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Donald A. Donahue, DHEd, MBA, FACHE, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army (Ret.) is a founding partner of Diogenec Group, a Washington, DC healthcare consultancy and professional services firm. With more than 35 years' experience as a healthcare administrator in the military, government and private sectors, Dr. Donahue applies an innovative approach to program development, operational analysis and marketing solutions. He is a recognized expert in healthcare operations, medical readiness, emergency preparedness, and bioterrorism. His work has included development of a medical intelligence course for a state department of health, technical advisement to an evaluation of Veterans Affairs behavioral health residential treatment facilities, providing expert testimony regarding HIPAA, and increasing access to healthcare and enhanced resiliency for vulnerable populations.



Dr. Donahue is certified in healthcare administration and is a Fellow of both the American College of Healthcare Executives and the Center for National Preparedness at the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Donahue is a non-physician advisory member of the American Academy of Disaster Medicine and the American Board of Disaster Medicine. He is a strategic advisor to the Society for Disaster Medicine and Public Health and the editorial board of the *Journal of Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness*. Dr. Donahue also serves as an advisory board member for Quantum Leap Innovations, a technology company focused on the research and development of advanced analytics solutions. Dr. Donahue is immediate past Board Chair for Melwood, an \$88 million nonprofit serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and the nation's fourth largest AbilityOne program. Other professional activities include services as a peer reviewer for the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), appointment to the Department of Homeland Security Community Health Resilience Initiative (CHRI) workgroup, and director for medical response for Firestorm Solutions.

Dr. Donahue served as the Program Director for Health Policy and Preparedness for the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies. He previously served as the Deputy Surgeon (Policy and Fiscal Administration) for the Army Reserve, where he was responsible for strategic planning, program development, and funding for medical operations, medical and dental readiness, health policy, medical aspects of Homeland Security, and Bioterrorism issues. A principal planner for the Department of Defense (DoD) anthrax and smallpox immunization programs, he authored the Joint Forces Command model for medical response to domestic weapons of mass destruction incidents and natural disasters and created the Joint/Interagency Civil Support Training Center (JICSTC) at Fort Dix, NJ. Dr. Donahue designed and established the Federal Strategic Health Alliance (FEDS_HEAL), the antecedent to the Reserve Health Readiness Program, a medical and dental readiness support system composed of Departments of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Health and Human Services (HHS) providers, serving 1.2 million Reserve Component members.

Following the postal anthrax attacks of 2001, he delivered prophylaxis education on behalf of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to the Public Health Service "strike team" responders and to regional reference laboratories across the U.S. Dr. Donahue's recent work has focused on international health, health diplomacy, and enhancing preparedness and response capabilities. Recognition for programs established by Dr. Donahue include the Hammer Award for Reinventing Government, the VA Award for Contracting Excellence, and being named to *Fast Company* magazine's "Fast 50" recognizing innovators, entrepreneurs, and change agents.

Previous positions held by Dr. Donahue include Senior Marketing Manager for Magellan Health Services, and emergency department administrator and corporate consultant for New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation. Dr. Donahue is an Adjunct Assistant Professor for healthcare administration at the University of Maryland University College and the University of Maryland Baltimore County.