

**Mr. Jamahal C. Boyd, Sr.** became Pennsylvania's Director of the Office of Health Equity in February 2008, a newly established office within the Pennsylvania Department of Health. In this role, he provides leadership toward increasing public awareness of health disparities in Pennsylvania. He advocates for the development of programs to address health disparities and works with policy makers, insurers, health care providers and communities to implement policies and programs that result in measurable and sustained improvements in health status of underserved and disparate populations. Boyd acts as a liaison for the department on policy matters related to health equity with national and state organizations and agencies, special interest groups, task forces, relevant advisory boards, commissions and associations statewide and within the Department.

Boyd holds a degree in Business Administration from Delaware State University. Upon graduation, Boyd entered into the healthcare domain in Philadelphia and has remained loyal to the field ever since. In 1997, he started his career with the University of Pennsylvania Health System as a Patient Account Representative and by 2006; Boyd was a Regional Practice Administrator for the Albert Einstein Healthcare Network. Boyd is a National Board Member and immediate Past President of the National Association of Health Services Executives (N.A.H.S.E.) – Delaware Chapter. In 2006, he received the 2006 Young Healthcare Executive of the Year Award from the N.A.H.S.E.