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CAPT Kimberly Elenberg, R.N., DNP is a Doctor of Nursing Practice, an informaticist, leader in public health policy, educator, and a frontrunner of national prevention strategies. Her leadership in this field has led her to work across the Department of Defense, the White House, and Health and Human Services to advance health policy across the federal government resulting in recognition by the Secretary of Defense with the Correspondence Excellence Award. Elenberg advises the Office of the Secretary of Defense on comprehensive strategy for optimizing the well-being and resilience of our Service Members, their families and the entire DoD community. Prior to this, Elenberg served as the Deputy Director of Population Health and Medical Management where she was responsible for guiding population health and disease management at 36 military treatment facilities that serve 9.7 million beneficiaries around the world. Outside of her career, she is a strong supporter of community service and has served on community and national boards and provided leadership for many diverse organizations. In the past, she collaborated with Remote Area Medical and the Oglala Sioux tribe to initiate a leadership camp for at-risk adolescents. Elenberg earned a bachelor's degree in nursing at Temple University on a four-year ROTC scholarship and a master's degree in informatics from the University of Maryland, and graduated summa cum laude with a doctorate in nursing practice from The Johns Hopkins University.

Rachel Breslin, PhD served in a variety of operational and strategic positions in the military for over a decade. She organized and oversaw operations and training involving thousands of U.S. military personnel and local nationals in multiple multinational settings; managed millions of dollars in equipment; and, commanded a unit of nearly 200 service-members. As special assistant to the Chief of Staff of the Army, Rachel planned, prepared, and executed strategic engagements; coordinated communications strategies; and provided policy assessments on major issues (e.g. the integration of women in combat and the retention of junior military officers). Rachel is a Senior Applied Social Scientist in the Office of People Analytics in the Department of Defense. She conducts data collection and research on sexual assault, sexual harassment, and gender discrimination in the military. Rachel is also an Adjunct Professor at The George Washington University, a fellow with The Lab @ DC, and a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves. Rachel earned a B.S. in International Politics from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, a Master of Policy Management from Georgetown University, and a Doctorate in Public Policy and Public Administration from The George Washington University.