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Before joining CDC in 2019, Dr. Hacker was Director of the Allegheny County Health Department in Pennsylvania. Previously, she held a variety of leadership roles at the Cambridge Health Alliance in Massachusetts, including her role as the Senior Medical Director for Public and Community Health.

Dr. Hacker has published extensively and is an expert in community-based participatory research (CBPR). She served as the Director of the CBPR program of the Harvard Clinical and Translational Science Award Initiative and wrote *Community-Based Participatory Action Research*, a widely used academic text.

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