

## 2022 CHEAC Annual Meeting Workshop Session Biographies

### *Outbreak Management in High-Risk Congregate Settings: Solano County's Experience*

#### **Kay Brown, RN, PHN, Public Health Nurse**

Kay Brown is currently serving as a supervisor for Public Health Community Nurse Impact program in Solano County that offers assessments, in-home case management services, health education, and linkages to resources and referrals for families with prenatal, postpartum, newborn, and child health issues. As a dedicated and compassionate professional with eight years of nursing experience, one of her roles as a supervisor is to implement a new trauma-informed approach to the home visiting program, which she is actively helping to shift towards an evidence-based approach.

Kay's enthusiasm for helping children and families in need stems from her adoption of her four children from foster care. This inspired Kay to support this newfound passion by promptly earning her degree in BSN in 2014. After graduation, she entered the world of healthcare in order to further explore her passion for nursing. She started her career as a school nurse, caring for children with special needs. She then proceeded to join Solano County Public Health Nursing in 2018 and took pride in providing home visitation, assessments, prenatal care, and referrals for many families across the entire county's jurisdiction.

In addition, Kay was one of the first responders at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. She serves as a lead nurse for Solano County's COVID-19 pandemic outbreak response testing and vaccination teams. Aside from these programs, she is also a member of the Association of Public Health Nurses.

#### **Casey Gallagher, Health Education Specialist and Infection Preventionist**

Casey Gallagher has worked in the Public Health arena for 5 years. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Nutrition Sciences from the University of California, Davis. He is the Health Education Specialist and Infection Preventionist for the Long-Term Care Facilities (LTCFs) COVID Outbreak Response and Infection Prevention Education Program (LTCF CORE Program). He has been directly involved with all parts of COVID response, including testing, case investigation and contact tracing, vaccinations, and prevention.

In his role with the LTCF CORE Program he has served as an integral part of this innovative team that focuses on outbreak prevention and response among the most vulnerable populations living in congregate facilities. He has visited over 150 Long-Term Care Facilities and assisted in over 500 COVID-19 outbreaks since the start of the pandemic. As part of this team, he successfully fosters communication with long-term care facilities, develops and refines tailored infection prevention and control plans, reduces the impact of COVID-19 outbreaks, and contributes to significantly lower death rates in Solano County compared to other areas.

When he isn't at work, you will find Casey cruising around in his 1974 Alfa Romeo.

**Tara Scheuer, Senior Epidemiologist**

Tara Scheuer is a Senior Epidemiologist with Solano County Public Health. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and a Master's in Public Health from UC Berkeley. Her professional roles have included serving in the Peace Corps in Nicaragua as a Reproductive Health volunteer, conducting infectious disease research and surveillance with CDC's Emerging Infections Program, and helping to lead COVID-19 pandemic response for the County of Solano.