

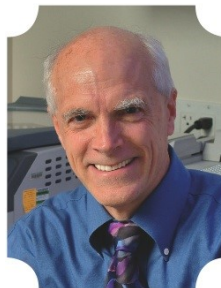
# PRESENTERS

## JAY BUTLER



Jay C. Butler, MD, FAAP, MACP, FIDSA was appointed by Alaska Governor Bill Walker as Chief Medical Officer for the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services and Director of the Division of Public Health in December 2014. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina Medical School, has completed clinical trainings at Vanderbilt and Emory Universities, and maintains clinical board certifications in infectious diseases, internal medical, and pediatrics. Previously, Dr. Butler was Senior Director for Community Health Services at the ANTHC, where he was also a clinical infectious diseases consultant and Medical Director for Infection Control and Employee Health. Earlier work includes serving as Chief Medical Officer of the Alaska Department of Health Social Services from 2007 to 2009, Alaska State Epidemiologist, 2005-07, Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Arctic Investigations Program, 1998-2005, and medical epidemiologist in CDC's National Center for Infectious Diseases in Atlanta, 1991-98.

## BRIAN MCMAHON



Brian J. McMahon is a clinical Liver Specialist (Hepatologist) and the Scientific Program and Clinical Director of the Liver Disease and Hepatitis Program at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage, Alaska, guest researcher at the Arctic Investigations Program of the Centers for Disease Control in Anchorage, Auxiliary professor at University of Alaska Health Sciences Program and clinical professor of medicine at the University of Washington. He obtained his undergraduate degree in philosophy and premed at Seattle University, his medical degree from The University of Washington in Seattle, WA, then completed his internship at the LA County University of Southern California Medical Center and his residency at the University of Iowa

Hospital and Clinics, Iowa City, IA. He has directed the vaccination programs in Alaska Natives that have reduced the rates of acute hepatitis A and B from the highest in the US to the lowest in the world. He has been active in research in viral hepatitis A, B, and C, as well as other liver diseases among Alaska Natives/American Indians, for over 30 years. Dr. McMahon is the co-author of the American Association for the Study of Liver Disease (AASLD) US Practice Guideline on Chronic Hepatitis B and co-chair of the WHO hepatitis B Guidelines Committee. He received the 2017 American Association for the Study of Liver Disease, Distinguished Clinician Educator/Mentor Award. He was elected as a Master in the American College of Physicians and received from them the Alvan R. Feinstein Memorial Award for notable contributions in the field of clinical epidemiology. Dr. McMahon received an Honor Award Certificate from CDC for exemplary leadership in promoting healthy equity among American Indian and Alaska Natives and a Certificate of Appreciation from the National Indian Health Board. He is the author or co-author of more than 150 peer-reviewed papers, 50 book chapters, review articles, or editorials.

## HOPE MCGRATTY



Hope McGratty is a physician's assistant who has been treating patients with hepatitis C since 2008. She graduated from the University of Washington's MEDEX PA Program and from the University of Washington's School of Community Medicine, Masters in Public Health program. Hope was born and raised in central Florida and attended the Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts. Travel brought her to Denali, Alaska in 1998 and she has called Alaska home since then. Hope began treating patients with hepatitis C at Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center (ANHC) where she worked with the University of Washington's ECHO telemedicine program to start a hepatitis C (HCV) program at ANHC to allow uninsured and underinsured patients access to HCV therapy. In 2014 she joined Ben Westley's Infectious Disease Management Group LLC practice where she continues to practice today. She enjoys infectious disease work very much and treats HCV as well as HIV and other infectious diseases in the inpatient and outpatient setting. Her passions include international travel, biking, hiking, snowboarding, and time with her husband and dog Toji.

## ANNETTE HEWITT



Annette Hewitt is a family nurse practitioner specializing in the treatment of patients with hepatitis C. She currently practices at the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC), Liver Disease & Hepatitis Program. She earned both a Bachelor and Master of Science in Nursing from UAA. Annette has over 20 years of experience as a nurse practitioner. She has worked in private practice in Anchorage until relocating her practice to ANTHC in February 2014. Annette is originally from Wisconsin and has called Alaska home since 1983. When she isn't caring for persons' with liver disease, she spends time playing outdoors, practicing new knitting stitches and plotting her next trip to visit the grandson.

## JASON BALL



Jason Ball has more than 15 years of experience in health care, specializing in Quality Assurance and Data Analytics. He studied Pharmacy Technology at the University of Alaska, and is a CMS/Department of Justice Certified Program Integrity Professional (CPIP). Jason has served as a guest instructor and facilitator at the Medicaid Integrity Institute and has contributed to the Health Analytics Advisory Panels for both Optum Insight and Truven Health Analytics. Jason has over 12,000 hours of experience developing provider and patient profiles used to ensure effective program oversight. Jason currently serves as the Quality Assurance Manager for the Division of Health Care Services.

## LISA SAND



Lisa Sand is a licensed pharmacy technician. She has been employed at Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center for more than 20 years. The majority of her time is spent as the Medication Assistance Program (MAP) extraordinaire enrolling patients in assistance programs to find current, reliable, affordable coverage or copay assistance for medications. She has a wealth of knowledge and experience in medication assistance options for hepatitis C medications.

## REBEKAH CLARK



Rebekah Clark is the Alaska Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator for the State of Alaska. She has been in this position since June 2017. Previously, Rebekah worked as Immunization Nurse Coordinator with the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and she has also worked as a Public Health Nurse Consultant contractor for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and as a Public Health Nurse at a local level health department in rural Georgia. Rebekah has MSN and MPH degrees from Emory University.

# CONFERENCE PLANNERS



Rebekah Clark, Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator, State of Alaska (co-chair)

Lisa Townshend-Bulson, FNP, Clinical Manager, ANTHC Liver Disease & Hepatitis Program (co-chair)

Leah Besh, PA, Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center

Kaylie Helvie, Linkage to Care Coordinator, State of Alaska

Annette Hewitt, FNP, ANTHC Liver Disease & Hepatitis Program

Robert Lawrence, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Alaska Department of Corrections

Hope McGratty, PA, Infectious Disease Management Group LLC

Brian McMahon, Scientific Program and Clinical Director, ANTHC Liver Disease & Hepatitis Program

Greg Mete, PA, Kodiak, AK

Erin Narus, Pharmacy & Ancillary Services Lead, Pharmacist, Division of Health Care Services, State of Alaska