



*Pacific North West Border Health Alliance's (PNWBHA)  
12<sup>th</sup> Annual Cross Border Public Health Preparedness Workshop  
"Back to Basics: Lessons Learned-Experiences Shared"  
Delta Ocean Point Hotel, Victoria, British Columbia  
April 28-30, 2015*

*Tuesday, April 28, 2015, Day 1  
Orientation Session/ Workgroup Breakout Sessions/  
Joint Coordination Committee Meeting*

- 7:00-5:00 Registration – Arbutus Foyer Lobby Level
- 9:00-11:00 *PNWBHA Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) Annual Meeting* Cowichan Room 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
(By invitation only)
- 11:15-12:00 *Orientation Session* Arbutus Ballroom A&B
- Speaker: *Wayne Dauphinee*, Executive Director  
Pacific North West Border Health Alliance
- 12:00-1:00 *Lunch on Your Own*
- 1:00-4:00 *Workgroup Breakout Sessions*
- **Track 1 Epidemiology and Surveillance ([Agenda](#))** Arbutus Ballroom C  
*Eleni Galanis*, Co-Chair (CA)  
*Mike Boysun*, Co-Chair (USA)
  - **Track 2 Public Health Laboratories ([Agenda](#))** Arbutus Ballroom D  
*Muhammad Morshed*, Co-Chair (CA)  
*Romesh Gautom*, Co-Chair (USA)
  - **Track 3 Health Emergency Management ([Agenda](#))** Arbutus Ballroom A  
*Shawn Carby*, Co-Chair (CA)  
*Nathan Weed*, Co-Chair (USA)



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- **Track 4 Emergency Medical Services ([Agenda](#))** Arbutus Ballroom B  
*Rod Salem*, Co-Chair, (CA)  
*Larry Torris*, Co-Chair (USA)
- **Track 5 Risk Communications - Closed Planning Session** Executive Boardroom 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
By invitation only  
*Hannah Lawrie*, Co-Chair (CA)  
*Laura Blaske*, Co-Chair (USA)
- **Track 6 Public Health Law ([Agenda](#))** Pier Boardroom 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
*Fiona Gow*, Co-Chair (CA)  
*Joyce Roper*, Co-Chair (USA)
- **Track 7 Indigenous Health ([Agenda](#))** Hudson Room 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
*Evan Adams, MD*, Co-Chair (CA)  
*Elizabeth, Buckingham*, Co-Chair (USA)
- **Track 8 Clinical Medical Surge Workgroup ([Agenda](#))** Cowichan Room 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
*TBA*, Co-Chair (CA)  
*Vicki Sakata*, Co-Chair (USA)
- **Track 9 Environmental Health Initiative ([Agenda](#))** Pacific Suite 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
*Herbert Antill* Co-Chair (CA)  
*Kim Zabel*, Co-Chair Designate (USA)

**Wednesday, April 29, 2015**  
**Workshop Day 2**  
**General Session Day 1**

**7:00-5:00**                      **Registration**    **Arbutus Foyer Lobby Level**

**0700-0800**                      **Complimentary Breakfast**

**Opening Ceremonies/Introductions**    **Arbutus Ballroom A&B Lobby Level**

**Shawn Carby**, Executive Director  
Emergency Management Unit  
British Columbia Ministry of Health, CA

**British Columbia Welcome**  
**Honourable Terry Lake, MLA**  
British Columbia Minister of Health, CA

**Traditional First Nation Welcome**  
**Elder Clarence Dick**  
**Bradley Dick**  
Songhees First Nation

**Pacific Northwest Welcome**  
**Garnet Matchett**  
PNWBHA Joint Coordination Committee Co-Chair, CA  
Director of Operations, Health Emergency Management Unit  
Saskatchewan Ministry of Health, CA

**Robert Ezelle**  
Chair, Western Regional Emergency Management Advisory Council (WREMAC)  
Director, Emergency Management Division  
Washington State Military Department, USA

**9:00-10:00**                      **International Mutual Aid Agreements:**    **Arbutus Ballroom A&B**  
**Foundations of Health Security in North America**

Introductions:

**Robert Ezelle**, Chair  
Western Regional Emergency Management Advisory Council (WREMAC)  
Director, Emergency Management Division  
Washington State Military Department, USA

Speaker:                      **Carole Cameron**, Director of International Affairs  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
US Department of Homeland Security, USA



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**10:00-11:00**

***Maximizing Emergency Support across the Border in the Pacific Northwest: An Open Forum for a Stronger Future***

Arbutus Ballroom A&B

Introductions:

***Garnet Matchett***, PNWBHA JCC Co-Chair, CA

Facilitators: ***Dolph Diemont***, Federal Coordinating Officer  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
US Department of Homeland Security, USA

***John Lavery***, Executive Director  
Health Emergency Management British Columbia, CA

**11:00-11:15**

*Networking Break and Transition*

**11:15-12:15**

***Concurrent Breakout Sessions***

Breakout Session #1

Harbour Room Harbour Level

***Emergency Licensing of Health Care Professionals***

Introductions:

***Christopher Williams***, Deputy Chief  
Emergency Preparedness and Response Unit  
Washington State Department of Health, USA

Speakers:

***Shawn Carby***  
PNWBHA Joint Coordination Committee,  
British Columbia, CA  
Executive Director, Emergency Management Unit  
British Columbia Ministry of Health, CA

***Karen Jensen***, Director  
Partnerships, Planning and Performance  
Washington State Department of Health, USA



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Breakout Session #2  
***Infectious Waste Management***

Arbutus Ballroom C&D

Introductions:

***Chris Balzer***

PNWBHA Joint Coordination Committee, Yukon

Manager of Emergency Services, Yukon Government, CA

Speakers: ***Lisa Young***, Leader, Infection Prevention and Control  
British Columbia Emergency Health Services  
Provincial Health Services Authority, CA

***David B. Jansen, P.E., LEED AP***

Director, Office of Radiation Protection

Washington State Department of Health, USA

Breakout Session #3  
***Catastrophic Disaster Planning: Cascadia Subduction Zone***

Arbutus Ballroom

Introductions:

***Sue Olsen***

Public Health Agency of Canada (Western Region) CA

Speaker: ***Michael Loehr***, Chief  
Emergency Preparedness and Response  
Washington State Department of Health, USA

**12:15-1:30**

**Buffet Lunch**

Arbutus Ballroom A&B

12:40-1:30 Luncheon Speaker

***Engaging Indigenous Peoples in Disaster Risk Reduction***

Introductions:

***Elizabeth Buckingham***

PNWBHA Indigenous Health Workgroup Co-Lead, USA

Speaker: ***John C. Scott (Tlingit)***, President  
Center for Public Service Communications

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Workshop Day 1  
General Session Day 1(continued)*

1:30-1:45 *Transition Break*

1:45-3:00 *Lessons Learned but Forgotten: How to Implement Sustained  
Change in Public Health Preparedness and Response*

Arbutus Ballroom A&B

Introductions:

**Shawn Carby**, Executive Director  
Emergency Management Unit  
British Columbia Ministry of Health, CA

Facilitator: **Cdr Erik Vincent**, USPHS  
HHS/ASPR Liaison Officer to the Public Health Agency of Canada

Speakers: **Dr. Barbara Raymond**, MD, Executive Director  
Centre for Emergency Preparedness and Response  
Public Health Agency of Canada

**Rick Buell**, Regional Administrator  
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness  
& Response (ASPR)  
Seattle, Washington, USA

3:00-3:15 *Transition Break*

3:15-4:15 *Concurrent Breakout Sessions*

Breakout Session #4

*Speaking the Same Language: Fundamentals of Risk Communication*

Arbutus Ballroom C&D

Introductions:

**Christopher Williams**, Deputy Chief  
Emergency Preparedness and Response Unit  
Washington State Department of Health, USA

Speaker: **Laura Blaske**, Manager  
PNWBHA Risk Communications Workgroup Co-Lead, USA  
Public Awareness and Emergency Communications  
Washington State Department of Health, USA

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General Session Day 1, continued*

**3:15-4:15**

*Concurrent Breakout Sessions, continued*

Breakout Session #5

***EMS Management of Highly Contagious Patients***

Arbutus Ballroom A&B

Introductions:

***Mike Smith***, MPA

Emergency Management Systems Preparedness  
Washington State Department of Health, USA

Speakers:

***Rod Salem***, EMTA

PNWBHA Emergency Medical Services Workgroup Co-Lead, Canada  
Director, Emergency Management Special Operations  
(EMSO) Provincial Programs  
British Columbia Emergency Health Services, CA

***Larry D. Torris***, MBA

PNWBHA Emergency Medical Services Workgroup Co-Lead, USA  
OR-Paramedic, Planner Health Security  
Preparedness and Response (HSPR) Program  
Oregon Health Authority/Oregon State Public Health Division, USA

Breakout #6

***Quarantine Revisited***

Harbour Room Harbour Level

Introductions:

***Chris Balzer***

PNWBHA Joint Coordination Committee, Yukon  
Manager of Emergency Services, Yukon Government, CA

Speakers:

***Dr. Michelle Murti***, MD, Medical Health Officer  
Fraser Health Authority  
British Columbia, CA

***David Owens***, Emergency Preparedness Specialist

***Mahlet Zeru***, Emergency Preparedness Specialist  
Emergency Preparedness and Response Unit  
Washington State Department of Health, USA

**4:15-4:30**

*Transition Break*

**4:30-6:00**

**Poster Presentations and World Café Networking**  
**Appetizers and cash bar available**

Arbutus Foyer

**6:00**

*Dinner on your own*





*Thursday, April 30, 2015  
Workshop Day 3  
General Session Day 2, continued*

**10:30--11:45**

***Meeting Public Health Threats at Ground Zero: Responding to Ebola in West Africa***

Introductions:

***Andy Stevermer***, MSN, Regional Emergency Coordinator  
US Public Health Service, Region X, USA

Speakers:

***LCDR Michael Kinzer***, M.D.

***LCDR Jesus Reyna***, R.N.

United States Public Health Service

Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention, USA

***Dr. Theodore (Ted) Kuschak***, Ph.D.

Canadian Mobile Laboratory Sierra Leone

National Microbiological Laboratory, CA

***Captain Angela Bremner***, RN

British Medical Treatment Station Kerry Town, Sierra Leone

1 Canadian Field Hospital Detachment Vancouver, CA

**11:45-12:30**

***Ebola Roundtable Discussion***

Introductions:

***Garnett Matchett***, PNWBHA JCC Co-Chair, CA

Facilitators:

***Dr. Perry Kendall***, MD, MBBS, MHsc, Provincial Health Officer  
British Columbia Minister of Health, CA

***Dr. John Wiesman***, DrPH, MHsc, FRCPC

Secretary, Washington State Department of Health, USA

**12:30-1:00**

***Closing Remarks and Awards Presentation***

***Garnett Matchett***, PNWBHA JCC Co-Chair, CA

***Shawn Carby***, Executive Director, Emergency Management  
Unit, British Columbia Ministry of Health, CA

**1:00**

**Workshop Ends**