Dipti D. Shah, MPH

Dipti D. Shah is the State Refugee Health Coordinator and Chief of the Office of Immigrant Health at the Maryland Department of Health & Mental Hygiene (DHMH) in Baltimore, MD. In this role, she is responsible for overseeing the state’s refugee and migrant health programs, including the management of all refugee health funding and data, ensuring the provision of health services to newly arrived refugees and asylees, and building partnerships and facilitating collaborations with other refugee service providers. Prior to her work at DHMH, Dipti served as the Senior Project Manager at a non-profit organization in Washington, DC working in tuberculosis policy and advocacy and she also spent some time in Guatemala developing culturally sensitive public health education campaigns. Dipti earned her graduate degree in infectious disease epidemiology at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, where she also holds a faculty appointment, and her undergraduate degree in biochemistry and molecular biology at the University of Wisconsin. She has served on the National Association of Refugee Health Coordinators (ARHC) Executive Board since 2009 and is currently serving her second term as the Vice Chair.

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Martin Burian works as a policy analyst in the Division of Children’s Health Insurance Programs (CHIP) at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. In this role he works with states on CHIP State plan amendments, assists with developing regulations for CHIP and the Affordable Care Act, and serves on the team administering the grant programs authorized by the Children’s Health Insurance Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA). He is the lead for the web-based Grant Reporting System as well as the lead for the CHIPRA Cycle II Using Technology to Facilitate Enrollment and Renewal grants. Martin holds a Master of Science in Public Health (MSPH) in Health Policy from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Prior to graduate school, for nearly a decade Martin worked as an EMT-Paramedic in urban and suburban areas outside Philadelphia, PA. He earned his paramedic certification from the EMS Education Center at the Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia. He also holds a bachelor’s degree in sociology from Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, NY. In his spare time Martin pursues interests in sustainability and energy, serving on an advisory committee to the planned Baltimore Red Line light rail, and works with Baltimore Biodiesel, a buying co-op for alternative fuel for diesel vehicles.

Scott Dafflitto, MPH, JD
Scott Dafflitto is a health insurance specialist in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). His work focuses on implementation of the Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) exchanges that were included in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. From 2009 to 2011, Scott was a Presidential Management Fellow at HHS. As a fellow, he supported the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in the inaugural activities of the Maryland Exchange, coordinated health reform implementation efforts for the Assistant Secretary for Financial Resources at HHS, and served as a congressional liaison for the Office of Budget at HHS. Scott received his JD from Georgetown University Law Center and his Master of Public Health (MPH) from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Nicole Errett, MSPH
Nicole Errett is the Director of Planning and Policy Development for the Baltimore City Mayor’s Office of Emergency Management (MOEM). In Nicole’s current role, she is responsible for development and maintenance of the city’s emergency plans, and management of emergency planning team staff and interns. Nicole works closely with the Director of Emergency Management to establish strategic policy direction related to homeland security, emergency management, and public health preparedness for the City of Baltimore. Nicole specializes in public health emergency preparedness and is committed to inclusive emergency planning. She works closely with local and regional human services and healthcare organizations to increase their engagement in readiness. She founded and chairs the Baltimore Urban Area Security Initiative (BUASI) Functional Needs and Citizen Involvement Committee, where she works directly with over twenty community based stakeholders and manages projects to engage citizens and assess and mitigate vulnerability associated with functional needs populations. Nicole interacts with stakeholders and contributes to comprehensive emergency planning through her roles in Baltimore Hospital Consortium & Hospital Consortium Advisory Council, the Mayor’s Commission on Disabilities Emergency Preparedness and Response Committee, the Homeland Security Planning Committee, the BUASI Emergency Planners Committee, the Local Emergency Planning Committee, and the Downtown Partnership Safety Coalition. Nicole began her career in emergency management as an intern and has since worked at the state and local level as an Emergency Planner. Nicole earned her Bachelor of Arts (BA), Master of Science in Public Health (MSPH), and Graduate Certificate in Public Health Preparedness from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, where she is currently a first year PhD student in the Department of Health Policy and Management.

Meghan McGinty, MPH, MBA
Meghan McGinty is a doctoral candidate in Health and Public Policy at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She received her Bachelor of Arts (BA) in art, theater and music from Georgetown University in 2004. After earning her Master of Public Health (MPH) and Master of Business Administration (MBA) degrees from Johns Hopkins in 2008, Meghan worked at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. As the Agency’s Director of Continuity of Operations Planning, she was responsible for sustaining essential public health services in the event of any disaster. Meghan’s research interests include risk science, public health and food systems, and improving public health through policy.

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