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Disaster MRC Telehealth Strike Teams



Suleima Salgado, MBA
Chief Executive Officer of Global Partnership for Telehealth (GPT)

Suleima is the Chief Executive Officer of Global Partnership for Telehealth (GPT), a nonprofit organization committed to advancing healthcare through the establishment & ongoing support of telehealth programs nationwide. With two decades of experience in telemedicine program development, state and local government affairs, and public relations, Suleima has spearheaded transformative health initiatives across sectors. In addition to her role at GPT, she serves as the Principal Investigator for the Southeastern Telehealth Resource Center (SETRC), where she is the liaison to the U.S. territories of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. In this capacity, Suleima collaborates with a range of stakeholders, including state and federal agencies, healthcare systems, public health organizations, educational institutions, and technology companies, providing technical support and strategic guidance to expand telehealth services in underserved communities. Additionally, she has been an MRC volunteer for over 16 years and currently leads the MRC Georgia East Metro Telehealth Taskforce based out of Gwinnett Couty, Georgia and serves as a board member.

Prior to this role Suleima served as the Director of Telemedicine & Project ECHO for the Georgia Department of Public Health for 15 years where she led various public health initiatives and managed a $2.4 million budget. In this role she was responsible for expanding access to underserved areas of the state leveraging Georgia's 159 county health departments.
Mrs. Salgado holds a Master of Business Administration from Southeastern University in Florida.

Suleima also serves her community as a Rotarian with the Rotary Club of Gwinnett and serves as a board member for the Georgia Health Information Network (GaHIN), Good Samaritan Health Centers of Gwinnett, the Gwinnett Coalition, the Medical Reserve Corp-GEM, and the Mill Creek Athletic Association Basketball Board.



Stephanie Payne
Disaster Telemedicine and Pediatric Project Manager, Southern Regional Disaster Response System (HHS Region 4)

Stephanie serves as the Disaster Telemedicine and Pediatric Project Manager with the Southern Regional Disaster Response System (SRDRS) for HHS Region 4, based at the Emory University School of Medicine. In this role, she manages innovative disaster virtual care and pediatric projects that strengthen regional healthcare

preparedness and response capacity with a primary goal of helping mitigate medical surge to reduce patient mortality during disaster incidents.

Stephanie brings over 30 years of experience across the local government and non-profit sectors. Her diverse background spans emergency preparedness, end-to-end HSEEP-guided exercise design and facilitation, business continuity, U.S. Repatriation, and health & human services. Stephanie holds a Master of Business Administration from Liberty University and is a Certified Lean Six Sigma Green Belt. She leverages her expertise in project management, strategic planning, and process improvement to advance disaster healthcare resiliency across the Southeast.