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Edward W. Boyer is a medical toxicologist and an emergency physician. In 2001 he joined the emergency medicine faculty at the University of Massachusetts, where he is now Chief of the Division of Medical Toxicology. He has served on invited expert panels convened by the Centers for Disease Control (chemical terrorism and agents of opportunity), Rand Corporation (adolescent substance abuse), National Institute on Drug Abuse, and other organizations. Dr. Boyer received his doctorate in synthetic organic chemistry at Columbia University and was a National Institutes of Health postdoctoral fellow in protein design at the Rockefeller University. He then attended Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons, receiving his MD in 1995. After completing residency in emergency medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, he was a fellow in medical toxicology at Children's Hospital Boston.

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Sarita Chung is a member of the Children's Hospital Boston Division of Emergency Medicine and a senior faculty member of the Center for Biopreparedness. Trained in pediatrics and pediatric emergency medicine, Dr. Chung is actively involved in all aspects of pediatric emergency preparedness, including research, teaching, and clinical care. Dr. Chung published one of the first post-9/11 articles, examining the efficacy of web-based training in bioterrorism and showing that a web-based educational tool could not enhance the knowledge of emergency physicians. She has gone on to publish two concept papers on issues of pediatric disaster preparedness, one examining the role of hospital preparation for disasters involving children, and the other on issues in the reunification of children separated from their parents after a disaster. Dr. Chung is a nationally recognized lecturer on pediatric aspects of disaster preparedness, having presented at AHRQ-sponsored workshops, and at national pediatric meetings. She has also participated in national consensus conferences to discuss disaster preparedness for children. Her current research interest is developing a prototype to allow for quicker and more efficient family reunifications after disasters which has been funded by the Emergency Medical Services for Children Targeted Issues Grant. Dr. Chung received her MD in 1996 from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

Daniel Dodgen, PhD, *Office for At-Risk Individuals, Behavioral Health, and Human Services Coordination, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response*

Daniel Dodgen is the Director for At-Risk Individuals, Behavioral Health, and Human Services Coordination in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). His office is tasked with ensuring that all HHS Operating and Staff Divisions are developing policies and capabilities for emergency

planning, response, and recovery activities related to at-risk individuals, behavioral health, and human services, and ensuring that such efforts are coordinated across the Department. Dr. Dodgen is also the Executive Director of the White House directed national advisory group on disaster mental health. His prior position was the Emergency Management Coordinator for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) of HHS. Before joining SAMHSA, Dr. Dodgen was at the American Psychological Association (APA), the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), and the Didi Hirsch Community Mental Health Center in Los Angeles. Dr. Dodgen has been on the executive committee of several national organizations, served on multiple federal advisory groups, and authored numerous articles and book chapters on psychology and public policy. He is also a trained American Red Cross disaster mental health worker, and was part of the response to the 1992 Los Angeles riots, the 1994 Los Angeles earthquakes, the 1995 Oklahoma City bombings, and the September 11 Pentagon attack in 2001. He received the American Psychological Association 2005 Early Career Award for Contribution to Psychology in the Public Interest. He has also been selected for *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in Health Care Professionals*, and *Who's Who in Executives and Professionals*. He is a licensed clinical psychologist in the District of Columbia.

William Modzeleski, MPA, *Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, Department of Education*
Bill Modzeleski is currently serving as Acting Assistant Deputy Secretary of the Department of Education's Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools. Mr. Modzeleski has over 30 years of experience working on a wide range of school safety, juvenile justice and emergency preparedness issues. He served at both the local and national levels. At the local level he served as a probation officer and as a liaison to family court. At the national level he served in several capacities while at the Department of Justice, including serving on national commissions examining child abuse, child exploitation, domestic violence, and drug use. He moved to the Department of Education in 1990 where he has led their efforts to address school violence, drug use and emergency preparedness. He has written several articles on violence and threat assessment and is a co-author of the *Safe School Initiative Study*, the *By-Stander Study*, the *Threat Assessment Guide and Survey on School Associated Violent Deaths*. Mr. Modzeleski also helped design and implement several programs related to school safety and preparedness including: Readiness Emergency Management for Schools [REMS]; Emergency Management for Higher Education; Project SERV [School Emergency Response to Violence]; and the Safe Schools Healthy Students Initiative.

Christopher Revere, MPA, *National Commission on Children and Disasters*
Chris Revere became Executive Director of the National Commission on Children and Disasters in January 2009. In this capacity, he is the principal representative of the Commission before federal, state and local officials and organizations. He also guides the work of the Commission to ensure that it meets the requirements of its authorizing statute. Prior to joining the Commission, Mr. Revere spent over 10 years as a public policy advocate, representing non-profit organizations before federal and state government. Most recently, he led a national coalition of organizations dedicated to the needs of children affected by disasters. The coalition ultimately prompted Congress and the prior Administration to create the Commission. Mr. Revere received his Master of Public Administration degree from the Nelson A. Rockefeller School of Public Policy and his Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Hobart College.

Jeffrey Upperman, MD, *Children's Hospital Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Pediatric Disaster Resource and Training Center*

Jeffrey Upperman is an Associate Professor of Surgery at the University of Southern California and an Attending Pediatric Surgeon at the Children's Hospital Los Angeles. After completing his clinical training in pediatric surgery at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, he was recruited to join the faculty at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh in 2001. During his Pittsburgh tenure, he was Interim Director of the Benedum Pediatric Trauma Program. He was widely recognized as one of the University of Pittsburgh Medical School's best teaching faculty, before relocating to Los Angeles in January 2006. He was named Director of the Children's Hospital Los Angeles Trauma Program in 2007. Dr. Upperman's research interests include sepsis, inflammation, trauma and disaster preparedness. Dr. Upperman served his country during Operation Iraqi Freedom 2 in 2004. Dr. Upperman received a bachelor's degree in Human Biology and a master's degree in Sociology from Stanford University. He received his MD and completed his surgical residency at New Jersey Medical School.