City, County and Corporate Support for COVID Testing and Contact Tracing
Speaker Bio’s

E. Oscar Alleyne DrPH MPH
Chief of Programs and Services
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Dr. Alleyne is the Chief of Programs and Services for the National Association of County and City Health Officials where he oversees over a $28 million dollar portfolio of programs along with its membership and meetings services. In his role, he directs the implementation of programs, promotion and diversification of funding and assists in raising NACCHO’s profile through external engagement and partnership development for the advancement of NACCHO’s mission and the success of the country’s 3000 local health departments. He is also responsible for personnel management and professional development; strategic planning; budget management; supervision of program leadership and services staff; and maintenance of subject matter knowledge of comprehensive policy issues that have an impact on local health departments and NACCHO.

Dr. Alleyne began his career in governmental public health designing software used as an expert system in guiding responses to adverse water quality events for the New York State Health Department. He joined Rockland County Health Department, New York at the beginning of the West Nile Virus outbreak where he developed a model comprehensive educational and surveillance program.

In his 15 years at Rockland County, Alleyne served as Director of Epidemiology and Public Health Planning responding to and mitigating several major emerging health issues including West Nile, Anthrax, Smallpox, Monkey Pox, H1N1, Botulism, MERS CoV, Ebola etc. He also has experience as a Planning Section Chief for the Disaster Medical Assistance Team (NY4) under the federal National Disaster Medical System.

He has an experienced and demonstrated history of working in the local and national public health sector. Skilled in Epidemiology, Health Communication, Population Health Planning and Assessment, Government, Emergency Preparedness, Informatics, Biosurveillance, and Environmental Health. In addition, Dr. Alleyne is the Past President of the Board of Directors of the New York State Public Health Association, the Past President of the Alpha Gamma Chapter of the Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health and the Immediate Past Chair of the Epidemiology Section of the American Public Health Association.
He is a strong community and innovative professional with a Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) focused in Health Policy and Management from New York Medical College and a Master of Public Health (MPH) in Environmental Health and Epidemiology from the University at Albany.

George Dunlap  
District Three Representative  
Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners

George Dunlap is the District Three Representative on the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners and currently serves as Chairman of the Board. George was elected to the commission after having served 13 and a half years as the District-3 representative on the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education and he is in his 6th term as a County Commission. He is a member of the University City Partners Board of Directors, the Cardinal Innovations Healthcare Solutions Board of Directors, the Board of Directors of the National Association of Counties and serves on the Board of Directors of the NC Association of County Commissioners, The Arts and Science Council Board of Directors, The Smart Start Board of Directors and as a member of the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization. George previously served as chairman of Mecklenburg County’s Health and Human Services Committee. He is the former Chair of the Efficient and Effective Government Committee, and the Public Safety Committee. George served as a member of the Fire Commission, and the Communities in Schools Board of Directors. He was a member of the Centralina Economic Development Commission, where he served as chairman for 3 years. He was a member of the Centralina Council of Government and was an Executive Board Member of the Council. George served as a member of the Economic Development Committee and the audit committee. George is the recipient of many awards and recognitions, including having received the highest award given by Central Piedmont Community College.

George has volunteered with many other organizations. He is currently a volunteer with the Red Cross and has been on several Mission trips with the Lott Carey Organization. George attends Saint Paul Baptist Church, a 5000-member congregation, and he is the longest serving Chair of the Board of Directors and has presided over the board since 2013.
George is a lifelong resident of Mecklenburg County, born and reared in Pineville. He attended Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools and was a graduate of South Mecklenburg High School. He entered the United States Marine Corps (USMC) in 1974, after finishing high school, where he received meritorious promotions to the rank of PFC and Lance Corporal. He obtained the rank of Sergeant by the end of his enlistment in 1976. George returned to Charlotte and served as a counselor for the National Conference of Christians and Jews, now the National Council of Community and Justice. In 1978, he was hired as a member of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department for 27 years, before retiring June 30, 2005.

George is a life-long learner, having received his Master’s Degree in Public Administration from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in 2003. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in 1991. In 1983, George received an Associate Degree in Correctional Science from Central Piedmont Community College and in 1979; he received an Associate Degree in Law Enforcement. He was a Fellow of the North Carolina Institute of Political Leadership in the spring of 1992 and a Fellow of the Broad Institute of Governance. George completed the Advance Leadership Course for County Commissioners and is currently enrolled in the High-Performance Leadership Course, sponsored by the National Association of Counties.

Leanne D Gassaway, MHA
Vice President, State Government Affairs
CVS Health

Ms. Gassaway is a passionate health care advocate and is the Vice President of State Government Affairs for CVS Health. CVS Health is a health care innovator which includes CVS Pharmacy, CVS Caremark, and Aetna, as well as other subsidiaries changing the way health care is delivered to help people on their path to better health. In her role at CVS Health, she is responsible for overseeing state affairs in all 50 states and with a variety of political and regulatory organizations. She frequently testifies at national and state venues regarding health care matters including pharmacy issues, rural health matters and administrative challenges.
Ms. Gassaway has served in a variety of roles to promote health reform and policy. She began her career in 1994 at PacifiCare Health Systems, now a UnitedHealth Care company. At PacifiCare, she was the Director of Regulatory Advocacy for all business lines. She worked for CIGNA Corporation as the Western Region Government Affairs Director. She also served as Vice President of Legal and Regulatory Affairs for the California Association of Health Plans. In this capacity, she oversaw legal and regulatory issues for 40 full service health plans and Medi-Cal managed care plans in California. Prior to coming to CVS Health, Ms. Gassaway was Senior Vice President for State Affairs and Policy for America’s Health Insurance Plans (AHIP). AHIP is the national trade association representing health insurance providers.

Ms. Gassaway has a Master’s Degree in Health Care Administration (MHA) from California State University, Long Beach. She received a Bachelor’s Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. She is currently working on a Master of Studies in Law (MSL) from the University of Southern California Gould School of Law (2020).

Anjali Talwalkar, MD, MPH
Principal Senior Deputy Director
Senior Deputy Director, Community Health Administration
DC Department of Health (DC Health)

Anjali Talwalkar, MD, MPH currently serves as Principal Senior Deputy Director of the DC Department of Health (DC Health) as well as Senior Deputy Director for DC Health’s Community Health Administration. As Principal Senior Deputy Director for DC Health, she serves as the agency’s public health subject matter expert in the Director’s absence and is the Director’s principal advisor in aligning the work of the agency across its six Administrations to achieve the agency’s mission and advance its strategic priorities. Additionally, Dr. Talwalkar serves as the Director’s principal advisor on health policy matters broadly. As Senior Deputy Director of DC Health’s Community Health Administration, she leads the work of the agency to prevent the leading causes of death and disease in the District across the lifespan through the following programmatic areas: nutrition and physical fitness; healthy food access and security; tobacco control; health care access and promotion of medical and dental homes; cancer and chronic disease.
prevention and control; and family health which includes maternal, perinatal and infant health, early childhood health and development, and child, adolescent, and school health.

Her prior experience includes work at the federal, state and local levels. She has served as Medical Officer at the CDC’s National Center for Health Statistics, Deputy Director for Policy and Programs for the Community Health Administration at DC Health, and Director of Asthma Programs and Director of Program Development for the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene’s Harlem District Public Health Office. Dr. Talwalkar received an undergraduate degree from Brown University, a medical degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago, and a master’s degree in public health from the Harvard School of Public Health. She completed her residency in preventive medicine and public health at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine.