

# Public Health Preparedness: Progress and Challenges for State Policy

## UW Evidence-Based Health Policy Project Breakfast Briefing

January 10, 2008

### Agenda

9:00 am	Welcome and Introduction Presentation by Kristine Gebbie, Columbia University School of Nursing
9:30 am	Presentation by Bill Bazan, Wisconsin Hospital Association
9:50 am	Presentation by Lisa Pentony, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services
10:10 am	Questions & Answers
10:30 am	Conclusion

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**Kristine M. Gebbie**, DrPH, RN is the Elizabeth Standish Gill Professor of Nursing and Director of the Center for Health Policy at the Columbia University School of Nursing. Her teaching and research focus on health policy and health services, with particular attention to population-based public health services and nursing. Dr. Gebbie served as National AIDS Policy Coordinator (1993-94), Secretary of the Department of Health in Washington (1989-93), public health administrator in Oregon (1978-89), and coordinator of ambulatory care for St. Louis University Hospitals (1975-78). Faculty appointments include University of Washington, Oregon Health Sciences University, University of California at Los Angeles, and St. Louis University. She directs Robert Wood Johnson Foundation-funded research on public health law modernization and HRSA-funded emergency preparedness education for clinicians. Dr. Gebbie's degrees include Doctor of Public Health, University of Michigan School of Public Health (1995); Master of Nursing in Community Mental Health Nursing, University of California Los Angeles (1968); and Bachelor of Science in Nursing, St. Olaf College (1965).

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**Bill Bazan** is the vice-president in the metro Milwaukee office of the Wisconsin Hospital Association (WHA). Mr. Bazan has responsibility for representing WHA constituent organizations at the county and state level in matters of public policy and advocacy. He coordinates the State Hospital Bioterrorism Preparedness Program for all Wisconsin hospitals and serves on the State Advisory Board, as well as the Region 7 Southeastern Wisconsin Hospital Bioterrorism Preparedness Board. Mr. Bazan has responsibility for managing WHA issues in the public health arena and participated in creating the State of Wisconsin Public Health Plan 2010. He serves on the executive leadership council of Partnerships for a Healthy Milwaukee and the executive committee of the Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin. Mr. Bazan authored a book entitled *Medicine in Search of Meaning* and is a frequent facilitator at physician and caregivers' conferences.

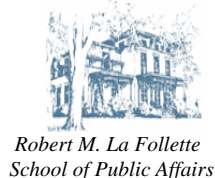
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**Lisa Pentony** has served as the Pandemic Preparedness Program Manager with the Wisconsin Division of Public Health since March 2007. She is responsible for the overall leadership, planning, development, and direction of statewide pandemic influenza preparedness efforts. Ms. Pentony serves as principal advisor to the DHFS Secretary, the State Health Officer, and the State Epidemiologist on issues involving the administration and coordination of pandemic-related activities. She served as the Risk Communication Coordinator for the Wisconsin Public Health Preparedness Program, where she coordinated pandemic and preparedness communication and outreach strategies, working closely with key state and local government and private agencies. Ms. Pentony has over ten years of local community agency management experience working with the Visiting Nurse Service, and she managed its mass flu immunization clinics and Meals on Wheels program.

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