

ECHO Board Member Bio

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Ms. Jill DeBoer is the Director of the Academic Health Center's Office of Emergency at the University of Minnesota. She is also the Associate Director at the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy (CIDRAP) and is responsible for the development and implementation of innovative programs designed to address emerging infectious disease issues, with current initiatives focused primarily on bioterrorism and pandemic influenza.

At the Academic Health Center's Office of Emergency, she is responsible for developing and exercising plans and procedures related to public health emergencies on campus. Ms. DeBoer prepares Academic Health Center personnel and students to serve in various public health response roles in the event of a large scale emergency. As

the head of the 900-member University of Minnesota Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) she served as Incident Commander during the MRC's 60-day deployment to the Gulf Coast Region in response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Ms. DeBoer joined the University of Minnesota in 2002 following a 15-year career at the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Control Division where she directed HIV/STD surveillance and response programs, as well as coordinated state-level planning related to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies. Ms. DeBoer has served as a consultant to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the CDC, and numerous state and local health departments regarding public health emergency planning and response.



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