

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE**

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**CDR Elizabeth Garza, MPH, CPH**

Member-at-large --Health Services Officer

CDR Garza is the Health Services Officer (HSO) Category Representative on the DC-COA Board of Directors. CDR Garza served as the JOAG Chair (2015-2016) and currently serves as the JOAG Ex Officio Chair. CDR Garza has served two voting terms with her PAC's Public Health Professional Advisory Group serving as the Track Lead for Global Health as well as the Track Lead for Generalists. She currently serves as a voting member of the Hispanic Officer Advisory Council (HOAC) and in her role served as the first Chair of the Deployment Subcommittee and currently serves as the Chair for the Communications and Public Relations Subcommittee. CDR has been part of the PHS-1 RDF team since 2008 and serves as the team's Cross-Functional Training Coordinator. She has had several deployments with her RDF team with the most recent in 2011 where she served as the Strike Team Lead for one of the clinical sites that the USPHS supported as part of 'Operation Lone Star', the largest public health humanitarian effort in the U.S.

Since her commission with the USPHS in 2007, CDR Garza has served as a research officer with the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness & Response, as an International Health Analyst with the HHS Office of Global Affairs serving as the Project Officer for the Afghanistan Health Initiative and now currently serves as a public health analyst with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC). At CDC she has been part of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Response Team and most recently served as part of the Ebola Response at the CDC Quarantine Station at Washington Dulles Airport (October 2014-January 2015).

CDR Garza earned her MPH in International Health Policy & Programs from George Washington University, her B.S. in Biology & International Relations from the College of William & Mary and is Certified in Public Health by the National Board of Public Health Examiners.