



Communicable Disease Conference
For Health Care Facilities
December 17, 2019
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

AGENDA

Topic Summary	Speaker
Registration & Refreshments	
Welcome Opening Remarks	Barbara Jeffers <i>Executive Director</i> Kane County Health Department
Communicable Disease Update	Apryll Elliott <i>Assistant Director for Communicable Disease</i> Kane County Health Department
Outbreak Management	Michelle Ealy <i>Infection Control Coordinator</i> Outbreak Management in Congregate Settings Illinois Department of Public Health
Antimicrobial Stewardship in Long-Term Care	Shannon Calus <i>Project Specialist</i> Illinois Department of Public Health
Break	
Legionella Outbreak at a Retirement Community	Amanda Gosnell <i>Executive Director</i> Covenant Living at Holmstad Judy Kauerauf, <i>Communicable Disease Section Chief</i> Illinois Department of Public Health
Closed POD Preparedness	Aaron Stevens <i>Emergency Response Supervisor</i> Kane County Health Department
Closing Remarks	Uche Onwuta <i>Director for Disease Prevention</i> Kane County Health Department



Communicable Disease Conference Speaker Bios

Shannon Calus received her Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign in 2013. She then went on to receive her Master's Degree in Public Health from Loyola University in 2019. She is currently working at the Hektoen Institute of Medicine as a project specialist and organizes antimicrobial stewardship activities for the State of Illinois through a grant agreement with the Illinois Department of Public Health. She is also the lead organizer for the annual Illinois Summit on Antimicrobial Stewardship, a yearly event that brings together providers from various healthcare settings to discuss current best practices and lessons learned around the appropriate use of antibiotics.

Michelle Ealy MSN-PH, BSN, RN has 32 years of experience as a registered nurse. Michelle previously worked with the Illinois Department of Family Services for 25 years as a Child Welfare Nurse Consultant/Specialist and Chief of Nursing Services. Michelle joined the IDPH Divisions of Communicable Disease and Patient Safety and Quality in 2017 as a Statewide Infection Control Coordinator in a unique nursing role of outbreak response and prevention...bridging gap between infectious disease identification and public health response/prevention. Michelle currently works very closely with IDPH epidemiologist and health facility infection prevention professionals in addition to providing support to local health departments related to health care associated infectious diseases.

Apryll Elliott, M. Ed., BSN, PEL-SN joined the Kane County Health Department as the Assistant Director for Communicable Diseases October 2019. She previous worked as the Assistant Director of Health Services in East Aurora School District 131. She oversaw the health needs and services of all District 131 students. Apryll has always had a passion for public health since her employment with the City of Aurora, where she engaged in substance abuse prevention. She completed her BSN at Chicago University 2010 and received her Master of Education from National Louis University 2015.

Amanda Gosnell joined Covenant Living at the Holmstad as the Executive Director in 2016. She spent the previous decade in senior living leadership in the for-profit side of the sector, and was drawn to the mission of Covenant Living a faith-based non-profit. Amanda attended Wheaton College, where she received her Bachelor of the Arts with a double major in Business/Economics and Sociology. She became a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator in Illinois 2008.

Judy Kauerauf began her public health career in 1988 as an infectious disease investigator for the Will County Health Department in Joliet, Illinois. She joined the Illinois Department of Public Health in 1990 as an HIV/AIDS surveillance specialist, ending her tenure with the HIV/AIDS Section as the state's prevention administrator in 2001. Ms. Kauerauf served as the Data and Informatics Manager for the Office of Health Protection working to onboard electronic data from providers and hospitals. Ms. became the Communicable Disease Control Section Chief in 2016. Ms. Kauerauf holds a Bachelor's degree in Community Health from Northern Illinois University and a Masters' of Public Health degree from the University of Illinois at Springfield.

Aaron Stevens is the Emergency Response Supervisor at the Kane County Health Department and is responsible for managing the public health preparedness grant program administered by the CDC and IDPH. Aaron has 10 years of experience working in government planning where he has assisted various government agencies and private sector organizations with developing emergency operations plans, preparedness exercises, and emergency response incidents.