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BIO

John M. Connolly is deputy secretary for behavioral health at the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS). CHHS comprises 12 departments and 5 offices that deliver vital public programs and benefits, including nutrition assistance, child care, health care coverage, developmental services, housing support, employment support, child support services, and the protection and promotion of all Californians' health and wellbeing. Dr. Connolly develops and coordinates behavioral health programming and services across CHHS. He previously served as the director of the Substance Abuse Prevention and Control Division of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, deputy director of Insure the Uninsured Project, and a senior policy analyst for the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured at the Kaiser Family Foundation. Dr. Connolly began his career as a public middle school teacher. He holds a Bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Chicago, an M.S.Ed. in general childhood education from Bank Street College, and a Ph.D. in health policy from Harvard University.

