



2022 CHEAC Annual Meeting Workshop Session Biographies

Butte County Department of Public Health – Leveraging Partnerships to Increase Access to Vaccines Equitably

Danette York, MPH, Public Health Director

Danette York has served as the Butte County Public Health Director since July 2019. She has served as the leader for two other local health jurisdictions, one in Ohio and one in Washington State, during her 22-year Public Health career. Danette believes effective relationships with partners is the best way to improve the health of a community.

She serves as a CHEAC Executive Committee member, as a Butte County First 5 Commissioner and on multiple countywide committees. Danette received her Master's in Public Health Administration from The Ohio State University. She holds a bachelor's degree in Organizational Leadership from Northern Kentucky University.

Erin Cox, MHS, Division Director

Erin Cox is the Emergency Preparedness and Infectious Disease Control (EPIC) Division Director for Butte County Public Health. Erin has a Master's degree in International Health Science focused in Global Health and over 17 years in Emergency Medical Services including critical care flight paramedicine and operations management. Erin has been with Butte County Public Health since April 2021 when she was hired to lead the COVID-19 Response Division during the pandemic.

Her passion for healthcare has afforded her the opportunities to volunteer in Haiti and Mexico teaching paramedics and providing healthcare to the most vulnerable populations. Erin has lived through and worked the major disasters that have affected Butte County and values the relationships and partnerships in the community. Erin has been thrilled to join Butte County Public Health to advocate and provide for the community of Butte where she and her family call home.

Kristy Bonnifet, Program Manager

Kristy Bonnifet is a Program Manager for the Emergency Preparedness and Infectious Disease Control (EPIC) Division for Butte County Public Health. Kristy has worked in Public Health for 9 years in emergency preparedness and administrative roles. She has served in the capacity of Logistics, Finance and Planning Chiefs during emergencies, including Butte County's Camp Fire response in 2018 and in the County's COVID-19 response since 2020.

Kristy has coordinated and overseen the COVID-19 vaccine effort in Butte County, including mass vaccination sites, community clinics and mobile clinics. During her tenure she has had the opportunity to work closely with the County's hospitals as well as many other community organizations.