

## CAROLE JOHNSON

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### EXPERIENCE

#### NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

##### COMMISSIONER 1/18 – present

- Chief executive of the largest agency in the eleventh largest state. Design and manage a \$20 billion annual budget for a Department that serves one-in-five residents.
- Built a COVID-19 response plan that, over six months, produced nearly \$1 billion in new food assistance, housing assistance, wage increases for the frontline Medicaid health workforce, and child care assistance for children of essential workers and children in remote schooling. Launched SNAP online grocery shopping, distributed more than 28,000 free doses of naloxone to residents, and made policy changes resulting in widespread use of telehealth in Medicaid primary and behavioral health.
- Lead the fight to improve mental health and substance use disorder services, including expanding Medicaid coverage of opioid treatment; partnering with the Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court to better serve individuals with mental illness who are justice-involved; and, launching a Zero Suicide initiative focused on health care provider engagement with populations at risk.
- Advance health equity and target racial disparities in maternal and infant health outcomes by becoming one of the first states to create a Medicaid benefit for community-based doula services.
- Deliver Medicaid payment innovation by linking payment to quality, including a \$30 million long-term care quality incentive program.
- Prioritize social determinants of health by changing policy to make SNAP food assistance more accessible to college students, launching a statewide homeless emergency placement hotline, and increasing subsidy rates for infant child care by nearly 40 percent.
- Created a statewide Office of New Americans to support immigrant integration and restored the state's role as refugee coordinator, which had been abandoned by the previous administration.

#### U.S. SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

##### ACTING DEPUTY STAFF DIRECTOR (detail) 1/17 – 10/17

- Advised Senator Bob Casey on aging policy issues, including Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security. Crafted legislation to support grandparents raising grandchildren as a result of the opioid epidemic.

#### WHITE HOUSE DOMESTIC POLICY COUNCIL

##### SENIOR HEALTH POLICY ADVISOR/HEALTH TEAM (detail) 10/11 – 1/17

- Advised the President, Vice President, and First Lady on public health and health policy, including mental health and substance use disorders, nutrition, tobacco control, and biomedical research.
- Secured enactment of legislation investing more than \$6 billion in Administration priorities, including opioid use disorder treatment and cancer research.
- Led the President's Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Parity Task Force, which helped increase coverage of behavioral health services in federal and private health plans.
- Secured nearly \$500 million for community health centers to increase Affordable Care Act (ACA) enrollment, improve access to mental health services, and expand opioid use disorder treatment.
- Crafted Executive Orders and Presidential Memorandum to federal departments and agencies directing action on veterans' mental health services, insurance coverage of opioid use disorder treatment, and health care provider behavioral health training.
- Led senior-level negotiations on Administration priorities, resulting in policy action to expand access to affordable prescription drugs, support safety net providers, enhance oversight of tobacco products, improve coverage of women's preventive benefits, and expand Medicaid long-term care options.

- Conceptualized, designed and implemented the White House Conference on Aging and the White House Healthy Kids and Safe Sports Concussion Summit. Created and served on the Interagency Task Force on Military and Veterans Mental Health.

## HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### SENIOR ADVISOR; POLICY DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

1/11 – 10/17 (including detail)

- Managed health professions policy development, including modernization of existing workforce training programs. Received recognition award for outstanding service.

## GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

### LEAD RESEARCH SCIENTIST AND LECTURER IN HEALTH POLICY 2/10 – 1/11

- Led research projects in health care services and public health policy, including projects focused on public health funding, delivery system redesign, and insurance market reform.

## HEALTHPOLICY R&D

### SENIOR POLICY CONSULTANT 7/07 – 1/10

- Provided strategic advice and recommendations to help non-profit, association, and other clients anticipate and shape policy debates.

## THE HONORABLE MARIA CANTWELL, U.S. SENATOR

### SENIOR HEALTH POLICY ADVISOR 3/07 – 7/07

- Secured a Children's Health Insurance Program fix to increase federal funding for Washington State.
- Garnered editorial and other earned media in support of legislative activities.

## ALLIANCE OF COMMUNITY HEALTH PLANS

### POLICY DIRECTOR 11/04 – 3/07

- Successfully advocated for Senate passage of Medicare pay-for-performance legislation.
- Secured targeted changes to Medicare Advantage-Prescription Drug plan regulations.

## THE PEW CHARITABLE TRUSTS

### PROGRAM OFFICER 10/02 – 10/04; PROGRAM ASSOCIATE 11/00 – 9/02

- Designed and managed a \$10 million grant portfolio. Funded initiatives that produced child welfare reform, federal retirement savings incentives, and substance abuse treatment reforms.
- Within first six months, received CEO merit award for distinguished work.

### ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Government Relations Manager/Legislative Representative. American Heart Association. 1997 -2000  
Legislative Assistant. The Honorable Karen Thurman, Member of Congress 1995 – 1997  
Legislative and Staff Assistant. The Honorable William Hughes, Member of Congress 1991 – 1993

### EDUCATION

Master of Arts, Government. University of Virginia.

Bachelor of Arts, Political Theory. The Catholic University of America.