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Dr. Matthew Miller is the Executive Director of the Office of Suicide Prevention for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), where he leads a team dedicated to the implementation and reinforcement of a top priority for VA: preventing Veteran suicide. The Office of Suicide Prevention engages a public health approach to suicide prevention, integrating evidenced-based community and clinical interventions, strategic planning, program operations, program evaluation, and crisis services through the Veterans Crisis Line (VCL). Under Dr. Miller's leadership, the VCL became the world's largest and most efficient suicide crisis call center and in 2022, expanded their life-saving services by implementing **Dial 988 then Press 1**. A visionary in his approach, he has a focus on leading-edge technology and pioneering suicide prevention ideas and solutions through efforts like Mission Daybreak. Dr. Miller fosters non-traditional collaborations, recognizing the value of diverse perspectives and partnerships in achieving the shared goal of saving lives. He leads the team from a perspective that everyone plays a role in preventing Veteran suicide.

Dr. Miller began his VA career as the Chief of Mental Health at Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center in Saginaw, MI, where he later became the Deputy Chief of Staff. Dr. Miller received his PhD from Michigan State University and a Master of Public Health (MPH) from the University of Michigan. Dr. Miller is an Air Force Veteran. He completed his professional residency in Clinical Psychology at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Medical Center and served as the Chief of Mental Health at a Joint Services Pilot Training Wing. Dr. Miller was responsible for overseeing outpatient mental health operations for all service members and dependents within the installation community. In addition, he was head of the installation's suicide prevention, alcohol and drug demand reduction, critical incident response and family advocacy programs.