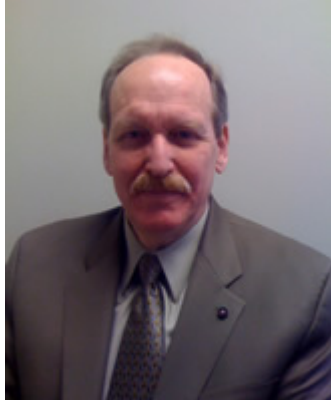


## ★ WHO WE ARE



**Dr. Craig Vanderwagen, M.D., RADM, USPHS (Retired)**  
Senior Partner

Dr. Craig Vanderwagen is a senior partner with Martin, Blanck, and Associates who joined the firm on November 1, 2009.

He offers unique and groundbreaking experience in biodefense, domestic disaster preparedness and response, international humanitarian and disaster response, federal health delivery systems, innovative organization development and evaluation, and cross-cultural health care.

From August 2006 until July 2009, Dr. Vanderwagen was the founding Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In this role he was responsible for the leadership and development of a new organization whose mission was preparing the Nation for response and recovery from public health and other health disasters whether natural or manmade. The organization was initiated after hurricane Katrina and formalized after the passage of the Pandemic and All Hazards Preparedness Act. The Act empowered the ASPR as the lead for all federal public health and medical response in disasters. It also initiated the Biomedical Acquisition, Research, and Development Authority for the development and acquisition of medical countermeasures (preventives, treatments, and diagnostics) for the civilian population. Lastly the funding of grants for development of state and local hospital preparedness activities became a major element of the preparedness activities in ASPR.

Dr. Vanderwagen had a distinguished 28 year career in public service as a commissioned officer in the United States Public Health Service (USPHS), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). His assignments prior to becoming Assistant Secretary included many deployments in disaster environments. These included lead federal health official in Louisiana after Katrina from August-November, 2005; lead public health official and senior officer aboard the USNS Mercy in Indonesia after the tsunami in 2005; Director of Primary Care and Public Health for the Ministry of Health in Iraq from September 2003-March, 2004; consultant to the Pan American Health Organization in Honduras after Hurricane Mitch in 1999; and Medical Director for Project Provide Refuge (joint DOD-HHS Kosovar refugee assistance) in 1999.

These deployed assignments however were in addition to his regular duties in the Indian Health Service where during his 25 years of service, he held a number of responsible positions and was the agency's Chief Medical Officer as his last assignment. During his career with Indian Health Service, Dr. Vanderwagen provided leadership in the uses of electronic health records, implementation of the use of best practices to combat chronic diseases, and was an early supporter of, and the agency's lead negotiator for a majority of the early Self Governance Compacts.

Dr. Vanderwagen is a family physician who believes passionately in the union of public health and clinical medicine. He and his wife of 38 years have 3 grown sons and one granddaughter.