

Julie Morita, MD

Senior Physician Executive

Highly qualified executive offering more than 20 years of public health leadership experience in federal and local government. Results-focused leader with proven ability to implement effective policies, programs and system level changes in partnership with private and public-sector partners in emergency and non-emergency situations. Proactive problem solver with an ability to advance an ambitious agenda while working in a complex political environment. Nationally recognized leader with proven track record of using data to inform public health and policy change at a local, state and federal level with a specific focus on multi-sector responses to public health crises, and addressing the needs of populations at greatest risk for health inequities.

Leadership Experience

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Princeton, New Jersey
Executive Vice President

June 2019 - Present

Hired in June 2019 by Dr. Richard Besser, President, to oversee program, policy, research, evaluation, learning and communication activities.

- Led the development and implementation of a foundation-level strategy to ensure improved coordination, alignment, measurement of and communication about programmatic work.
- Developed a process for foundation leadership to review, learn from and inform program strategies
- Led program activities related to COVID19 response activities
- Responsible for restructuring program leadership through recruitment, selection and onboarding of Policy and Communications Vice President

Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH)
Chicago, Illinois
Commissioner

January 2015- June 2019

Appointed by Mayor Rahm Emanuel to lead the public health agency of the third largest US city with a population of more than 2.7 million, and an annual operating budget of over \$155 million with over 500 employees.

- Led the development of Healthy Chicago 2.0, the City's first public health agenda that focuses on achieving health equity by addressing social and structural determinants of health.
- Chaired Mayor Emanuel's Health in All Policies Task Force that included department heads of more than 30 different city agencies with the goal of developing policies and systems to assure that health impacts are considered and addressed in the work of all city agencies.
- Launched the Chicago Health Atlas a website that makes accessible over 160 health-related indicators to partners including residents, community organizations, health advocates, philanthropic and healthcare systems as they develop policies, plans and strategic investments.
- In partnership with the University of Illinois' School of Public Health, established CDPH as the first academic health department in Illinois.
- Led the department's opioid response which included accessing and using opioid-related death data to describe Chicago's epidemic, more than doubling the department's investment in opioid use disorder prevention and treatment, establishing a pharmaceutical representative license, and integrating public health efforts with law enforcement and emergency medical service efforts.
- Led efforts to enact policies to reduce Chicago youths' access to tobacco and nicotine containing products. These policies included a citywide e-cigarette tax and a prohibition of tobacco sales to individuals younger than 21.

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- Led the development and implementation of CDPH's strategic plan which prioritizes alignment of department activities with Healthy Chicago 2.0's focus on health equity and strengthening the department's infrastructure.
- Strengthened the department's food and environmental protection infrastructure by updating fine schedules and license fees to deter illegal practices and to enhance personnel and electronic systems which increased the availability of technical assistance provided to operators and capacity to conduct inspections.
- Transformed the department's HIV primary care clinical services by creating new partnerships with the private, not-for-profit sector, quadrupling the number of patients receiving care within the first year.
- Led successful implementation of innovative apps and predictive models to improve access to clinical services (e.g., vaccines, condoms) and to improve the efficiency of food establishment and building inspections.
- Oversaw all departmental public health efforts including infectious disease and chronic disease prevention and control, emergency preparedness, environmental health and protection, behavioral health promotion, maternal and child health promotion, as well as policy, planning and legislative affairs efforts that promote health and prevent disease.
- Oversaw federal, state and local grants totaling more than \$120 million

Chicago Department of Public Health

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Chief Medical Officer

Jun 2014 - Dec 2014

Feb 2010 - Mar 2012

Hired in February 2010 by Dr. Bechara Choucair, Commissioner, in a senior executive role overseeing core public health activities including the infectious disease, epidemiology, and environmental health and protection programs.

- Served as the key advisor and liaison on all medical matters, engaging internal and external entities around issues, research, trends and changes in medical and public health care policies, programs and systems.
- Led Chicago's citywide Ebola response including creation of a comprehensive, multisector (e.g., airport, public safety, healthcare system, social service) system for transporting and caring for possible Ebola patients and their families while preventing the spread of the Ebola virus within Chicago. The system provided assessment and care for 11 potential Ebola patients throughout the four-hospital network.
- Led Chicago's response to the pandemic influenza outbreak by working closely with the CDC in Atlanta to acquire and distribute vaccine, and to develop a system to track influenza patients hospitalized in intensive care units and distribute over one million doses of vaccine throughout Chicago. Served as a consultant to CDC to guide other state and local health departments' pandemic response both during and after the crisis.
- Led a comprehensive, multisector initiative to increase human papillomavirus vaccine demand, access and administration resulting in a 20 percentage point increase in vaccine coverage among teenage girls.
- Represented the department and the City of Chicago at numerous national, state and local meetings and on advisory committees related to infectious disease and immunization programs and responses.
- Served as the City of Chicago's spokesperson for numerous infectious disease (e.g., influenza, meningococcal disease, West Nile Virus) prevention and control programs and responses.
- Provided guidance on the reorganization of the department's leadership team.
- Actively participated in the recruitment, interviewing and hiring of the department's leadership team members.
- Oversaw the development and management of over \$70 million in federal and state grants.

Chicago Department of Public Health

Chicago, IL

Medical Director

April 2012 – May 2014

Nov 1999 – Feb 2010

Hired in November, 1999 by Dr. William Paul, Chief Medical Officer, to provide medical direction for policies, programs and systems that assured Chicago residents were protected from vaccine preventable diseases.

- Oversaw Chicago's system for handling, storing and distributing vaccine valued at more than \$40 million, annually.
- Developed, directed and evaluated programs, policies and systems to increase vaccine coverage levels among children, adolescents and adults in Chicago.

- Conducted hundreds of community education sessions to raise awareness about the severity of diseases including measles, meningococcal disease, influenza, human papillomavirus and the effectiveness of vaccines in preventing these diseases.
- Conducted hundreds of health care provider education sessions to increase their knowledge of best practices for vaccine handling, storage and administration.
- Led numerous infectious disease investigations and outbreak responses including meningococcal disease among high school students and the gay and bisexual community, pertussis among grade school children, influenza among residents of long term care facilities and individual cases of measles.
- Served as the City of Chicago's spokesperson for numerous infectious disease (e.g., influenza, meningococcal disease, West Nile Virus) prevention and control programs and responses.
- Directed the systems for collecting, analyzing, and reporting data about individuals infected with vaccine preventable diseases.
- Represented the department and the City of Chicago at numerous national, state and local meetings and on advisory committees related to vaccine programs and infectious disease outbreak responses.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Atlanta, Georgia
Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) Officer

Jul 1997- Jun 1999

Was selected for the United States' premier program to train individuals in the practice of applied public health and respond to emergent public health crises. Participated in rigorous on-the-job training with supervision and mentoring while providing public health service. Identified causes of disease outbreaks, recommended prevention and control measures, and implemented strategies to protect people from illness, and death.

- Led several outbreak investigations and responses related to Group A *Streptococcal* infections in a Georgia long term care facility, Legionnaires's Disease among residents in a small town in Pennsylvania, Group A *Streptococcal* infections in a Texas community.
- Designed and conducted a cohort study of drug resistant bacterial carriage among children receiving a broad-spectrum antibiotic.
- Designed and conducted an ecologic study using *Streptococcus pneumoniae* surveillance data to identify community level characteristics associated with higher rates of invasive disease.

Group Health Medical Associates
Tucson, Arizona
General Pediatrician

Jul 1993 -Feb 1997

Joined a large multispecialty clinic providing care to uninsured, Medicaid enrolled and privately insured patients in a managed care environment.

- Provided primary care services to a panel of infants, children and adolescents.

Education

Education:

Bachelors of Science – University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign - 1986

Graduate Medical Education:

Doctor of Medicine – University of Illinois, Chicago - 1990
Pediatric Residency Training - University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, 1993

Board Certification and Medical Licensure:

American Board of Pediatrics, Board Certified, 1993 - Present



Select Committee and Board Service

National

Biden Transition COVID-19 Advisory Board Board member	2020
National Foundation for Infectious Diseases Board member	2020
Effective Collaboration to Plan and Respond to Communicable Diseases Airport Cooperative Research Program <i>National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine</i> Committee, Chair	2018
Working Group on Community Health Needs Assessments: Principles and Practices <i>National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine</i> Member	2018
Airport Roles in Reducing Communicable Disease Transmission Planning Committee Airport Cooperative Research Program <i>National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine</i> Committee Chair	2017
State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Subcommittee Advisory Committee to the Director <i>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</i> Public Health Surveillance Think Tank, Member Social Determinants of Health Think Tank, Chair	2015 - 2018
Committee on Community Based Solutions to Promote Health Equity in the US <i>National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine</i> Member	2015-2017
National Vaccine Advisory Committee <i>US Department of Health & Human Services</i> Adult Working Group, Chair HPV Vaccine Working Group, Member	2009-2013
Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices <i>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</i> Harmonized Schedule Work Group, Chair Pneumococcal Work Group, Chair Hepatitis Work Group, Member Pertussis Work Group, Member Rotavirus Work Group, Member	2004-2008
State	
Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Infectious Diseases, Member Nominating Committee, Member	2003-2018
Illinois Immunization Advisory Committee Illinois Department of Public Health Committee, Member	2002-2016

Local

NeighborSpace, Land Trust 2017 – 2018
Board Member

Healthcare and Housing Plan Leadership Council 2016 - 2018
Chair
Member

Chicago Area Immunization Campaign 1999-2016
EverThrive Illinois
Co-convener and Steering Committee Member

Select National Presentations (Featured Speaker or Expert Panelist)

National Academy of Science, Engineering, and Medicine's
Webinar on Vaccine Confidence Dec 2020

Trust for America's Health COVID-19 Vaccine Access, Safety, and Utilization:
Building Vaccination Confidence in Communities of Color, Webinar Oct 2020

National Academy of Science, Engineering, and Medicine's Committee on
Equitable Allocation of Vaccine for the Novel Coronavirus, Meeting #3,
Ensuring Public Trust and Equity in SARS CoV-2 Vaccine Efforts, Webinar Aug 2020

American Medical Association, Prioritizing Equity: COVID-19 and
Asian American & Pacific Islander Voices in the Field, Webinar Jun 2020

Coalition of Health Funders
Congressional Briefing, Washington DC Sep 2017

Politico's Pulse Check with Dan Diamond
ACA repeal, Washington, DC Jul 2017

National Press Foundation
Understanding Why Public Health Matters, Washington, DC Jul 2017

The How Housing Matters Conference
Improving Community Health through Collaboration, Washington, DC Dec 2016

American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Exposition
Closing Session, Chicago Illinois Oct 2015

National Adult and Influenza Immunization Summit
Sustainable Adult Immunization Program, Atlanta, Georgia May 2014

National Foundation for Infectious Diseases Vaccinology Course
Reaching Underserved Populations, Chicago, Illinois Mar 2013

National Foundation for Infectious Diseases, Vaccinology Course
Communicating with Underserved Populations, Chicago, Illinois Mar 2012

National Foundation for Infectious Diseases, Vaccinology Course,
Communicating with Underserved Populations, Atlanta, Georgia Nov 2011

National Vaccine Advisory Committee Adult Immunization Stakeholder
Apr 2011

Meeting, Facilitator, Chicago, Illinois

American Academy of Pediatrics and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Enhancing Pediatric Partnerships to Promote Pandemic Preparedness Meeting,
Elk Grove Village, Illinois Apr 2011

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Public Health Grand Rounds,
Pandemic Influenza, Atlanta, Georgia Sep 2010

Institute of Medicine Regional Workshop Series Jul 2010
H1N1 Vaccination Campaigns: Integrated Communication, Distribution and Administration Strategies
Austin, Texas

American Academy of Pediatrics, A Comprehensive Review and Update Jul 2009
Pediatric Infectious Diseases Panel Discussion: Vaccine Issues
Chicago, Illinois

US Health and Human Services Jul 2009
H1N1 Influenza Preparedness Summit, Bethesda, Maryland

American Academy of Pediatrics, Comprehensive Review and Update Jul 2007
Pediatric Infectious Diseases Panel Discussion: Vaccine Issues
Chicago, Illinois

National Immunization Conference Apr 2007
Public Health Use of Influenza Vaccine Distribution Data during the 2006–2007 Season
Kansas City, Missouri

NetConference Feb 2006
New ACIP Recommendations: Prevention of Perinatal and Childhood Hepatitis B Infections

National Viral Hepatitis Conference, Washington, D.C. Dec 2005

National Black Caucus of State Legislators Webconference Aug 2005

National Immunization Conference, Nashville, Tennessee May 2004

Racial and Ethnic Adult Disparities in Immunization Initiative MidCourse Mar 2004
Review, Washington, D.C.

University of North Carolina Public Health Grand Rounds Webcast Jan 2004

Select Scholarly Bibliography

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Select Awards, Honors & Distinctions

Professional

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| Thresholds Community Behavioral Health System's Hero Award
Awarded for outstanding commitment to Thresholds mission | 2018 |
| Midwest Asian Health Association Outstanding Leadership Award
Awarded to an individual who has demonstrated leadership in addressing Asian health issues in Chicago. | 2017 |
| Chicago Family Health Center Healing Hands Award
Awarded to an individual who has supported primary care, safety net services in Chicago. | 2015 |
| City of Chicago Kathy Osterman Excellence in Leadership finalist
Nominated by peers at Chicago Department of Public Health for exemplifying outstanding leadership skills, excellence in the performance of duties and the ability to resolve challenging or complex issues impacting the City of Chicago during the influenza pandemic. | 2010 |
| Robert Wood Johnson National Award for Outstanding Epidemiology
Practice in Addressing Racial and Ethnic Disparities
Selected by a Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists committee for publishing <i>Effect of a School-Entry Requirement on Racial and Ethnic Disparities on Hepatitis B Vaccination Coverage Levels among Public School Students</i> | 2009 |
| Illinois Maternal Child Health Coalition's Loretta Lacey Advocacy Award
Selected by board members, for community level advocacy for improvements in maternal and child health. | 2004 |
| <h3><u>Postgraduate Education</u></h3> | |
| Thomas C. Reeves Memorial Award
Selected by peers as outstanding medical student based on promise for excellence in the medical profession. | 1989 |
| Lange Medical Publication Award
Selected by faculty as one of two outstanding second year medical students. | 1988 |