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Dr. Williams is an obstetrician and gynecologist who graduated from the University of North Carolina with Honors in History and Zoology and received his medical training at the University of North Carolina where he was a Holderness Fellow. He previously served as both the Deputy Secretary for Health and State Health Director in the Department of Health and Human Services in North Carolina. His responsibilities there included developing, integrating and communicating state health policy and helping lead a 17,000 member agency with a 20 billion dollar budget that combined Medicaid, social services, public health and mental health services.

To help patients and families affected by the opioid crisis, Dr. Williams led efforts in North Carolina that resulted in the legislature voting unanimously to implement a statewide standing order to treat narcotic overdoses by making naloxone available to everyone in North Carolina under his authority. He also visited stakeholders and citizens in all 100 counties in the state during his time with the department.

Dr. Williams has also previously served on local and state boards of health in addition to delivering 2000 babies as a practicing obstetrician. He also helped serve medical needs of people overseas in conflict zones. His ongoing work has taken him to Iraq 12 times, and he has also worked in Afghanistan, Libya and Haiti. Recognition of these efforts was reflected in his selection as Triangle Red Cross Humanitarian of the Year and the Raleigh News & Observer's Tar Heel of the Week.

He is also an avid runner. Dr. Williams believes physical exercise contributes greatly to a sense of wellness and led a campaign to encourage families to run 5Ks for charity. He enjoys training for and running marathons and has run marathons in Boston, New York, Paris, Athens, Florence and Jerusalem.

Dr. Williams looks forward to meeting with health officials in all 114 counties throughout Missouri and in the cities of Kansas City and St. Louis. He wishes to listen and learn from Missourians about their ideas, as we work together to integrate clinical care and population health to provide for the health, safety and wellness of all Missourians.