



**William (Bill) Hazel, Jr, MD**

Secretary of Health and Human Resources, Commonwealth of Virginia – Office of the Governor

**Bio:**

William A. Hazel Jr. is serving his second term as Secretary of Health and Human Resources for the Commonwealth of Virginia, a post he took in January 2010.

As Secretary, Dr. Hazel oversees 11 state agencies with more than 16,000 employees, covering such diverse programs as Medicaid, Behavioral Health, Social Services, and aging and Rehabilitation. These combined agencies spend approximately one-third of Virginia's budget.

During his first term as Secretary, he led the Virginia Health Reform Initiative, helped establish the Virginia Center for Health Innovation, and served as the Founding Chair of ConnectVirginia, Virginia's health information exchange. Experience has demonstrated that the needs of Virginia and its citizens require both an inter-agency and inter-secretariat approach, and in his second term Dr. Hazel has focused on working across agency and secretariat lines.

Dr. Hazel co-chairs the Children's Cabinet with the Secretary of Education, working across secretariats to find innovative ways to support Virginia's children and families.

He also has co-chaired the Governor's Task Force on Improving Mental Health Services and Crisis Response with the Secretary of Public Safety and the Lieutenant Governor, and co-chairs the Governor's Task Force on Prescription Drug and Heroin Abuse with the Secretary of Public Safety. Infrastructure to support these broad cross-agency and cross-secretariat initiatives has grown from information technology transformation and an emphasis on data-sharing.

Prior to his appointment as Secretary of Health and Human Resources Dr. Hazel spent 22 years as an orthopedic surgeon in Herndon, Virginia. His professional experience includes working as a team physician for the Chantilly High School Chargers, serving as an Assistant Orthopedist for the Washington Redskins football team, and serving as team physician for DC United soccer team. Dr. Hazel lives with his wife, Cindy, in Oakton, Va. They have two grown children and two very cute granddaughters.