

Trump Administration

Key Policy and Health Policy Personnel

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CABINET

Secretary of State: Mike Pompeo

Pompeo previously served as the U.S. Representative for Kansas's 4th congressional district (2011-2017) and sat on the House Energy and Commerce Committee. He was Director of the CIA from 2017 to 2018, when President Trump nominated him to succeed Rex Tillerson as Secretary of State. He was confirmed by the Senate by a vote of 57-42 on April 26, 2018.

Secretary of the Treasury: Steven Mnuchin

Mnuchin worked as the national finance chairman of Trump's presidential campaign. He is a former partner at Goldman Sachs, founded the hedge fund Dune Capital Management, and was an investor in the film industry. The Senate confirmed Mr. Mnuchin by a vote of 53-47 on February 13, 2017.

The Senate confirmed **Justin Muzinich** as deputy secretary of the Treasury by a vote of 55-44 on December 11, 2018.

Secretary of Defense: Mark Esper

Esper previously served as Army Secretary. He was confirmed by the Senate on July 23, 2019 by a vote of 90-8.

Attorney General: William Barr

Barr previously held the position of attorney general from 1991 to 1993. Before becoming attorney general the first time, Barr held numerous other posts within the Department of Justice, including serving as Deputy Attorney General from 1990 to 1991. The Senate confirmed Barr by a vote of 54-45 on February 14, 2019.

Secretary of the Interior: David Bernhardt

President Trump has nominated Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt as Secretary, following the resignation of Ryan Zinke. Bernhardt is a former energy lobbyist. He was confirmed by the Senate by a vote of 56-41 on April 11, 2019.

Secretary of Agriculture: Sonny Perdue

Sonny Perdue is an American politician who served as the 81st Governor of GA from 2003 to 2011. Perdue currently serves on the Governors' Council of the Bipartisan Policy Center in Washington, DC. Prior to his career in politics, Perdue worked as a veterinarian before becoming a small business owner. The Senate confirmed Mr. Perdue by vote of 87-11 on April 24, 2017.

Secretary of Commerce: Wilbur Ross

Ross worked as an economic advisor to Trump during his campaign. Ross is chairman and chief strategist of the private equity firm W.L. Ross & Co. He is a former banker and investor in industrial business. The Senate confirmed Mr. Ross by a vote of 72-27 on February 27, 2017.

Acting Secretary of Labor: Patrick Pizzella

Following the resignation of Alexander Acosta Patrick Pizzella began serving as the acting Secretary of Labor. He previously worked as Deputy Secretary of Labor. He is a former member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority appointed by President Barack Obama.

Secretary of Health and Human Service: Alex Azar

Azar served as general counsel (2001-2005) and deputy secretary (2005-2007) of HHS during the Bush administration. He then served for a decade at Eli Lilly as senior vice president of corporate affairs and communications leading the company's U.S. operations. He is the former chairman and founder of Seraphim Strategies, LLC, a strategic consulting firm focused on the biopharmaceutical and health insurance industries. Azar earned an A.B. summa cum laude in government and economics from Dartmouth, and a J.D. from Yale. He clerked for Associate Justice Antonin Scalia on the Supreme Court of the U.S. He was a member of the board of HMS Holdings Corporation (NASDAQ: HMSY) and previously served on the Boards of BIO (Executive Committee and Co-Chairman of the Reimbursement Committee), the Healthcare Leadership Council (Treasurer), and the National Association of Manufacturers. The Senate confirmed Mr. Azar by a vote of 55-43 on January 24, 2018.

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development: Ben Carson, MD

Dr. Carson is a retired surgeon who is known for being a pioneer in the field of neurosurgery. He worked as Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital from 1984 until his retirement in 2013, making him the youngest chief of pediatric neurosurgery in the country at age 33. He has received more than 60 honorary doctorate degrees, dozens of national merit citations, and written over 100 neurosurgical publications. In 2008, he was bestowed the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award in the U.S. Dr. Carson ran as a Republican in the 2016 presidential elections. He has never held public office. The Senate confirmed Dr. Carson by a vote of 58-41 on March 2, 2017.

Secretary of Transportation: Elaine Chao

Elaine Chao was the 24th U. S. Secretary of Labor who served from 2001-2009. Secretary Chao's career spans the public, private and non-profit sectors. She is the former President and CEO of United Way of America and former Director of the Peace Corps. Her government service also includes serving as Deputy Secretary at the U.S. Department of Transportation, Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission, Deputy Maritime Administrator, and White House Fellow. Prior to her government service, she was Vice President of Syndications at BankAmerica Capital Markets Group and a banker with Citicorp in NY. The Senate approved Ms. Chao's nomination on January 31, 2017 by a vote of 93-6.

Secretary of Energy: Rick Perry

Rick Perry is a Republican politician who served as the 47th Governor of TX from 2000 to 2015. He was elected Lieutenant Governor of TX in 1998 and assumed the governorship when then-Governor George W. Bush resigned to become president. Perry was the chairman of the Republican Governors Association in 2008 and again in 2011. He ran unsuccessfully for the Republican presidential nomination in 2012 and 2016. The Senate confirmed Mr. Perry by a vote of 62-37 on March 2, 2017.

Secretary of Education: Betsy DeVos

Betsy DeVos was tapped for the position of Secretary of Education. DeVos is a Michigan Republican activist and philanthropist. She is the former chairwoman of the MI Republican Party, and is currently the chairman of The Windquest Group, a MI-based investment management company. The Senate confirmed Ms. DeVos by a vote of 51-50 on February 7, 2017.

Secretary of Veterans Affairs: Robert Wilkie

Robert Wilkie currently serves as the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Prior to becoming the VA Secretary, Wilkie served as the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. He worked in the Department of Defense during the George W. Bush administration and is a former intelligence officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve. The Senate confirmed Mr. Wilkie by a vote of 86-9 on July 23, 2018.

Dr. Richard Stone serves as the Executive in Charge, Veterans Health Administration, with the authority to perform the functions and duties of the Under Secretary for Health. He is a practicing dermatologist.

Acting Secretary of Homeland Security: Kevin McAleenan

McAleenan is an attorney who also serves as the U.S. Customs and Border Protection commissioner.

Brock Long serves as the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. **Peter Gaynor** has served as FEMA deputy administrator.

CABINET-LEVEL OFFICIALS

Chief of Staff: Mark Meadows

President Trump announced that Rep. Mark Meadows (R-N.C.) will replace Mick Mulvaney as his chief of staff. Rep. Meadows is the former chairman of the House Freedom Caucus and the current ranking member of the House Oversight and Reform Committee. He planned to retire from Congress at the end of the year.

Chris Liddell, **Emma Doyle**, and **Daniel Walsh** currently serve as Deputy Chiefs of Staff.

Trade Representative: Robert Lighthizer

Lighthizer served as deputy U.S. trade representative in the Reagan administration. He also has experience as chief of staff for the Senate Finance Committee and has worked in international trade law at the law firm Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom. The Senate confirmed Mr. Lighthizer by a vote of 82-14 on May 11, 2017.

Director of National Intelligence: Dan Coats

Former Sen. Dan Coats (R-Ind.) was a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee. He is also a former ambassador to Germany. The Senate confirmed Sen. Coats by a vote of 85-12 on March 15, 2017.

Acting Ambassador to the United Nations: Jonathan Cohen

Cohen, deputy permanent representative since June 2018, is a career diplomat who became Acting U.S. Ambassador after the resignation of Nikki Haley went into effect.

Director of the Office of Management and Budget: Mick Mulvaney

Mick Mulvaney previously served as the Congressman for South Carolina's 5th District. After practicing law following graduating law school, he started his own law firm. Later, he ran his family's real estate business then started a small homebuilding company. He has also owned and operated his own restaurant. He served on the House Financial Services Committee as well as the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. The Senate confirmed Mr. Mulvaney by a vote of 51-49 on February 16, 2017.

Russ Vought currently serves as Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget. He previously worked as the Vice President of Grassroots Outreach for Heritage Action for America and has served on the President's transition team. He worked as a budget aid to Vice President Mike Pence during his time in the House of Representatives, and as the Executive Director of the Republican Study Committee. **Greg D'Angelo** serves as head of Health Programs at OMB. He is a former Senate Budget Committee GOP aide.

Director of the Central Intelligence Agency: Gina Haspel

Gina Haspel is an American intelligence officer currently serving as Director of the CIA. She had been previously the Deputy Director under Mike Pompeo in the beginning of the Trump administration. On May 17, 2018, she was confirmed by the Senate by a vote of 54-45.

Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency: Andrew Wheeler

Wheeler previously worked in the law firm Faegre Baker Daniels and is a former aide to Senator James Inhofe. He was confirmed by the Senate on February 28, 2019 by a vote of 52-47.

Administrator of the Small Business Administration: Linda McMahon

Linda McMahon is an American professional wrestling magnate and politician. From 1980 to 2009, McMahon was active in growing the WWE to a multinational corporation. In 2009 and again in 2012, she ran as a Republican for a seat in the U.S. Senate from Connecticut. The Senate confirmed Ms. McMahon by a vote of 81-19 on February 14, 2017.

NOTABLE NON-CABINET POSITIONS: WHITE HOUSE STAFF

Counselor to the President: Kellyanne Conway

Kellyanne Conway was Trump's campaign manager during his 2016 presidential campaign. She is a longtime pollster and analyst, specializing in polling data concerning women and younger voters.

Counselor to the President: Johnny DeStefano

DeStefano entered the administration as the Director of Presidential Personnel. He previously worked for OH Congressman John Boehner. He also has worked with the Republican National Committee.

Senior Advisor to the President: Stephen Miller

Stephen Miller previously served as the communications director for then-AL senator, Attorney General Jeff Sessions. He also served as a press secretary to Republican U.S. Representatives Michele Bachmann and John Shadegg.

Senior Advisor to the President: Jared Kushner

Kushner currently serves as senior advisor to his father-in-law, President Donald Trump. He is an investor, real-estate developer, and newspaper publisher. During the 2016 presidential campaign, he helped develop and run Trump's digital media strategy.

Press Secretary: Stephanie Grisham

Stephanie Grisham is the current press secretary, having replaced Sarah Huckabee Sanders on July 1, 2019.

Hogan Gidley, former senior communications advisor for Rick Santorum for President, and former executive director of Mike Huckabee's PAC, serves as principal deputy press secretary. **Judd Deere**, former White House director of media affairs, serves as deputy press secretary.

Director of Communications: Bill Shine

Bill Shine has spent his career as a producer and executive at Fox News. Most recently, he was co-president of Fox News, a position he held for nine months before he departed in 2017.

White House Counsel: Pat Cipollone

Cipollone was a partner at the law firm Kirkland & Ellis, and prior to taking over as White House Counsel was a partner at Stein, Mitchell, Cipollone, Beato & Missner, where he practiced commercial litigation.

Director of White House Domestic Policy Council: Joseph Grogan

Grogan has served as Associate Director for Health Program at the Office of Management and Budget since March 2017. During the Administration of President George W. Bush, he served as Executive Director of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV and AIDS (PACHA) and as the Special Assistant to Commissioner of FDA.

Special Assistant to the President, Domestic Policy Council (Healthcare): Katy Talento

Katy Talento, an infectious disease epidemiologist with nearly 20 years of experience in public health and health policy, as well as government oversight and investigations and program evaluation. Ms. Talento spent 12 years in the U.S. Senate, working for five Senators and two committees. She has also worked in the field on disease control programs in the U.S. and in Africa.

NOTABLE NON-CABINET POSITIONS: SECURITY AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

National Security Advisor: Robert O'Brien

Robert O'Brien is the current U.S. National Security Advisor and the U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs. He is also a partner at Larson O'Brien LLP, a Los Angeles-based law firm.

Homeland Security Advisor: Doug Fears

Doug Fears is a U.S. Coast Guard rear admiral (lower half). Fears has served in the administration as a special assistant to the President, as director for Central America and the Caribbean on the National Security Council staff, and as senior director for resilience policy for the National Security Council.

Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation: Christopher A. Wray

From 2003 to 2005, Mr. Wray served as Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division in the George W. Bush administration. From 2005 to 2017, he was a litigation partner with the law firm King & Spalding. The Senate confirmed Mr. Wray by a vote of 92-5 on August 1, 2017.

NOTABLE NON-CABINET POSITIONS: DOMESTIC AFFAIRS

Chair of the Council of Economic Advisers: Kevin Hassett

Kevin Hassett is an American economist and the Chair of the Council of Economic Advisers. Hassett was the State Farm James Q. Wilson Chair in American Politics and Culture and Director of Research for Domestic Policy at the American Enterprise Institute. He was John McCain's chief economic adviser in the 2000 presidential primaries and an economic adviser to the campaigns of George W. Bush in the 2004 presidential election and McCain in the presidential election of 2008. He was among Mitt Romney's economic advisers for the 2012 presidential campaign. The Senate confirmed Mr. Hassett by a vote of 81-16 on September 12.

Chair of the Securities and Exchange Commission: Jay Clayton

Clayton is a partner at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP on Wall Street. He has also worked as an adjunct professor at University of Pennsylvania's law school. The Senate confirmed Mr. Clayton by a vote of 61-37 on May 2, 2017.

Chair of the Federal Communications Commission: Ajit Varadarah Pai

Mr. Pai is an American attorney. He was designated Chairman by President Trump in January 2017. He had previously served as Commissioner at the FCC, appointed by then- President Barack Obama and confirmed unanimously by the Senate on May 7, 2017.

Director of the National Economic Council: Larry Kudlow

Larry Kudlow is a former investment banker, conservative economic analyst and television pundit who currently serves as Director of the National Economic Council under President Donald Trump.

Director of Legislative Affairs: Eric Ueland

Eric Ueland will replace Shahira Knight as Director of Legislative Affairs. Ueland had held the position of Deputy Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy. He previously served as Chief of Staff to former Republican Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist and was a senior adviser on the Senate Budget Committee.

NOTABLE NON-CABINET POSITIONS: FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD

Chair: Jerome Powell

Powell has served as a member of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors since 2012. Prior to his appointment to the Board, Mr. Powell was a visiting scholar at the Bipartisan Policy Center in Washington, D.C., where he focused on federal and state fiscal issues. From 1997 through 2005, Mr. Powell was a partner at The Carlyle Group. Mr. Powell served as an Assistant Secretary and as Undersecretary of the Treasury under President George H.W. Bush, with responsibility for policy on financial institutions, the Treasury debt market, and related areas. Prior to joining the administration, he worked as a lawyer and investment banker in New York City. The Senate approved Jerome Powell as the new head of the nation's central bank by a vote of 84-13 on January 23, 2018.

OTHER HEALTH POLICY PERSONNEL

Chief of Staff HHS Office of the Secretary: Brian Harrison

Brian Harrison will replace Peter Urbanowicz as the top aide to HHS Secretary Azar. Harrison has held the position of deputy chief of staff since Azar's confirmation. Harrison worked in the office of the Deputy Secretary at HHS during the George W. Bush administration and has also held positions at the Social Security Administration, the Department of Defense, and the Office of the Vice President at the White House.

Judy Stecker was promoted to the role of Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Strategy. She will continue in her current role as Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs as well and will serve under Chief of Staff Brian Harrison.

Paul Mango will serve as the department's Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy. This is a newly created position that will oversee policy planning and coordination for HHS. Mango previously served as CMS Chief of Staff. He is a former Senior Partner at McKinsey & Company, having also filled additional leadership roles within their U.S. and global healthcare practices and as the head of McKinsey's U.S. Center for Health Reform. He is a veteran of the 82nd Airborne Division.

Special Assistant to the Secretary: Matthew Apple

Apple was previously a staff assistant in the office of House Speaker Paul Ryan. He previously interned in the Communications and Press Office in the Executive Office of the President.

Senior Advisor to the Secretary for Drug Pricing Reform: John O'Brien

O'Brien had previously served as Advisor to the Secretary for Health Policy, as well as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Policy within the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

Advisor to the Secretary for Value-Based Reform: Brendan Fulmer

Fulmer was previously a legislative assistant to Rep. Mike Kelly (R-Pa.).

Director of Science and Technology Policy: Kelvin Droegemeier

Droegemeier is an American research meteorologist currently serving as the Oklahoma Secretary of Science and Technology and as Vice President for Research at the University of Oklahoma. Droegemeier is known for his research in predicting the development of extreme weather events. The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation unanimously approved his nomination. The Senate confirmed Droegemeier by voice vote on January 2, 2019.

Surgeon General: Jerome Adams, MD, MPH

President Trump tapped Jerome Adams to be U.S. Surgeon General. Adams is an anesthesiologist and previously served as the health commissioner for the state of Indiana, a post he was appointed to in 2014 by now-Vice President Mike Pence. He has also worked as a staff anesthesiologist and assistant professor of anesthesiology at the Indiana University School of Medicine. The Senate confirmed Dr. Adams by a voice vote on August 3, 2017.

Chief Technology Officer for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Ed Simcox

Prior to joining HHS, Simcox served as the Healthcare Practice Leader at Logicalis, an international IT service provider and consultancy with over 300 healthcare clients in the U.S. Prior to joining Logicalis, he was director of U.S. healthcare strategy, partnerships, and product development for AT&T. Simcox has also held multiple leadership roles at Indiana University Health.

Chief Information Officer (HHS): Ed Simcox

Ed Simcox, the HHS chief technology officer, will serve as acting CIO until a permanent one is named.

Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services: Eric Hargan

Eric Hargan was an attorney at Greenberg Traurig. He had been involved in the Trump transition team effort at HHS. He previously served at HHS from 2003 to 2007 in several positions, including acting deputy secretary under President George W. Bush. In his previous roles at the Department, he worked on Medicare, Medicaid, drug and device regulation, public health and medical research policy. The Senate confirmed Mr. Hargan by a vote of 57-38 on October 4, 2017.

Assistant Secretary for Administration: Scott Rowell

Rowell is a retired Army officer. He previously served in the Defense Department and recently worked as a consultant to the DOD.

Catherine Bird, of the general counsel's office, serves as principal deputy assistant secretary for administration.

Assistant Secretary for Financial Resources: John J. Bartrum

John Bartrum joined Squire Patton Boggs as a partner in March 2017. Prior to joining the firm, he served as senior professional staffer to the U.S. House Appropriations Committee since 2009. He previously worked as part of the National Security Division of OMB in the Executive Office of the President.

Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service and Assistant Secretary for Health: Brett Giroir, M.D.

Brett Giroir is the former CEO of the Texas A&M University Health Science Center and former president and CEO of the Houston biotech firm ViraCyte. In 2014, Giroir was appointed to lead Texas' Task Force on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response in response to the Ebola crisis. He was confirmed by the Senate by voice vote on February 7, 2018.

Steven Valentine serves as Chief of Staff in OASH. **Jennifer Sherman** is the senior adviser for communications to Dr. Giroir. She was previously the press secretary for the House Energy and Commerce committee and the director of communications for Rep. Brett Guthrie (R-Ky.). **Matthew Lin** has been named Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health and Director of the HHS Office of Minority Health.

Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Legislation: Sarah Arbes

The Senate has confirmed Sarah Arbes as HHS Assistant Secretary for Legislation. Arbes has been serving as the acting assistant secretary since June 2019, and was formally nominated by the President to the position

last year. Before joining HHS in 2017, Arbes worked as deputy health policy director for the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee and as a legislative assistant for Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.).

Rebekah Armstrong serves as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation – Human Services. She was previously special assistant to the vice president for domestic policy, including health-care policy, and a policy staffer on the Republican Study Committee.

Colin Roskey serves as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation – Oversight and Investigations. Roskey was most recently a partner at Scully, Roskey, and Missmar, PLLC, and previously worked as a health policy advisor and counsel for the Senate Finance Committee.

Traci Vitek serves as Senior Counselor in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Legislation. Vitek was most recently a senior policy director at Crowell & Moring and has previously worked as a Congressional affairs advisor in the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) at HHS.

Assistant Secretary of Planning and Evaluation: Stephen Parente, PhD, MPH, MS

Mr. Parente is a University of Minnesota economist who previously worked as a health policy advisor to Sen. John McCain's 2008 presidential campaign. He also serves as an adviser to CBO and as governing chair of the Health Care Cost Institute. The nomination has been referred to the Senate Finance Committee.

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation: Brenda Destro

Brenda Destro previously served as a senior health policy advisor for Senator Bill Cassidy, MD and for the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response: Robert Kadlec, MD, MS

Dr. Kadlec is the former Deputy Staff Director for the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, and previously served as a biodefense policy aide to President George W. Bush. The Senate confirmed Dr. Kadlec by a voice vote on August 3, 2017.

Kathryn Bell serves as Senior Policy Advisor in ASPR. She previously served as Policy Advisor in the Immediate Office.

Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs: Judy Stecker

Stecker came to the Department from the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), where she served as Executive Director of Media Relations and Strategic Marketing. Prior to joining AEI, Stecker served as Senior Media Associate for Broadcast Services at the Heritage Foundation. Before that, she was Director of Communications for the Foundation for Defense of Democracies and Director of Communications for Vets for Freedom.

Liam Anderson works as a communications assistant to the assistant secretary for public affairs. Anderson was formerly a staff assistant for Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-Wis.). **Natalie Boyse** has joined the office of the assistant secretary for public affairs as a special assistant.

General Counsel for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Robert Charrow

Robert Charrow served as deputy general counsel and later principal deputy general counsel for HHS during the Reagan administration. Previously he was with the Greenberg Taurig law firm. The Senate confirmed Mr. Charrow on December 21, 2017 by voice vote.

Brenna Jenny serves as Deputy General Counsel for HHS. She previously worked as the counsel to the assistant attorney general of the Civil Rights Division at the Justice Department.

National Coordinator for Health IT: Donald Rucker, MD

Donald Rucker is a University of Pennsylvania-trained internist with an MBA and computer science degrees from Stanford University. He was most recently an adjunct professor at the Ohio State University medical college. Rucker worked as chief medical officer at Siemens Healthcare for 13 years. Earlier in his career, Rucker helped develop the first Windows-based medical record (now the basis of EHRs used by companies such as Allscripts) while at Datamedic Corporation and designed a computerized physician order entry system for the Cincinnati Children's Hospital. He has been an emergency room physician at Kaiser Permanente in California, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston and at the University of Pennsylvania hospitals.

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Technology: John Fleming, MD

John Fleming is a former member of Congress, where he served for four terms before an unsuccessful bid for the Senate last year. He is a family practice physician who completed his medical residency with the U.S. Navy. He was a member of the GOP Doctors Caucus during his time in Congress. Dr. Fleming will be the first person to hold the position of Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Technology.

Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families: Lynn Johnson

Johnson is executive director of the Jefferson County Department of Human Services in Colorado and previously served as chief of staff for former Colorado Lieutenant Gov. Jane E. Norton. She was confirmed by the Senate by a vote of 67-28 on August 28.

Director for the Office of Human Service, Emergency Preparedness and Response: Natalie Grant

Natalie Grant is the director for the Office of Human Services, Emergency Preparedness and Response within the Administration for Children and Families. Grant previously served in the office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, where she helped manage HHS' response to recent hurricanes.

Assistant Secretary for Aging: Lance Robertson, MPA

Lance Robertson was appointed to serve as Assistant Secretary for Aging and the Administration for Community Living's Administrator within HHS. Robertson served as OK's director of aging services for 10 years. Previously, he was at Oklahoma State where he co-founded the Gerontology Institute and served as Executive Director of Partnerships for Aging. The Senate confirmed Dr. Robertson by a voice vote on August 3, 2017.

Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality: Gopal Khanna, MBA

Mr. Khanna previously served as the director of Illinois' Data Analytics Healthcare and Human Services Innovation Incubator. He was also MN's first CIO and served the second Bush administration in senior policy positions, including CIO and CFO for the Peace Corps and CFO of the Executive Office of the President's Office of Administration.

Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Robert Redfield

Robert Redfield is an American virologist. He is the current Director of the CDC, and the current Administrator of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, having served in both positions since March 2018.

Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS): Seema Verma

Seema Verma served as the President, CEO and founder of SVC, Inc., a national health policy consulting company. Ms. Verma was the architect of the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP), the nation's first consumer directed Medicaid program under Governor Mitch Daniels of IN and Governor Pence's HIP 2.0 waiver proposal. SVC and Ms. Verma have developed many of the recent Medicaid reform programs including

waivers for IA, OH, KY and helped design TN's coverage expansion proposal and also provided technical assistance to MI as they implemented their 1115 Medicaid waiver. Ms. Verma and SVC also supported IA's Medicaid transition to managed care, as well as supporting efforts Medicaid strategy efforts in ME. Ms. Verma served as the State of IN's health reform lead following the passage of the ACA in 2010 and has worked with multiple public health agencies and state insurance agencies as they prepared for implementation of the ACA, including interpreting and implementing regulatory changes and understanding the impact of the health exchanges on state insurance markets. Ms. Verma participated on the Republican Governor's Public Policy Committee on Medicaid reform and contributed to the development of the report "A New Medicaid: A Flexible, Innovation and Accountable Future." Prior to consulting, Ms. Verma served as Vice President of Planning for the Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County and as a Director with the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) in Washington D.C. The Senate confirmed Ms. Verma by a vote of 55-43 on March 13, 2017.

Matt Hittle serves as a senior adviser in Administrator Verma's office. He previously worked for the House Ways and Means Committee and is a former legislative director and health policy advisor for Rep. Kristi Noem (R-SD).

Calder Lynch serves as Senior Counselor to the CMS Administrator for Medicaid. Lynch has previously worked as a health official in NE and LA.

Marion Couch serves as Senior Medical Adviser to the Administrator. Couch has previously served in several leadership roles associated with Indiana University's health system.

Anand Shah serves as Senior Medical Adviser for Innovation. Shah previously served as the chief medical officer at CMMI.

Meredith Good-Cohn serves as Special Assistant to the Administrator.

Director of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation: Brad Smith

Entrepreneur Brad Smith, co-founder of palliative care provider Aspire Health, has been selected to lead the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI). Smith will also serve as senior adviser to the HHS Secretary on value-based transformation and innovation. Smith started Aspire Health with former Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, M.D. (R-Tenn.) in 2013. Aspire Health was involved in the development of a CMMI payment model announced last April designed to improve care for patients with serious illnesses and complex, chronic conditions. Aspire was sold to Anthem in 2018. Smith formerly served as chief of staff at the Tennessee Department of Economic Development, worked as a consultant at McKinsey & Company, and spent time as a staffer for former Sen. Bob Corker (R-Tenn.). CMMI's previous director Adam Boehler left the office on October 1 after being confirmed to lead the International Development Finance Corp. Career staffer Amy Bassano has served as acting CMMI director in the interim. Smith was chosen for the position by Boehler, HHS Secretary Alex Azar, and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator Seema Verma.

Deputy Chief of Staff for the CMS Office of the Administrator: Brady Brooks

Brady Brooks worked as Vice President Mike Pence's legislative director during his time as governor of Indiana.

Director of the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight: Randy Pate

Mr. Pate previously served as vice president of public policy for Health Care Service Corporation, which operates Blue Cross Blue Shield plans in five states. Prior to that, Mr. Pate was a health policy fellow at the conservative Heritage Foundation.

CMS Director of Stakeholder Engagement: Alec Armanda

Armanda joins CMS from the office of the HHS Assistant Secretary for Legislation, where he served as Deputy Assistant Secretary and covered the CMS legislative portfolio.

Acting Director of the Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services: Chris Traylor

Traylor previously served as CMS' Deputy Administrator for Strategy. He previously led the health care consulting agency Advanced Perspectives Group. He has also served as executive commissioner for the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration: Stephen Hahn, MD

Stephen Hahn, M.D., is a radiation oncologist and former chief medical executive at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

Jeet Guram serves as an advisor to Commissioner Hahn on drugs and tobacco. Guram previously worked as a senior advisor to CMS Administrator Seema Verma.

Tim Solberg has also been brought on as a senior advisor by Commissioner Hahn. Solberg will focus on issues related to medical devices. He most recently worked as the Vice Chairman of the Division of Medical Physics in the Radiation Oncology Department at the University of California, San Francisco.

Chief Counsel for the Food and Drug Administration: Stacy Cline Amin

Cline Amin previously served as a special assistant and senior associate counsel to President Trump. She has also worked as chief counsel for the Senate HELP Committee.

Chief of Staff, Food and Drug Administration: Keagan Lenihan

Lenihan previously served as the Associate Commissioner for Strategic Initiatives and External Affairs. She was a former senior adviser to HHS Secretary Tom Price.

Associate Commissioner for Strategic Initiatives and External Affairs: Laura Caliguri

Caliguri comes to the FDA from her position as an associate deputy secretary at HHS. Prior to joining the Trump administration, she spent more than six years at Microsoft.

Senior Advisor to the FDA Commissioner: Paul Howard

Paul Howard previously worked as Director of Health Policy at the Manhattan Institute, and has written about the FDA extensively throughout his career. He was a part of the health-care policy advisory group for Mitt Romney's 2012 presidential campaign.

Director of the Office of New Drugs: Peter Stein

Dr. Stein joined CDER in 2016 as the OND Deputy Director. Before coming to FDA, he served as Vice President for late stage development, diabetes, and endocrinology at Merck Research Laboratories. He also served as Vice President, head of metabolism development at Janssen.

Acting Director, Office of Therapeutic Biologics and Biosimilars: Sarah Yim

Director, Office of Regulatory Policy: Elizabeth Jungman

Prior to assuming her role as the director over FDA's Office of Regulatory Policy, Jungman served as head of public health programs at the Pew Charitable Trusts.

Director of the National Institutes of Health: Francis Collins, MD, PhD

Francis Collins was asked to remain in his position as director of the NIH. Dr. Collins, a physician-geneticist, was unanimously confirmed by the Senate to lead the agency in 2009. He is on track to be one of the longest serving NIH directors since World War II.

Acting Director of the National Cancer Institute: Douglas R. Lowy, MD

Dr. Lowey serves as the acting NCI Director. He also served as acting director between April 2015 and October 2017. Prior to these appointments, Dr. Lowy has held the NCI deputy director position since July 2010.

Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use: Elinore McCance-Katz, MD, PhD

The White House nominated Elinore McCance-Katz as Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use at HHS. She was the first chief medical officer for SAMHSA, joining in 2013. The Senate confirmed Dr. McCance-Katz by a voice vote on August 3, 2017.

Medicare Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees currently consists of six members, four of whom automatically serve by virtue of their positions in the Federal Government: the Managing Trustee Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of Labor, Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Commissioner of Social Security (**Nancy A. Berryhill**). The other two members are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. President Trump has tapped **James Lockhart** to join the board. Lockhart previously served as the principal deputy commissioner of the Social Security Administration during the George W. Bush administration.

Acting Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration: Uttam Dhillon

Dhillon previously worked in the White House as Deputy Counsel and Deputy Assistant to President Trump. He previously served as the director of the office counter-narcotics enforcement at DHS. Prior to DHS, he was an Associate Deputy Attorney General at DOJ, where he chaired the Anti-Gang Coordination Committee.

Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy: Jim Carroll

Carroll previously served as the ONDCP's deputy director. He served as the principal deputy commissioner of the Social Security Administration during the George W. Bush administration. He was confirmed by the Senate to lead ONDCP on January 2, 2019 by voice vote.

Deputy Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration: Brian LeClair

LeClair is a former Minnesota state senator who currently serves as HRSA's principle deputy administrator.