

Bios for Nominees



Alison is currently the Deputy Director of CDC's office in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Since June of 2020 she has led the operations of the office of 83 staff. CDC Tanzania provides life-saving HIV prevention and treatment services for the people of Tanzania and works to stop public health threats at their source.

Alison joined CDC in 1992 as a Presidential Management Fellow. She has held several key leadership positions, serving as the Deputy of the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, Division Director for State and Local Readiness, Deputy of the former Procurement and Grants Office. Alison was part of teams that implemented the Vaccines for Children Program, the Public Health Emergency Management Program and the Global Health Security Program.

Alison holds a Masters in Public Administration (MPA) from Eastern Kentucky University and a Bachelor of Science in Finance from West Virginia University.

Prior to joining CDC Alison worked in student financial aid and was an internal bank auditor.

Alison has served as the Chair of the Supervisory Committee of the CDC Federal Credit Union and a Board Member for more than 7 years.



Sarah B. Smith is the Deputy Director of the Predict Division within CDC's Center for Forecasting and Outbreak Analytics (CFA). She joined CFA/Predict from a position at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) where she served as a Senior Advisor.

In this role, she provided leadership for the HHS Future of Work Initiative to enhance the hybrid work environment and the HHS Talent Team to implement department-wide workforce activities and drive hiring innovation.

She moved to HHS from an assignment at the Office of Management and Budget from 2019 – 2022, supporting federal operations in the whole-of-government COVID-19 response.

Sarah began her federal service as a Presidential Management Fellow at CDC and has worked in several offices within the agency, including the Office of Financial Resources and Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response.



Chare Brown has been with CDC for over 20 years in an information technology and public health capacity. Currently, she is the Deputy Associate Director for the Information Resources Office (IRO) in the Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response (OPHPR) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Ms. Brown has received several distinguished awards from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for Distinguished Service as well as OPHPR Honor Awards.

Chare earned her Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering from Kennesaw State University, her Master of Business Administration/Technology Management from University of Phoenix, and her Master of Public Health from University of South Florida. In her spare time, Chare enjoys spending time with her husband, son, and two dogs, cooking, travelling, and meeting new friends.