

# Alexis Travis

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Alexis Travis Senior Deputy Director for Public Health Administration Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Dr. Alexis Travis is senior deputy director of MDHHS' Public Health Administration, where she oversees a vast array of public health services in Michigan, including these state bureaus: Laboratories; Infectious Disease Prevention; Health and Wellness; and Epidemiology and Population Health.

Dr. Travis previously served as director of MDHHS' Aging & Adult Services Agency (AASA), where she oversaw an agency that provides statewide leadership, direction and resources to support Michigan's aging, adult services and disability networks. Among other contributions, she led AASA to become the fifth state in the nation and first in the Midwest to join the World Health Organization and AARP age-friendly initiative. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Travis worked with the AASA team and the aging network to launch many innovative programs to address food insecurity, social isolation and support risk mitigation in one of the highest risk populations.

In a previous position at MDHHS, Dr. Travis served as director of MDHHS' Bureau of Health and Wellness, where she managed the Division of Chronic Disease and Injury Control and the Division of HIV and STD Programs. In that role, she collaborated with internal and external stakeholders to develop a state dementia plan and established a state-level public health workgroup on healthy aging.

Prior to her work at MDHHS, she worked as chief of community health for the Worcester Department of Health and Human Services in Massachusetts, where she managed the Community Health Improvement Plan and was a champion of health equity while working effectively with diverse community stakeholders – including older adults and people with disabilities. Earlier in her career, she was a payer operations manager for Athena Health and chapter director of program services and state director of program services for March of Dimes New England.

Dr. Travis holds a doctorate in public health from Walden University in Minnesota, a master's degree of pharmacy with honors from the University of Bradford in the United Kingdom and was a participant in the Socrates/Erasmus Student Exchange Program at the University of Salamanca in Spain. She is a 2021 de Beaumont Foundation 40 Under 40 in Public Health honoree.

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