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Tom Morris serves as the Associate Administrator for Rural Health Policy in the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). In that role, Tom oversees the work of the Office of Rural Health Policy, which is charged with advising the Secretary on rural health issues. The Office, which has an annual budget of \$364 million, administers a range of research and capacity building grant programs that serve rural communities. A North Carolina native, who has worked on rural health issues for over 25 years, Tom came into government as a Presidential Management Intern and has work experience in the U.S. Senate as well as various policy and program positions within HRSA and HHS. Tom came to government after a career as a newspaper reporter and editor. He has an undergraduate degree in Journalism from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Master's in Public Administration with a concentration in Community Health from East Carolina University. He also earned a Certificate in Public Leadership from the Brookings Institution in 2008.