

Speaker Biographies



Robert E. Bailey II, MPH

Program, Communications, and Training Team Lead Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Robert is the Program, Communications, and Training Team Lead for CDC's Division of Comprehensive Cancer Prevention and Control. His team is responsible for providing funding and guidance to all 50 states and the District of Columbia to advance cancer prevention, early detection, treatment, survivorship support, and health equity. Robert has worked in multiple leadership roles at CDC, including supporting CDC's COVID-19 response, serving as acting Branch Chief and Team Lead within CDC's Division of Community Health, and leading national partnership efforts, campaigns, and mobilization for CDC's Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention (DHAP). Robert also managed the Tuberculosis Epidemiologic Studies Consortium and worked as a public health analyst on evaluation practices for DHAP's Program Evaluation Research Branch. His background includes working as a consultant for nonprofit organizations and small businesses.

Cathy Bledsoe, MPH

Co-Founder One Health Insights

Cathy is the Co-Founder of One Health Insights, a consulting firm specializing in helping health-related organizations make the best use of their data. Before starting her company, she worked with the state Cancer Registry and Comprehensive Cancer Programs in Colorado. She was also a contractor with the Cancer Surveillance Branch at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Cathy has worked on numerous projects related to both cancer survivorship and the communication of cancer data over the past decade. She holds a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Colorado- Denver and currently lives in Kansas City, Missouri. In the past 2 years, One Health Insights has worked with the Wyoming Cancer Coalition to develop the latest version of the Statewide Cancer Plan as well as the Wyoming Cancer Survivors' Needs Assessment.





Joe Grandpre, PhD, MPH

Chronic Disease and Maternal Child Health Epidemiology Wyoming Department of Health

Joe became interested in cancer prevention and control because cancer is the second leading cause of death in Wyoming and because it sucks. He joined the WYCC because Chris Thomas asked him to join in 2002. Joe would tell individuals interested in joining the WYCC that while there have been many strides in treating cancer in the last decades we still need to work on prevention. We will never prevent all cancers but delaying cancer as long as possible is a worthwhile and noble goal for all of us.

Dr. Chelsey Schlechter

Assistant Professor Huntsman Cancer Institute and University of Utah

Dr. Chelsey Schlechter is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Population Health Sciences at the University of Utah and the Center for Health Outcomes and Population Equity at the Huntsman Cancer Institute and University of Utah. Her research interests include implementation and dissemination of evidence-based practices for cancer prevention and control into community and healthcare settings that serve historically disadvantaged populations. Her work has focused on developing and evaluating the effectiveness of clinic and patient level interventions to improve implementation of evidence-based practices into clinical settings; and partnering with community settings (e.g., schools, childcare, parks and recreation departments, Girls Scouts) to characterize youth physical activity and evaluate implementation of evidence-based practices for improving youth physical activity in community settings.

