

## Laura Cheever, MD, ScM

Associate Administrator for HIV/AIDS Bureau Health Resources and Services Administration  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Laura Cheever, MD, ScM, is the associate administrator for the HIV/AIDS Bureau of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).



Dr. Cheever previously served as the deputy associate administrator and chief medical officer of the HIV/AIDS Bureau, responsible for leading the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program and HRSA's programming for the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. She has also provided national leadership for HIV/AIDS care and treatment, including the development of federal guidelines for HIV care.

Dr. Cheever joined HRSA in 1999 as the chief of the HIV Education Branch where she was responsible for providing HIV/AIDS clinical education and training for the nation's health care providers.

Before joining HRSA, Dr. Cheever was an assistant professor of medicine at Johns Hopkins University. She is committed to serving the HIV population and volunteers at the Bartlett Clinic for HIV Care at the Johns Hopkins University Hospital.

Dr. Cheever received her medical degree from Brown University and is board certified in infectious diseases.

## Dr. Erin Connors

Dr. Erin Connors is an epidemiologist in the Prevention Branch in the Division of Viral Hepatitis at CDC.

She received her doctorate in public health from the joint program at University of California San Diego and San Diego State. She was in the EIS class of 2018 and a former NIH National Institute on Drug Abuse T32 fellow.



## Diana Espinosa

Acting Administrator  
Health Resources and Services Administration  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Diana Espinosa is currently the Acting Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). She has been the Deputy Administrator of HRSA, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) since March 2015.

Working in partnership with states and numerous national and local organizations, HRSA uses its \$11.7 billion annual budget to improve health outcomes and address health disparities through access to quality services, a skilled health workforce, and innovative, high-value programs.

In response to the unprecedented public health crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic, Ms. Espinosa has assumed the additional responsibility of leading a HRSA team implementing the Provider Relief Fund. Since April 2020, Ms. Espinosa has led a history-making effort to manage the distribution of \$178 billion dollars in relief payments to hospitals and other health care professionals on the front lines of the coronavirus response, as well as paying claims for uninsured patient testing and treatment.

Ms. Espinosa served as Senior Health Advisor to the HRSA Administrator from 2013 to 2015 providing counsel to the Administrator on a wide range of policy, program, and management issues. From 2007 through 2012, Ms. Espinosa served as the Deputy Associate Administrator for HRSA's Bureau of Health Professions where she managed a portfolio of programs focused on the development, distribution and retention of a diverse, culturally competent health workforce that provides high-quality care for all Americans. In this position, she oversaw the implementation resource investments and programmatic changes enacted in the Recovery Act of 2009 and the Affordable Care Act to build the Nation's health workforce.

Prior to joining HRSA, Ms. Espinosa served as Deputy Assistant Director for Management at the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) where she led government-wide efforts to improve program performance and accountability. During nine years in a variety of roles at OMB, she also served as Chief of OMB's Health and Human Services Branch where she led the analysis of budget, management, and policy issues relating to HHS.

Early in her career, Ms. Espinosa served in the Miami-Dade County government in Florida where she held a number of posts including the Operating Budget Coordinator.

Ms. Espinosa attended the University of Michigan where she received a Master of Public Policy degree and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Anthropology.



## James Macrae, MA, MPP

Associate Administrator Bureau of Primary Health Care  
Health Resources and Services Administration  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services



Jim Macrae became associate administrator for primary health care in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in May 2006.

The Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC) supports health centers in underserved communities, providing access to high quality, affordable, patient-centered, comprehensive primary health care for people who are low-income, uninsured, or face other obstacles to receiving health care.

As head of the Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC), Macrae manages a \$5.6 billion budget that supports nearly 1,400 health centers which operate approximately 13,000 service delivery sites in every U.S. state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Pacific Basin. Serving nearly 30 million people nationwide, these centers provide cost-effective, comprehensive, and patient-centered care, coordinating a wide range of medical, dental, mental health, substance use disorder, vision, and patient support services.

Macrae also served as Acting Administrator for HRSA from April 2015 to April 2017, where he oversaw more than 90 programs that provide health services to tens of millions of people, including people living with HIV/AIDS, pregnant women, mothers and families, and those otherwise unable to access quality health care.

Prior to his years in BPHC, Macrae served as Associate Administrator for HRSA's Office of Performance Review (OPR) from 2000 to 2006, where he oversaw the work of staff in regional divisions across the country. OPR was previously the agency's focal point for reviewing and improving the performance of HRSA-supported programs in states and communities.

Macrae also served in several capacities at BPHC from 1992 to 2000. As the bureau's director of the Office of State and National Partnerships, he worked with national and state associations across the country to increase access, reduce disparities in health outcomes, and improve the delivery of health services to underserved populations.

Before joining HRSA in 1992, Macrae was a Presidential Management Intern at HHS, where he worked on both the Medicare and Medicaid programs as well as in the Department's Office of Planning and Evaluation.

Macrae has received numerous awards, including the Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service (2019), the Hubert H. Humphrey Award for Service to America (2015), the HRSA Administrators Award for Equal Opportunity Achievement (2014), and the Presidential Meritorious Executive Rank Award (2010).

Macrae earned his bachelor of arts degree in sociology from Illinois Wesleyan University, a master's degree in sociology from Duke University, and a master's degree in public policy from Harvard University.

### Jonathan Mermin, MD, MPH (RADM, USPHS)

Director  
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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services



Jonathan Mermin, MD, MPH, is the Director of the National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP), and a Rear Admiral in the U.S. Public Health Service. He oversees the nation's efforts to prevent HIV, viral hepatitis, sexually transmitted diseases, and tuberculosis. These infections affect millions of Americans and cause tens of thousands of deaths each year. NCHHSTP focuses on high impact prevention strategies that are cost-effective, scalable, and grounded in the latest research. These strategies save lives, save money, reduce health disparities, and protect the health of all Americans.

From 2009-2013, Dr. Mermin directed CDC's Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention, overseeing the agency's HIV efforts in the United States. He previously served as Director of CDC-Kenya and HHS Public Health Attaché for the U.S. Embassy from 2006-2009, and as Director of CDC-Uganda from 1999-2006. In Uganda, he oversaw implementation of the first antiretroviral treatment program funded by CDC outside of the United States, gaining practical experience for PEPFAR and supporting widespread HIV treatment efforts in developing countries.

Dr. Mermin began his career at CDC in 1995 as an EIS officer with the Foodborne and Diarrheal Diseases Branch. He completed an internal medicine residency at San Francisco General Hospital and a preventive medicine residency at CDC and the California Department of Health Services. He is a graduate of Harvard College and Stanford University School of Medicine, and received his MPH from Emory University. He has co-authored more than 200 scientific articles and book chapters. He currently serves as an Adjunct Professor at Emory University School of Public Health.