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Lelia Jackson is a Senior Strategist to the Chief of Staff, Veterans Health Administration. She leads the Administration's Assault and Harassment Prevention efforts. In this role she has been charged with systematically improving existing harassment and sexual assault reporting, policies, and postvention procedures. Lelia was appointed to this key role in October

2019 after completing a fellowship in the prestigious White House Leadership Development Program. She was among the first from the Department to be selected during the history of the program.

Prior to her fellowship, Lelia served as the Director of the Center for Compassionate Care Innovation, where she led VA's efforts to explore emerging treatments and therapies to enhance Veterans' well-being. The Center primarily focuses on cutting-edge therapies related to posttraumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, chronic pain, suicidality, and other difficult to treat conditions. Under Lelia's keen leadership, a subset of the Veteran population now has access to cutting edge medical treatments previously only available outside of the VA.

Lelia simultaneously served as the Director of the VHA Office of Community Engagement where she was the national representative to nongovernmental organizations seeking to partner with VHA to expand healthcare services to Veterans, their families, caregivers and survivors. Since standing up this office in 2012, Lelia established national strategic public private partnerships and interagency collaborations that have extended the breadth of services VA offers Veterans and their beneficiaries.

Lelia is an accomplished, results-driven professional recognized for productive performance, commitment to excellence, and exceptional team management in critical collaborative contexts. Lelia is a Marine Corps Veteran with a strong commitment to service, and holds a Master's degree in Technology Management and a bachelor's degree in Criminology from the University of Maryland University College. Lelia also holds a Mid-Level Federal Acquisition Certification for Program and Project Managers (FAC-P/PM). Lelia is a graduate of the Federal Executive Institute for a Democratic Society; Partnership for Public Service Excellence in Government Fellows Program; and Leadership Veterans Affairs (LVA).