

STAFF BIO



Judith Monroe, MD **President and CEO**

Judith Monroe's professional focus has centered on the intersection of primary care and public health. Her career has taken her from private medical practice to academia, hospital administration and public health protection. In February 2016, Monroe was named president and CEO of the CDC Foundation. The CDC Foundation mobilizes philanthropic and private-sector resources to support the Centers for Disease Control and Preventions (CDC) critical health protection work. The Foundation manages over 300 CDC-led programs in the United States and in more than 130 countries.

Prior to joining the CDC Foundation, Monroe worked for six years as a CDC deputy director and served as director of the Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support (OSTLTS). At CDC, Monroe oversaw key activities and technical assistance supporting the nation's health departments and the public health system.

Under her leadership, OSTLTS launched the National Public Health Improvement Initiative (NPHII) and developed and expanded the Public Health Associate Program (PHAP). PHAP began with 10 associates per year and grew to nearly 350 associates per year serving 47 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico. Monroe represented CDC on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee and led OSTLTS in advancing the work of the CDC Tribal Advisory Committee and tribal affairs at CDC. During the Ebola epidemic she served as senior advisor for domestic response to the incident commander.

Before joining CDC, Monroe served as the state health commissioner for Indiana from 2005 to 2010. She was president of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) from 2008 to 2009 during the H1N1 pandemic and led state official collaboration with CDC and other partners through the response. Monroe conceptualized and launched the first ASTHO President's Challenge, which continues to be an annual challenge for state health officials to focus attention on a critical national health issue.

Monroe began her clinical career as a member of the National Health Service Corps at the Morgan County Medical Center in rural Tennessee, confronting the ill health that poverty-stricken and remote populations face. As a clinician educator, she joined the faculty in the Department of Family Medicine at Indiana University and led the department's work in rural communities. She then joined St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis in a dual administrator role as director of the Family Medicine Residency Program and Primary Care Center.

Monroe has served on many national advisory committees and boards, such as the Public Health Accreditation Board, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Public Health Leadership Forum, and the Institute of Medicine's Roundtable on Population Health. She currently serves on the board of directors for the Georgia Global Health Alliance, National Advisory Committee for the Indiana University Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health, External Advisory Committee for Purdue University Public Health Graduate Program, and the Executive Management Team for the Food Fortification Initiative.

Among her numerous awards, Monroe received the National Network of Public Health Institutes' Excellence in Public Health Award, NACDS Foundation Excellence in Patient Care Award, the ASTHO National Excellence in Public Health Award and the Governor's Distinguished Service Medal from Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels.

Monroe received her doctor of medicine from the University of Maryland and a bachelor of science degree from Eastern Kentucky University. She completed her residency in family medicine at the University of Cincinnati, a rural faculty development fellowship through East Tennessee State University, and a mini-fellowship in obstetrics through the University of Wisconsin. She also participated in the State Health Leadership Initiative at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and received an honorary doctorate from Purdue University in Health and Human Services.