

In his 25 year Federal career, Roger Straw, Ph.D. has held a variety of research, evaluation, and policy positions. After spending 7 years evaluating health programs at the General Accounting Office, he moved to the Department of Health and Human Services and has held positions in the National Institute of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and Health Resources and Services Administration. Those positions included developing and implementing national research and demonstration grant programs; providing policy-level oversight for all SAMHSA grant and cooperative agreement programs; and managing a comprehensive national program (including grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts) for moving research findings into substance abuse treatment practice settings (also referred to as evidence-based practices). For the past eight years, Dr. Straw has worked in the Health Resources and Services Administration in the areas of program evaluation and knowledge management. He is currently the Director, Office of Workforce Policy and Performance Management, Bureau of Health Professions. In this position, he has responsibility for HRSA's national workforce analysis activities including the National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses and supply and demand models for physicians and other health professions.