

**Buffy Heater, MPH**

Strategy Officer to the Oklahoma Health and Human Services (HHS) Cabinet  
Oklahoma State Department of Health

Mrs. Heater, originally from northeastern Oklahoma, received her undergraduate degree from Northeastern State University before receiving her Master's degree in Public Health Administration and Policy from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. Mrs. Heater joined the Health Care Authority in August 2002, after leading numerous community-based projects for the Community Action Resource & Development Agency in Bartlesville.

In her previous role for OHCA as Chief Strategy Officer, Mrs. Heater was responsible for overseeing the planning and development of projects complementing the agency's vision and strategic plan. She oversaw the OHCA's Central Portfolio and Project Management Office ensuring visibility, coordination, and measurement of project outcomes, as well as appropriate resource allocation and validation of portfolio alignment with agency and statewide goals. Additionally, annual reporting of the OHCA's strategic planning activities as well as core functional efforts were completed under her direction.

In July of 2016, Mrs. Heater was assigned to a detail as Strategy Officer to the Oklahoma HHS Cabinet. In this current role she aligns and coordinates the development of multiple waiver programs and projects across four HHS cabinet agencies: Oklahoma Health Care Authority, Oklahoma State Department of Health, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and Oklahoma Department of Human Services. She led Oklahoma's policy development to encourage and streamline work and training support programs across public agencies; and also led the state's Section 1332 Waiver development efforts, aimed at improving and stabilizing the individual health insurance market for consumers purchasing coverage through the ACA-established Marketplace.

She and her husband Tobey, an Environmental Consultant with Oklahoma Environmental Services (OES), have been married for 18 years and currently live in Oklahoma City where they are raising their four young daughters.

**Kelly M. Baker, MPH**

State Registrar of Vital Records  
Oklahoma State Department of Health

Kelly Baker currently serves as the State Registrar of Vital Records at the Oklahoma State Department of Health. She received her Master's in Public Health in Biostatistics from the University of Oklahoma and subsequently served in various management roles across public health including Maternal and Child Health, Oklahoma City Health Department, Tobacco Prevention and Control, the Behavioral Risk Factor

Surveillance System (BRFSS), and Health Care Information. In 2007, she was named State Registrar and Director of the Center for Health Statistics. Following an agency reorganization in 2014, Ms. Baker began to concentrate her focus on Vital Records. In 2016, Ms. Baker completed a 2-year term as the President of the National Association of Public Health Statistics and Information Systems (NAPHSIS) and is co-chairing the Good to Great Committee (a joint committee between NAPHSIS and NCHS) to support shared visioning and quality product development.



**Laura Beebe, PhD**

Professor, Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology  
University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center

As a Professor in the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Dr. Laura Beebe has more than 18 years of experience conducting tobacco-related research and evaluation. Dr. Beebe has served as the Principal Investigator for the evaluation of Oklahoma's tobacco control program for more than 14 years, including the evaluation of the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline and the state's anti-tobacco health communications campaign. Dr. Beebe has ongoing and completed research funded by the National Cancer Institute, the American Legacy Foundation, and the CDC. She provides technical assistance and consultation to multiple state, local, and tribal organizations for tobacco-related surveillance and evaluation activities.



**Brad Finkhouse, BS**

Laboratory Administrator  
Oklahoma City-County Health Department

Brad Finkhouse is a public health administrator with more than 26 years of experience encompassing a broad range of public health services. Brad is currently the administrator of laboratory services and the injury prevention program at the OKC-County Health Department (OCCHD). Brad is also the acting infection control officer and is a staging manager for the emergency preparedness and response program. He is certified in HIPAA compliance, oversees the agencies medical records process, and is a member of the OCCHD privacy advisory committee.

Brad earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from the University of Nebraska at Kearney. From 1985-1990 Brad served as a research technician for pediatric infectious diseases at The Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City. At OCCHD, Brad served as a certified lead-based paint inspector from 1998-2005, and was an administrator for community health and clinical services, which encompass the programs of Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Fetal Infant Mortality Review, the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust, and Total Wellness.



**Jan Fox, MPH**

Director, HIV/STD Service Area  
Oklahoma State Department of Health

Jan Fox received a bachelor's degree in Nursing from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Following graduation, Jan found a career with the Oklahoma State Department of Health as a Public Health Nurse. In this capacity, Jan worked as a Communicable Disease Nurse for Cleveland, McClain, and Okmulgee counties and worked all clinics, including the STD clinic. During this time, Jan was trained as an HIV counselor and tester. In 2003, Jan was named as the Manager of the Viral Hepatitis Program for the HIV/STD Service and soon after became the Administrative Program Manager of Care Delivery over the Viral Hepatitis and Ryan White Care Programs. In 2006, Jan received a Master of Public Health Degree in Biostatistics and Epidemiology from Oklahoma University. In 2010, Jan was named as the Director of the HIV/STD Service. In this role, she administers programs aimed at preventing and controlling HIV/AIDs, STDs and Viral Hepatitis in Oklahoma. Jan is active in state and national committees, including the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDs Directors (NASTAD) and National Counsel of STD Directors (NCSD).



**Captain David Gahn, MD, MPH, FACOG**

Medical Director, Cherokee Nation Public Health

Dr. David Gahn is a 1988 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. After serving 6 years in the U.S. Coast Guard as a line officer, Dr. Gahn joined the U.S. Public Health Service and attended medical school at the Uniformed Services University from 1994-8. He completed his residency training in Obstetrics and Gynecology in 2002 at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston and received his Master of Public Health from Emory University in 2012. Dr. Gahn is currently a physician at Cherokee Nation Hastings Hospital in Tahlequah and also the Medical Director for Cherokee Nation Public Health.



**Lesley Smith March, JD**

Chief, Victim Services Unit  
Assistant Attorney General  
Oklahoma Office of the Attorney General

Lesley Smith March received her Bachelor of Arts in English and her Juris Doctorate from the University of Oklahoma. She practiced law with her father, Bob A. Smith, and was a partner in the firm of Smith and Smith from 1983 until March of 1998. She is a member of the McClain County Bar Association, Past President of the McClain County Bar Association, a member of the Logan County Bar Association, a member of the Oklahoma Family Law Section of the Oklahoma Bar Association and a member of the Ruth Bader Ginsburg Inn of

the Court. She has served on the Board of Directors for Oklahoma Indian Legal Services as well as the Sequoyah Girls Home in Chickasha, Oklahoma. She also served on the Board of Directors for the Chickasha Women's Service and Family Resource Center for 12 years and served as Board President 2010-2011. March currently serves on the advisory board for the Oklahoma City Family Justice Center. She is board member for the Oklahoma Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board and an advisor to the Oklahoma Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Advisory Council.

From March of 1998 through December, 2010, Ms. March was employed as an Assistant District Attorney in Grady County, District 6. Former District Attorney, Robert E. "Gene" Christian, with the hiring of Ms. March, implemented a program of evidence-based prosecution in cases of Domestic Violence. In January 2011, March became an Assistant District Attorney in Logan County where she continued to prosecute domestic violence, sexual assault, murder, and drug cases. She also served on the Logan County Drug Court team.

In September of 2011, March became the Chief of the Victim Services Unit of the Office of the Attorney General. She has presented nationally for the National Association of Attorneys General, and the National Organization Victim Assistance concerning crime victims' issues. She currently instructs at CLEET on the Evidenced-Based Domestic Violence and Stalking curriculum.

Ms. March was a recipient of the 2001 Governor's Commendation for her outstanding service to victims of crime. She received the Outstanding Prosecutor in District 6 Award in 2007 and 2010. In 2013, March was awarded the O.S.B.I. Director's Award, the highest honor that can be bestowed to someone other than an O.S.B.I. employee. Also, in 2013, March and the Victim Services Unit of the Oklahoma Office of the Attorney General received the Vision Award from No Boundaries International in recognition of their groundbreaking vision in assisting victims of Human Trafficking in Oklahoma.



**Gunnar McFadden, MBA**

Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Community and Family Health Services Division,  
Oklahoma State Department of Health

Gunnar McFadden serves as the Assistant Deputy Commissioner for the Community and Family Health Services Division of the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH). He provides administrative oversight for 10 state-wide programs and 68 County Health Departments.

He has been with the OSDH for 15 years, serving in previous roles as Grants and Reporting Officer, Division Administrative Coordinator, Budget Analyst, and Accountant. Prior to joining the OSDH, Gunnar served in the U.S. Navy, where he was assigned duties as an Operations Specialist, Engineering Officer, Navigator, and Supply Officer.

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He earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Oklahoma, and a Master's degree in Business Administration from Mid-America Christian University.