



Governor's Public Health Commission Commissioner Biographies

Judith A. Monroe, MD, FAAFP **President and Chief Executive Officer, CDC Foundation**

Dr. Judy Monroe has served as president and CEO of the CDC Foundation since 2016. Prior to the Foundation she was a deputy director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and served as Indiana's state health commissioner. In her work at the CDC Foundation, Dr. Monroe advances priority programs that improve the health of people across America and around the world. Dr. Monroe currently serves on the board of directors for the Center for Global Health Innovation, is a member of the Milken Institute's Public Health Advisory Board, the COVID Collaborative, the Advisory Council of the Pandemic Action Network, the APHA Alliance for Disease Prevention and Response and the IU Fairbanks School of Public Health National Advisory Council. Additionally, she served as a member of the World Health Organization Foundation's Advisory group to establish the WHO Foundation. Dr. Monroe has been recognized as one of Atlanta's Most Admired CEOs for 2021 by the Atlanta Business Chronicle, the United Way of Greater Atlanta with the Woman of Excellence Award, Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce MAC Heroes of Global Health award, the APHA Presidential Citation and an honorary Doctor of Health and Human Services degree from Purdue University. Dr. Monroe received her doctor of medicine from the University of Maryland and a bachelor of science degree from Eastern Kentucky University. She completed her residency in family medicine at the University of Cincinnati, a rural faculty development fellowship through East Tennessee State University, and a mini-fellowship in obstetrics through the University of Wisconsin. She received an honorary doctorate from Purdue University in Health and Human Services.

Hon. Luke Kenley, JD **Former Indiana State Senator**

First elected to the Indiana State Senate in 1992, Luke Kenley brought a unique combination of Hoosier values and experience to the Statehouse. Senator Kenley served as an officer in the Army during the Vietnam War era, graduated from Noblesville High School, Miami of Ohio, and Harvard Law School, and grew a small family business of 20 employees to a larger one of 200 employees successfully. Senator Kenley later sold the operating business to Marsh Supermarkets but kept the properties involved, and now owns and manages a commercial real estate operation in Noblesville. He has also served as a Noblesville City Court Judge for 15 years and remained involved in many civic commitments in Noblesville, including serving 40 years on the board of the Boys and Girls Club. Senator Kenley served as chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee for 10 years and a member of the Tax and Fiscal Policy and Education and Career Development Committees for 10 years. He also served on the State Budget Committee. Senator Kenley is retired and lives in Noblesville managing some commercial properties.

Kristina Box, MD, FACOG
State Health Commissioner

Dr. Box was named Indiana State Health Commissioner by Governor Eric J. Holcomb on September 18, 2017. She brings to the role a passion for improving the health of Hoosiers, beginning before birth. Dr. Box has been a practicing obstetrician and gynecologist in Indianapolis for 30 years. She served on the Indiana Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative (IPQIC), an advisory council to the Indiana Department of Health that is comprised of more than 300 statewide community professionals working to reduce infant mortality. Her work with IPQIC included serving on a state task force to address neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS), which established standards for the diagnosis of NAS and developed a hospital study to determine the prevalence of drug exposed newborns. Dr. Box earned her undergraduate degree at Indiana University in Bloomington and her medical doctorate at Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis.

Hon. Susan Brooks, JD
Former Congresswoman

Susan W. Brooks is an accomplished former Congresswoman and former U.S. Attorney who has driven key legislation to reform emergency response, healthcare, manufacturing, technology innovation, higher education and public safety. Brooks has advised companies, non-profits, educational institutions, and hospitals on operations and workforce planning and development during organizational transformations. She is known for her bipartisan relationships and as a catalyst for economic development. From 2013-2020, she served as the U.S. Representative for the 5th District of Indiana, which spans eight diverse counties throughout the central part of the Hoosier State. Brooks earned her Juris Doctorate from Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law and Bachelor of Arts from Miami University in Ohio. She serves on the Board of Visitors for IU's Robert H. McKinney School of Law. Susan has been awarded honorary doctorate degrees from Marian University, IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law, Wabash College, Anderson University, and an honorary associate degree from Ivy Tech Community College. She is originally from Fort Wayne, Indiana and currently resides in Carmel, Indiana.

Virginia A. Caine, MD
Director and Chief Medical Officer, Marion County Public Health Department

Dr. Virginia Caine is the Director and Chief Medical Officer of the Marion County Public Health Department. She is an Associate Professor of Medicine at Indiana University School of Medicine Infectious Diseases Division. She served as the President for American Public Health Association, the nation's oldest and largest public health organization. She received the BioCrossroads "2017 August M. Watanabe Life Sciences Champion of the Year" Award. In 2020, the Indianapolis Business Journal named her as one of 40 Influential People of the past 40 years. Dr. Caine works tirelessly to promote and advance public health through innovative programs and unprecedented collaborations. She is Chair of the National Medical Association Infectious Diseases Section, co-chair of the NMA HIV/AIDS Section, and member of the National Medical Association and National Links Incorporated COVID-19 Task Forces. Dr. Caine chairs the Managed Emergency Surge of Healthcare (MESH) Coalition, a nonprofit public-private partnership addressing emergency preparedness in Marion County, Indiana. She is a past member of the National Biodefense Science Board, which provides guidance to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

David Welsh, MD, MBA, FACS
Health Officer, Ripley and Franklin County Health Departments

Dr. David Welsh is a board-certified General Surgeon practicing in Southeast Indiana. While trained in surgery, he has also been involved in public health as a county Health Officer in Ripley County for over 25 years and now serving Franklin County also. In addition, Dr Welsh represents Indiana at the American Medical Association (AMA) where he is a member of the Council of Science and Public Health. He is also a long-time member of the Indiana State Trauma Care Committee. Born in Indianapolis, Dr. Welsh attended Cathedral High School, the University of Notre Dame, and the IU School of Medicine. He currently resides with his family in Batesville. Organized medicine is an area of strong interest for Dr. Welsh because it enables him to work on the health of many more than his own patients. He has been President of the Indiana State Medical Association as well as its Board of Trustees Chair. At the American College of Surgeons, he is a past Governor and is a current member of the Board of Regents. He is the Immediate past Chair of the Organized Medical Staff Section at the AMA as well as a previous Chair of the Hospital Professional and Technical Advisory Committee at the Joint Commission.

Mindy Waldron, BS, REHS, CFSP
Deputy Health Commissioner/Department Administrator
Allen County Health Department

Mindy Waldron assumed the duties of Deputy Health Commissioner (and Department Administrator) with the Allen County Health Department in 2005 after having served 13 prior years of service in public health working in three different Indiana local health departments in Indiana. Her public health career began in 1995 when she began work with the Hamilton County Health Department, followed by a position with the Wells County Health Department a few years later. She has had roles conducting and directing food service inspections, other environmental and inspectional positions, and as a public information officer prior to becoming the Department's Deputy Health Commissioner. She now manages the day-to-day operations of a department of nearly 90 employees, with a budget of \$5.7 million, serving the population of Fort Wayne and Allen County.

Paul Halverson, DrPH, FACHE
Founding Dean and Professor
Indiana University Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health at IUPUI

Dr. Paul Halverson is the founding dean of the Indiana University Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health in Indianapolis. Dr. Halverson came to Indiana University from the Arkansas Department of Health where he served as state health officer and director. Prior to his appointment as state health officer, Dr. Halverson served in senior management roles at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention including as senior advisor in the office of strategy and innovation, senior scientist and director of the division of public health systems development and research, director of the CDC's World Health Organization's Collaborating Center for Public Health and director of the National Public Health Performance Standards program. Before joining the CDC, Dr. Halverson served as the senior health policy advisor for the North Carolina Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources.

Hannah Maxey, PhD, MPH, RDH
Associate Professor, Department of Family Medicine
Director, Bowen Center for Health Workforce Research and Policy
Indiana University School of Medicine

Dr. Hannah Maxey is Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Director of the Bowen Center for Health Workforce Research and Policy at the Indiana University School of Medicine. She is a nationally recognized expert in health workforce policy with more than two decades of experience in health care and public health. Dr. Maxey has been a licensed dental hygienist in Indiana for over 20 years. She spent nearly a decade practicing in public health clinics operated by the Marion County Public Health Department (MCPHD) prior to pursuing a Master of Public Health in Health Policy and Management (2011), and a Doctor of Philosophy in the same area (2014). Her experience as a practicing healthcare professional in public health clinics provided perspective on the intersection and relationship between healthcare and public health, as well as the critical role of the health workforce in ensuring availability and accessibility to both public health and healthcare services. Dr. Maxey has been actively engaged in supporting and leading state level health workforce initiatives in Indiana since 2014. She currently serves as a health workforce expert on the Governor's Health Workforce Council.

Brian C. Tabor
President, Indiana Hospital Association

Mr. Brian Tabor serves as president of the Indiana Hospital Association (IHA), which represents the interests of approximately 170 Indiana hospitals. The Association is the chief advocate for hospitals and their patients, representing their interests with the state of Indiana, the federal government, the business community, regulatory agencies, accrediting bodies, and other stakeholders. Prior to joining IHA in 2008 as vice president, Brian worked in various policy roles for the Indiana General Assembly and in government relations for the Indiana Association of REALTORS®. He currently serves on several governing boards, including Covering Kids & Families of Indiana, the Indiana Health Information Exchange, the Sycamore School, Qsource, and the Indiana Fiscal Policy Institute. Brian graduated from Purdue University with a B.A. in political science and an M.S. in agricultural economics.

Carl Ellison
President and Chief Executive Officer, Indiana Minority Health Coalition

Mr. Carl Ellison is President and CEO of the Indiana Minority Health Coalition (IMHC), a non-profit organization with a statewide network of local minority health partners. In his career, Carl has run an anti-poverty agency, a public housing authority, an economic development authority, a minority small business unit within the U.S. Small Business Administration, a network of federally qualified health centers, a national healthcare diversity organization, and many hospital-sponsored community health improvement programs. Carl currently serves on the Boards of Covering Kids & Families of Indiana, the Martin Center Sickle Cell Initiative, and Indiana United Ways. He received a bachelors of art degree in English and Black Studies from the University of Notre Dame.

Cara Veale, DHS, OTR, FACHE
Chief Executive Officer, Indiana Rural Health Association

Dr. Cara Veale has been full-time with the Indiana Rural Health Association (IRHA) since July 2020. Dr. Veale is currently the CEO for IRHA. She began her professional career as an Occupational Therapist at Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes, Indiana in 2006. The following year, she moved to Daviess Community Hospital in Washington, Indiana to work as an Occupational Therapist on the Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit. Cara was promoted to the Director of Outpatient Rehabilitation Therapies in 2011, overseeing Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology services. In 2015, Cara transitioned to executive level leadership as Daviess Community Hospital's first Chief Patient Experience Officer. During the last three years at Daviess Community Hospital, Cara served as the Vice President of Provider Services providing administrative oversight for the medical practice division. Cara received her Bachelor's in Psychology, Master's in Occupational Therapy, and Doctorate in Health Sciences from the University of Indianapolis and is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Kim Irwin
Administrator, Indiana Public Health Association

Ms. Kim Irwin is the Administrator of the Indiana Public Health Association (IPHA), which builds capacity among public health professionals and partners to achieve health equity and well-being for all across the state of Indiana. Since 2008, she has served as the Executive Director of Health by Design, a coalition working at the intersection of the built environment and public health, collaborating across sectors and disciplines to ensure Indiana communities have neighborhoods, public spaces and transportation infrastructure that promote active living for all. The Health by Design staff provides association management services to IPHA. Ms. Irwin guides the strategic direction, partnership development and programmatic, operational, and financial management of both organizations. She has a Master of Public Health from the Indiana University School of Medicine (IUSM) and an undergraduate degree from Northwestern University. Her prior work experience includes health promotion activities and program and administrative management for the American Lung Association, the IUSM, and in senior services.

Hon. Mark Bardsley
County Commissioner, Grant County

Mark Bardsley lives in the City of Marion with his wife Sharon. He is a 1981 graduate of Indiana Wesleyan University with a Bachelor of Arts double major in Christian Ministries and Biblical Literature. In 1983 he earned a M.A. in Ministerial Education through Indiana Wesleyan University. In 2002 he was elected to the office of Grant County Coroner. He has presided over homicide investigations and death investigations throughout Grant County. In 2004 he was elected Grant County Commissioner, District 2 and is in his fifth term of office. He is involved with the Economic Growth Council, Emergency Management Agency Advisory Board, Local Emergency Planning Committee, Grant County Drainage Board Chairman, and precinct chairman. In 1983 Mark was ordained as a minister in The Wesleyan Church. Mark has pastored in north central Indiana and North Carolina. For over 20 years Mr. Bardsley was an Adjunct Professor for Indiana Wesleyan University in Adult Graduate Studies teaching Old and New Testament Studies, Methods of Bible Study, Marriage and Family, Ethics, Diversity, Criminal Justice, Criminology and Crisis Intervention.

**Hon. Bob Courtney
Mayor, City of Madison**

A lifetime native of Madison, Bob Courtney is honored to serve as Madison's 36th Mayor. Bob spent his career in banking and finance where he was involved in over \$5 billion of investments across the country targeting community development using tax credits and creative capital markets solutions. After retiring in 2018 from a successful career where he also earned his CPA and securities licenses, Bob applied his passion for everything Madison and took office in late 2019. Bob is a graduate of Ball State University with a degree in Finance and is a graduate of the Stonier Graduate School of Banking at the University of Delaware. Since taking office Bob has focused on public safety, economic opportunity and quality of life initiatives developing strategies for public health, blight elimination, parks improvements, and public safety.

**Hon. Dennis Dawes, MHA
Hendricks County Commissioner**

Dennis Dawes attended Taylor University for his baccalaureate degree and IU School of Medicine for his master's degree in health administration. He is also a fellow the American College of Healthcare Executives. He previously worked for the Indiana Department of Health in the Division of Health Education and Indiana Health Careers and spent 40 years at Hendricks Regional Health in Danville with 38 of those years as President and CEO. He also served on the Brownsburg Town Council and is currently in the first year of a four-year term as Hendricks County Commissioner. Denny serves on the Hendricks County Economic Development Partnership Board. He is Chairman of the Board of the Indiana Donor Network. He received the Distinguished Service Award from the Indiana Hospital Association, and the Distinguished Hoosier Award from Governor Mitch Daniels.

