the Naloxone Program Intern. She now works for the Indiana Department of Health as a Public Health Investigator (PHI) for the CDC Reporting Team, which is housed in the Epidemiology Resource Center (ERC). She has been in this role for

1.5 years. Additionally, Petia has an interest in health and wellness and social media. She is on the Health and Wellness Council and the ERC Social Media Group at IDOH.

Sarah Bennett is a graduate from Indiana University Bloomington with a Bachelor of Science in Public Health and a concentration in Epidemiology. Sarah's career in Public Health began in college when she interned at Centerstone Research Institute in Bloomington. She continued in her career by serving in Peace Corps Rwanda. She started working for the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) as a Public Health Investigator with the CDC Reporting Team in the fall of 2020. She now works with the CDC Reporting Team as an Epidemiologist.

3:00 – 3:10 pm

Break

3:10 - 3:40 pm

TB and Long-Term Care: Looking from a Regulatory Perspective

Tammy Alley, RN

Deputy Director Survey Management
Indiana Department of Health

Tammy Alley began in Long term Care in 1986 as a Nursing Assistant. She worked in Long Term Care from 1986-1994 as a C.N.A. and QMA. After becoming a Registered Nurse in 1994, she worked in Long Term Care in multiple areas as a staff nurse, unit manager, Assistant Director of Nursing and Director of Nursing. In 2005, she started at the Indiana Department of Health as a Public Health Nurse Surveyor. In 2013, she became a Public Health Nurse Surveyor Supervisor. In June of 2019, became the Deputy Director of Survey Management for Long Term Care.

3:40 - 4:00 pm

Updates and Closing Remarks

Kelly White

Director, TB Prevention and Care
Refugee & International Health
NBS/Surveillance
Indiana Department of Health

Kelly White is an epidemiology director within the Epidemiology Resource Center at the Indiana Department of Health. She oversees the TB Prevention & Care, Refugee & International Health, and NBS/Surveillance programs. She has been active in state service since 2012, joining the Indiana Department of Health in 2015. She is a graduate of Purdue University and the University of Louisville and holds a Master's in Public Health. Her areas of interest include surveillance systems, program evaluation, and public health capacity building.