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Dr. Garth N. Graham is the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health in the Office of Minority Health at the Department of Health and Human Services. The Office of Minority Health develops and coordinates Federal health policy that addresses minority health concerns and ensures that Federal, State and local health programs take into account the needs of disadvantaged, racial and ethnic populations.

He was previously appointed a White House Fellow and special assistant to the Secretary of Health and Human Services at the Department of Health and Human Services. He founded the Boston Men's Cardiovascular Health Project, a project designed to identify behavioral explanations for decreased adherence to adequate diet and exercise by African American men. Dr Graham was the Founding Senior Editorial Board Member of the Yale Journal of Health, Law, Policy, and Ethics, served on the Editorial Board of the Yale Journal of Biology and Science, Public Health Reports and a number of other guest editorial boards. He also served on the Public Health Executive Council of the Massachusetts Medical Society, the Board of Directors of Physicians for Human Rights, Chairman of the American Medical. He is currently on the faculty of Harvard Medical School where he trained in Internal Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital and serves as a visiting scientist at the Harvard School of Public Health. He has authored scientific articles and presentations on cardiovascular disease, HIV/AIDS and community medicine.

Dr. Graham earned an M.D. from the Yale School of Medicine, where he graduated cum laude. He was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society and named a Yale President Public Service Fellow. He also earned an M.P.H. from the Yale School of Epidemiology and Public Health with a focus in health policy administration. He has received numerous accolades for his leadership and service in promoting health, including the 2002 American Medical Association Leadership Award, the Partners in Excellence Award, the Miriam Kathleen Dasey Award from Yale Medical School and the 2005 Reginald Hawkins award. The Business Network Journal also named him one of the Forty Leaders Under Forty.

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Maxine Hayes

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Maxine Hayes, MD, MPH, is the State Health Officer for the Washington State Department of Health. As the state's top public health doctor, her role includes advising the governor and the secretary of health on issues ranging from health promotion and chronic disease prevention, to emergency response, including pandemic influenza preparedness. She also works closely with the medical community, local health departments and community groups.

Prior to her appointment as Health Officer, Dr. Hayes was the Assistant Secretary of Community and Family Health. Dr. Hayes is clinical professor of pediatrics at the University of Washington, School of Medicine, and on the MCH faculty of the School of Public Health.

Dr. Hayes was the 1999 Distinguished Alumna of the Year for the State University of New York School of Medicine at Buffalo and the Year 2000 recipient of the Stockton Kimball Award. In 2000 she was presented an honorary Doctorate of Science by former Acting Surgeon General and President of Spelman College, Dr. Audrey Manley. She is the recipient of many awards and honors for her work in maternal and child health, including the American Medical Association's 2002 Dr. Nathan Davis Award and the 2003 Heroes in Health Care Lifetime Achievement Award through the Washington Health Foundation. Dr. Hayes was elected to Institute of Medicine (IOM), October 2006 and inducted into the Institute in October of 2007. Dr. Hayes is also a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. In November of 2007 she received the APHA Helen Rodriguez-Trias Social Justice Award. Dr. Hayes received an honorary Doctor of Science degree in May of 2008, from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

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