

## **Lisa Kaplowitz**

Lisa Kaplowitz, MD, MSHA is the Deputy Commissioner for Emergency Preparedness and Response (EP&R) at the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), a position she has held since August, 2002. In this position, she is responsible for the development and implementation of Virginia's public health response to all natural and man made emergencies. She also is responsible for coordinating the health department's response with the response of hospitals and the health care system in Virginia, as well as coordinating Virginia's response with that of adjacent states and the District of Columbia. Dr. Kaplowitz is Principal Investigator for both the CDC and HRSA grants to VDH that provide federal funding for public health and healthcare emergency preparedness and response in Virginia.

Prior to joining VDH, Dr. Kaplowitz was a faculty member in the Department of Medicine at Virginia Commonwealth University for 20 years and Director of the VCU HIV/AIDS Center. In her role as Director of the VCU HIV/AIDS Center, she developed HIV clinical and training programs, and was involved extensively in HIV legislative and policy issues at both state and federal levels. She obtained her MD degree from the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine, and completed her residency in Internal Medicine and Fellowship in Infectious Diseases at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. She was a Robert Wood Johnson health policy fellow with the Institute of Medicine in Washington D.C. in 1996-1997, working in the Senate on Medicare and health financing issues in Senator Jay Rockefeller's Office. She completed a Masters of Science in Health Administration (MSHA) at Virginia Commonwealth University in 2002. In addition to public health and emergency preparedness, she has a strong interest in health policy, health care financing and improving access to health care.