

OKLAHOMA

Brian Downs

Acting Commissioner of Health

Oklahoma State Department of Health



Downs was named Acting Commissioner for the Oklahoma State Department of Health on February 13, 2018. Originally from Tahlequah, he graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma and serves on the Board of Directors for the UCO Alumni Association. Prior to his current role, Downs served as Director of State and Federal Policy for OSDH. He joined the health department in 2017 after serving as Chief of Staff for Speaker Jeff Hickman in the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

With more than 15 years combined experience in public administration, public affairs, and policy development, Downs also served as Policy and Legislative Director for the Office of Speaker. He has also been executive director of a statewide advocacy group, and a small business owner.

He lives in Edmond with his wife, Kristen, and their two children, Beckett and Sutton.

