



HEALTHY COMMUNITIES TASK FORCE

Speaker Biographies

Clifford S. Mitchell, MS, MD, MPH, Director, Environmental Health Bureau, Prevention and Health Promotion Administration, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Dr. Clifford S. Mitchell is the Director of the Environmental Health Bureau in the Prevention and Health Promotion Administration, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (MD DHMH). The Bureau's responsibilities include: food protection; environmental, occupational, and injury epidemiology; and a wide array of healthy homes programs. He joined MD DHMH in 2006, after 14 years on the faculty of Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Dr. Mitchell received a B.A. from Williams College, an M.S. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, an M.D. degree from Case Western Reserve University, and his M.P.H. from the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health. Dr. Mitchell serves as Principal Investigator for a number of projects in the Department, including climate change, environmental public health tracking, occupational injury and illness surveillance, violent death surveillance, and the Department's Office of Food Protection Rapid Response Team. He also serves on a number of national and state advisory committees.

Kevin McNally, MBA, President, New Jersey Public Health Association

Kevin McNally is President of the New Jersey Public Health Association and a coadjutant with the Environmental Analysis and Communications Group of the Rutgers University Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy. He is also Chair of the Planning Board of the Borough of Roosevelt, NJ, and is a member of the Public Health and Climate Change Working Group of the New Jersey Climate Adaption Alliance. His professional experience includes 40 years working in healthcare and public health, including 31 years with the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH). At the time of his retirement from the Department, he was the Executive Assistant to the Assistant Commissioner in charge of the Division of Public Health Infrastructure, Laboratories and Emergency Preparedness. Other positions at the NJDOH included Special Assistant to the Director of the Office of Public Health Infrastructure, Program Manager of the Child and Adolescent Health Program, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Coordinator, and Coordinator of the Perinatal AIDS Prevention Demonstration Project. His current volunteer activities include being a member of the Health Improvement Coalition of Monmouth County, community volunteer on the Monmouth County Medical Reserve Corps, and a Site Visitor for the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). Mr. McNally has an M.B.A. in Health Care Management from the Wharton School of Business of the University of Pennsylvania.

Jessica Caum, MA, MPH, CPH, Assistant Program Manager, Public Health Preparedness, Philadelphia Department of Public Health

Jessica Caum is the Assistant Program Manager for Public Health Preparedness at the Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH), where she has worked for six years planning for a variety of public health emergencies, ranging from extreme weather events to emerging infectious diseases. For the past year, she has been leading climate change and health planning for PDPH and has also been participating in a climate change and health learning collaborative facilitated by the Center for Climate Change and Health at the Public Health Institute. Ms. Caum has an M.P.H. from Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health.