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Farah Hanley is chief deputy director for health overseeing the MDHHS Behavioral and Physical Health and Aging Services Administration and the MDHHS State Hospital Administration.

Between 2014 and 2022, Hanley was MDHHS's senior deputy director of Financial Operations overseeing the agency's budget, contracts and grants, finance and accounting, audit and information technology financial support services areas. Previously, she served as senior deputy director of Central Operations Administration for the former Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH), where she oversaw all aspects of the MDCH budget, accounting, purchasing and audit areas.

Hanley also has served as manager of the MDCH budget within the State Budget Office at the Department of Technology, Management and Budget. In this role, she assisted MDCH and the SBO in key decisions, including implementing the Healthy Michigan Plan. In addition, she served as a federal health and budget specialist within the State Budget Office.

Prior to that, she served as a senior Medicaid consultant for The Medstat Group, now IBM, where she developed analytic methods and supported policy analyses for state Medicaid programs across the country.

Hanley also served as MDHHS's acting director in early January 2019 during the transition to a new administration.

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