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Prior to joining CDC, Dr. Jones served as the first director of the National Mental Health and Substance Use Policy Laboratory at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The Policy Lab is responsible for identifying, coordinating, and facilitating the implementation of policies to improve mental health and substance use prevention, treatment and recovery, and with advancing innovation and the dissemination and adoption of evidence-based practices and programs related to mental health and substance use.

Prior to SAMHSA, Dr. Jones served as acting associate deputy assistant secretary for Science and Data Policy and director of the Division of Science Policy in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). During his career, Dr. Jones has served as senior advisor in the Office of the Commissioner at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and led the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) drug abuse and overdose activities, where he focused on strategic policy development and implementation, engaging national and state partners, and conducting research to improve policy and clinical practice.

In addition, he was detailed to the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy as the senior public health advisor, led the FDA's Drug Safety and Risk Communication team, and served on the Science Team in the CDC's Strategic National Stockpile.

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