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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. The Office of Minority Health (OMH) was created by the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in 1986 as a result of the Report of the Secretary's Task Force on Black and Minority Health.

Dr. Graham was previously appointed a White House Fellow and special assistant to former Secretary Tommy G. Thompson 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 Association/MSS National Minority Issues Committee and on the Steering Committee of the Boston Men's Health Coalition. Dr. Graham 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 a MD 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. Dr. Graham also earned an MPH from the Yale School of Epidemiology and Public Health with a focus in health policy administration. Dr. Graham obtained his Bachelor of Science degree from Florida International University, Miami. 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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Pamela Hyde was nominated by President Barack, Obama and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in November 2009, as Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), a public health agency within the Department of Health and Human Services. The agency's mission is to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities.

Ms. Hyde is an attorney and comes to SAMHSA with more than 30 years' experience in management and consulting for public healthcare and human services agencies. She has served as a state mental health director, state human services director, city housing and human services director as well as CEO of a private non-profit managed behavioral healthcare firm. In 2003, she was appointed cabinet secretary of the New Mexico Human Services Department by Gov. Bill Richardson, where she worked effectively to provide greater access to quality health services for everyone.

Ms. Hyde is a member of or has served as a consultant to many national organizations such as the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the American College of Mental Health Administration, the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health, and the United States Department of Justice. She has been recognized by many groups, which include the American Medical Association, the National Governor's Association and the Seattle Management Association, for her creativity and leadership in policy and program development and in organizational management issues. Ms. Hyde has received special acknowledgment for her ability to build teams, develop coalitions and consensus, develop strategic plans and form the basis for action, and achieve identified goals in a constantly changing environment.

Ms. Hyde received her J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School (1976) and her B.A. from Southwest Missouri State University (1972).