

# The Call to Action on Climate, Health and Equity

## Press Call Participant Bios



**Boris Lushniak, MD, MPH**  
University of Maryland School of Public Health

Dr. Lushniak was the U.S. Deputy Surgeon General from November 2010 to September 2015, assisting the Surgeon General in articulating the best available scientific information to the public to improve personal health and the health of the nation. Dr. Lushniak also served as Acting Surgeon General from July 2013 to December 2014. He currently serves as Dean of the University of Maryland School of Public Health, since January 2017.



**Aparna Bole,**  
American Academy of Pediatrics Council on Environmental Health

Aparna Bole, MD, FAAP is Division Chief of General Academic Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine and Medical Director of the Rainbow Ambulatory Practice at UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital. She is also Rainbow's Medical Director of Community Integration, in which capacity she leads efforts to build close partnerships with community organizations and stakeholders to enhance the well-being of patients and families at UH Rainbow Babies & Children's and MacDonal Women's

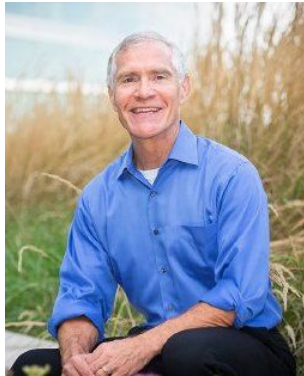
Hospitals, and supports innovation in women's and pediatric primary care delivery. She serves on the American Academy of Pediatrics Council on Environmental Health Executive Committee, and the boards of Healthcare Without Harm, Practice Greenhealth, and the Ohio Environmental Council.



**Deborah Brown**  
American Lung Association

Deborah P. Brown is the Chief Mission Officer for the American Lung Association. Prior to this, she served as President and CEO of the Lung Association of the Mid-Atlantic until the Lung Association united into a single nationwide organization on July 1, 2017, when she became the Executive Vice President for the region.

Brown is a 37-year employee of the American Lung Association. She holds a BS degree in Public Health from West Chester University and an MS degree in Health Education from St. Joseph's University. She has been a Certified Health Education Specialist since 1993.



**Jeff Thompson**

Gundersen Health System,  
Health Care Without Harm

Jeff Thompson, MD, is executive advisor and chief executive officer emeritus at Gundersen Health System, pediatrician, author, and speaker.

Dr. Thompson is a founding member and past board chair of the Wisconsin Collaborative for Healthcare Quality and the La Crosse Medical Health Science Consortium. He also serves on the boards for the ThedaCare Center for Healthcare Value, the Wisconsin Statewide Value Committee, About Health (chair), Practice Greenhealth, and is the current chair of the Health Care Without Harm board of directors.



**Laura Anderko**

Georgetown University School of Nursing & Health Studies,  
Mid-Atlantic Center for Children's Health and the Environment

Laura Anderko, PhD, RN, holds the Robert and Kathleen Scanlon Chair in Values Based Health Care at Georgetown University School of Nursing & Health Studies. She is a Professor and Director of the Mid-Atlantic Center for Children's Health and the Environment, and a scholar in the fields of epidemiology, public health and environmental health.

Dr. Anderko, a Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellow, serves as Research Co-Chair for the Alliance of Nurses for a Healthy Environment, Co-Chair of the National Environmental Health Partnership Council (APHA/CDC), and as Chair for the National Center for Children's Vision and Eye Health Advisory Board (Maternal Child Health Bureau, HRSA).

She previously served on the Environmental Protection Agency's federal advisory committee, the Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee (CHPAC), the National Drinking Water Advisory Committee (NDWAC), and the National Environmental Justice

Advisory Committee (NEJAC) Research Workgroup, as well as the Mid-Atlantic Health Equity Council (Office of Minority Health). In 2013, she was named a White House Champion of Change for her leadership in raising awareness about climate-related health effects. The next year, she earned the 2014 Nurse.com Nursing Excellence GEM Award for her work to advance and lead the nursing profession. In 2015, she was granted a five-year award, totaling more than \$700,000, to lead a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention initiative at Georgetown focusing on children and environmental health.