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Kenneth Olden, Ph.D., Sc.D., L.H.D., has taken a new position as Founding Dean, School of Public Health, Hunter College, CUNY, New York.

He is a former director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), National Institutes of Health and the National Toxicology Program in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He held these positions from 1991 to 2005. Dr. Olden is a cell biologist and biochemist by training and has been active in cancer research for almost four decades. He was director of the Howard University Cancer Center and professor and chairman of the Department of Oncology at Howard University Medical School (1985-1991), Washington, D.C., before coming to NIEHS. He joined Howard in 1979 as Associate Director for Research after a stint at the National Institutes of Health, first as a senior staff fellow, second as an expert, then a research biologist in the Division of Cancer Biology and Diagnosis, National Cancer Institute.

Dr. Olden had served on the editorial boards of cancer and cell biology journals, is a member of a number of professional societies, and was named by President Bush to the National Cancer Advisory Board in January 1991. He has participated widely as an invited speaker at scientific symposia and seminars, as a reviewer for programs in his field, and has authored and co-authored more approximately 200 publications. He published two of the "One Hundred Most Cited" papers in 1978-1979, and one on the subject of cancer cell biology is now deemed a "Citation Classic."

Dr. Olden was elected to membership in the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences in 1994. He was also the recipient of the HHS Secretary's Distinguished Service Award in 1995. In 1996, Dr. Olden received the prestigious City of Medicine Award in recognition of extraordinary achievement in the medical and health care research fields. Additionally, he has been the recipient of the Presidential Meritorious Executive Rank Award and the Presidential Distinguished Executive Rank Award in October 1996 and October 1997, respectively. He was unique among Institute Directors in that he was awarded four of the most prestigious awards in Public Health: The Calver Award (2002), the Sedgwick Medal and the Lautenberg Award (2004), and the Julius B. Richmond Award (2005). Dr. Olden is the recipient of six honorary degrees.

Since resigning as Director of NIEHS/NTP in 2005, Dr. Olden has been very active as an advisor to non-profit foundations. These include: Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Avon Breast Cancer Foundation, Institute for Public Health and Water Research, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Coalition for Safe Minds, Visiting Committee of the Board of Overseers at the Harvard School of Public Health, and the California Institute of Regenerative Medicine Standards Working Group. For the past year (2006-2007), Dr. Olden was the Yerby Visiting Professor at the Harvard School of Public Health.

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Adewale Troutman, MD, MPH, MA

Director

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Dr. Adewale Troutman has had a distinguished record of achievement in public health education, leadership, research, and advocacy. Currently, he is the Director of the Louisville Metro Department of Public Health and Wellness where he leads the department's 350 employees in the protection, preservation and promotion of the health, environment and well-being for the country's 16th largest city. In addition, Dr. Troutman serves as an Associate Professor at the University of Louisville School of Public Health. Since coming to Louisville more than four years ago, Dr. Troutman has accomplished much including:

- Being featured as a public health expert in the PBS documentary "Unnatural Causes: Is inequality making us sick?" that aired in March, 2008. The documentary turned the nations focus to the surprising factors that determine good health...that social conditions – the jobs we do, the money we're paid, the schools we attend, the neighborhoods we live in – are as important to our health as our genes, our behaviors and even our medical care.
- The passage of a comprehensive smoke-free ordinance for virtually every public building and workplace in Louisville
- Renaming the department to include "Public Health and Wellness"
- Establishing the Center for Health Equity – the first such center at a city or county health department in America. The Center focuses on Creating Health Equity through Social Justice and a focus on the social determinants of health thereby eliminating the health gap between communities of color, the poor and the rest of the population
- The development and implementation of the *Mayor's Healthy Hometown Movement*, a communitywide effort to create a new culture in Louisville where physical activity, good nutrition and optimal health are the norm.
- Establishment of the Office of Faith and Health. The Louisville Metro Health Department is one of the few local public health departments to create an office to work with the faith community to affect healthier lifestyles through health education and promotion
- The launch of a mobile health unit, the department's first since the 1940's, which focuses on extending public health services to underserved areas of the community
- The establishment of an office of Emergency and Public Health Preparedness to focus on collaborating local public health's preparedness, response and mitigation of natural, man-made and potential terrorist events with other first responders
- The annual publication of *Health Status Assessment Report*, a detailed report on the state of Louisville's health and the development and implementation of a Louisville Metro Behavioral Risk Factor Data System. This system is helping to inform the design of such initiatives as fitness campaigns and smoking cessation programs

Dr. Troutman currently serves on the executive committee of the National Academy for Health Equity. He was recently recruited by the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services to serve on his National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives for 2020. Dr. Troutman also co-chairs the Member Advisory Committee to the CDC on eliminating health disparities. He is a member of the National Association of City and County Health Officials, the National Board of Public Health Examiners, and is a former member of the governing council of the American Public Health Association.

Dr. Troutman holds an M.D. from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey as well as an M.P.H. from the Columbia University School of Public Health. Dr. Troutman also earned an M.A. in Black Studies from the State University of New York. He served a residency and internship in Family Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina.

Other positions he has held include: Director of the Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness; Director of Emergency Medical Services for United Hospital's Medical Center in Newark, New Jersey; Medical Director and Acting Health Officer of the Newark Department of Health and Human Services; and Medical Director of the North Newark Health Center.

Dr. Troutman also served as Senior Scientist for Community Health and Preventive Medicine at the Morehouse School of Medicine where he worked with former U.S. Surgeon General, David Satcher, on a study of racial disparities in health.

Dr. Troutman's record includes a widespread focus on global health including health assessment missions to Angola, Zaire during the Rwanda crisis, WHO consultancies to Japan and Uganda, training in Community Oriented Primary Health care in India, organizing around the convergence of animal and human health in a WHO, CDC sponsored consortium in Austria and multiple trips to Sub Saharan Africa including Ghana, Ivory Coast, Benin, Nigeria and South Africa.

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Lovell A. Jones, PhD

Director, Center for Research on Minority Health
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Dr. Lovell Allan Jones received his doctorate in 1977 in the field of zoology with an emphasis in **endocrinology** and **tumor biology** from the **University of California, Berkeley**. During his training Dr. Jones was a National Institutes of Health (NIH) pre-doctoral trainee and a Ford Foundation Fellow at the UC Berkeley's Cancer Research Laboratory. After receiving his doctorate, Dr. Jones was a NIH Postdoctoral Fellow in the **Reproductive Endocrinology Center** at the **University of California San Francisco (UCSF)**. Before joining the Department of Gynecologic Oncology at University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center (UTMDACC) in 1980, Dr. Jones was an Instructor in the Departments of Physiology and Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences at UCSF. Dr. Jones is presently a **Professor** in the **Department of Health Disparities Research as well as the Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology at UTMDACC**. In 1982, Dr. Jones became a member of the graduate faculty at the University of Texas Graduate School for Biomedical Sciences and now serves as **Director of its Reproductive Biology Program**. In January 2000, Dr. Jones was named as the **first Director of the Congressionally Mandated Center for Research on Minority Health**.

As a scientist, Dr. Jones has done extensive research into the relationship between hormones, diet and endocrine responsive tumors. His present work involves determining the mechanism by which natural and environmental estrogenic agents may initiate cancers in hormonally responsive tissue. Dr. Jones is presently a Principal Investigator on two NIH grants. Dr. Jones is a member of the American Association for Cancer Research, the Endocrine Society, the International Association for Breast Cancer Research, the American Society of Zoologist, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the New York Academy of Science, Sigma Xi, the Society for the Study of Reproduction, and the International Society for Comparative Oncology. In 1992, Dr. Jones served as a member of the Clinical Research Panel of the National Task Force on the NIH Strategic Plan. For his work in the area of Cancer Prevention, Dr. Jones was selected as the 1996 recipient of the UTMD Anderson Cancer Center Faculty Award in Cancer Prevention. He has served as a member of Sigma Xi's 62nd College of Distinguished Lecturers. In 2000, Dr. Jones received the Legacy of Leadership Award from Howard University Hospital and has been twice honored on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives for his work addressing health disparities in the underserved. In 2002 Dr. Jones was award the Humanitarian Award by the American Cancer Society, Inc and Sisters Network, Inc. Visionary Award. In 2004, Dr. Jones was honored by the Board of Sponsors of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month for his research efforts over the last twenty years to address breast cancer.

Dr. Jones has devoted extensive personal and professional time to the subject of minorities and cancer. He has edited one of the few comprehensive textbooks on this subject entitled "Minorities & Cancer." Dr. Jones has either chaired or co-chaired numerous major events regarding the underserved and cancers, including the ACS South Central U.S. Regional Hearings on Cancer and the Poor. Dr. Jones is a co-author of the Congressional Resolution designating the 3rd week in April as "National Minority Cancer Awareness Weeks." In 1991, Dr. Jones chaired the Training Session of the Strategic Fact-Finding Meetings on Minority Health and Training in Biomedical Sciences for the Office of the Associate Director for Research on Minority Health at the National Institutes of Health, now the National Center for Minority Health & Health Disparities (NCMHD). He also participated in the 1994 Assessment Team Review of the activities of the Office of Research on Minority Health at NIH that set the vision and policies for NCMHD for the next decade. Dr. Jones presently serves as executive chair of the Health Disparities Education, Awareness, Research & Training (HDEART) Consortium, brings together over 20 academic and health care institutions in the United States, Mexico and Africa to develop programs that address the issue of health disparities in minority and medically underserved populations.

Dr. Jones was born on January 12, 1949 in Baton Rouge Louisiana. He is married to the former Marion Cecile Samuel. Mrs. Jones is a retired Reading Specialist. Dr. and Mrs. Jones have two children, Troy Lovell Jones, a product manager in Dallas, and Tamisha Elise Jones, a second year resident in pediatrics at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

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