



Department of Veterans Affairs

Senior Executive Biography

Benjamin Kligler MD, MPH

Executive Director

Office of Patient Centered Care & Cultural Transformation

Dr. Kligler is the Executive Director of the Office of Patient Centered Care & Cultural Transformation, responsible for overseeing the work of OPCC&CT in advancing the Whole Health model throughout the VA system. Dr. Kligler is a board-certified family physician who has been working as a clinician, educator, researcher and administrative leader in the field of complementary and integrative medicine for the past 25 years. In May 2016 he was named National Director of the Integrative Health Coordinating Center (IHCC) in the Office of Patient Centered Care and Cultural Transformation (OPCC&CT). Dr. Kligler also served as Director of Education and Research for Whole Health for OPCC&CT. He is a Professor of Family and Community Medicine at Icahn Mount Sinai School of Medicine, and was Vice Chair and Research Director of the Mount Sinai Beth Israel Department of Integrative Medicine. Dr. Kligler was the founding medical director of the Continuum Center for Health and Healing, a large integrative medicine practice which opened in May 2000. In addition, Dr. Kligler also held the position of Director of the Beth Israel Fellowship Program in Integrative Medicine, which accepted its first fellows for training in 2002, and still teaches in the Beth Israel Residency Program in Urban Family Practice. He is also a core faculty member of the Leadership Program in Integrative Healthcare at Duke University.



Dr. Kligler is former Chair of the Academic Consortium for Integrative Health and Medicine, an organization of over 70 medical schools and health systems working to advance education, research, and clinical care in integrative medicine. Dr. Kligler completed a five-year Academic Career Development Award from the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine at NIH to expand his own research and the research program in the Beth Israel Department of Integrative Medicine. In addition, Dr. Kligler is Chair of BraveNet, a 19 center practice-based research network for integrative medicine, and is a co-principal investigator on a PCORI-funded clinical trial of acupuncture treatment for chronic pain delivered in a community-based approach to underserved populations in the Bronx. Dr. Kligler currently serves as a member of the Advisory Council for the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health at NIH

CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

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| 2016 – Present | National Director, Integrative Health Coordinating Center, Office of Patient Centered Care & Cultural Transformation, Washington DC |
| 2000 – 2016 | Vice Chair, Director of Research and Education, Beth Israel Department of Integrative Medicine, New York, NY |
| 1995- 2000 | Faculty, Beth Israel Residency Program in Urban Family Practice, New York, NY |

EDUCATION:

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| 1994 | National Board Certification, Family Medicine |
| 1991 | Masters of Public Health, Boston University, Boston MA |
| 1990 | Doctor of Medicine, Boston University, Boston, MA |
| 1983 | Bachelor of Arts, Harvard College, Cambridge, MA |