

John Wiesman, DrPH, MPH

John Wiesman was appointed Secretary of Health by Governor Jay Inslee and joined the Department of Health in April, 2013. He's an accomplished transformational leader with more than 22 years of local public health experience.

He has worked in four local public health departments in Washington and Connecticut. He started his public health career in Connecticut in 1986 and was in its first group trained to provide HIV counseling and testing.

During his career John has:

Transformed health departments from providing individual clinical services to implementing policies, systems and environmental changes that make healthy choices easier and less expensive. Partnered with a community clinic to provide integrated primary care and behavioral health. Transformed Clark County Public Health into a first responder organization. John also worked at the University of Washington, School of Public Health as a project director on a back-pain outcome assessment team grant.

He earned his doctor of public health (DrPH) in public health executive leadership from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in 2012. He received his master of public health (MPH) in chronic disease epidemiology from Yale University in 1987 and his bachelor of arts (BA) in biology from Lawrence University in Wisconsin in 1983.

John was born and raised in Wisconsin. He and his husband have lived in Washington State since 1989.