



Brief Bio – Lisa F. Waddell, MD, MPH, FACPM

Dr. Lisa Waddell, MD, MPH, FACPM is a board-certified preventive medicine and public health physician with over 30 years of local, state and national public health leadership experience. She is the former chief medical officer (CMO) for the CDC Foundation. During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic response, in her former role as CMO, Dr. Waddell provided leadership for the development of the COVID-19 Corps - a Nationwide Surge Staffing initiative and the Foundation's overall COVID-19 response efforts including the development of a capacity building initiative to support Community Based Organizations. She served as the moderator for a national webinar series designed to support CBOs. Also, she served as a science advisor to the foundation and as a spokesperson for initiatives such as the Million Hearts/"Live to the Beat" campaign.

Having recently retired from full-time employment, Dr. Waddell founded and is the Chief Executive Officer of *LFW Public Health Connections LLC*; where she provides public health consultative services centered around leadership, mentorship and partnerships. She is also serving as a Senior Advisor to the Office of the Dean at the Arnold School of Public Health at the University of South Carolina.

Prior to the CDC Foundation, Dr. Waddell served as the Deputy Commissioner for Health Services for the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control – the state's public health agency, the Chief Program Officer for Community Health at the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), the Senior Vice President for Maternal and Child Health & Deputy Health Officer for March of Dimes nationally, a district public health director in SC and deputy public health director in Richmond, VA.

Dr. Waddell has a passion for public health and is committed to promoting and protecting the health of populations. She has a special interest in addressing the needs of vulnerable populations, moms and babies, and those with disparate health outcomes.

Throughout her career, Dr. Waddell has provided leadership to many public/private partnerships on critical public health issues such as maternal and infant health, oral health, health disparities, chronic disease, school health and more. She has been featured on national radio shows and various other news media; and she is the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions.

Dr. Waddell is a graduate of the University of Virginia with B.A in Biology, the Medical College of Virginia School of Medicine, the Eastern VA Graduate School of Medicine and the University of NC at Chapel Hill for her Master in Public Health. And she is a Fellow of the American College of Preventive Medicine and graduate of the National Public Health Leadership Institute.

She enjoys traveling, spending time with her family and serving her community through her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

