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Isaac Weisfuse received his MD degree in 1982 from the State University of New York at Downstate. Following training in Internal Medicine, he trained in epidemiology and public health (1985-1987) through the Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) of the Centers for Disease Control, as a member of the Hepatitis Branch.

Following EIS, Dr. Weisfuse joined the New York City Department of Health. His positions in the Health Department have included: Director of the Office of AIDS Research, Assistant Commissioner for the Bureau of Sexually Transmitted Diseases, and his current position as Deputy Commissioner for the Division of Disease Control. This division is responsible for the prevention and control of infectious diseases in New York City, including Tuberculosis, HIV, and STDs. Dr. Weisfuse was also put in charge of the agency's emergency preparedness activities in 1999, and served as an agency incident commander for the World Trade Center disaster. He currently leads the effort in pandemic flu planning.

Dr. Weisfuse received his MPH in Health Policy and Management from the Columbia University School of Public Health in 1991. He has authored and co-authored numerous scientific articles. He is on the faculty of the Epidemiology Department of the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University, as well as the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, where he has taught a course on communicable disease epidemiology. His principle interests include STDs, hepatitis, HIV/AIDS, smallpox, emergency preparedness, and public health management.

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