



Department of Veterans Affairs

Senior Executive Biography

Keith W. Harris, Ph.D.

Senior Executive Homelessness Agent, Greater Los Angeles Office of the Secretary



Keith Harris is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist who serves as Senior Executive Homelessness Agent, Greater Los Angeles. Dr. Harris represents the Office of the Secretary providing support, consultation, and strategic direction across three major areas related to Veteran homelessness in Los Angeles: 1) VA campus development and engagement with stakeholders regarding VA's Master Plan; 2) Homeless program operations and collaboration with operational partners; and 3) Development of innovative practices and dissemination to other communities throughout California and nationally. Dr. Harris previously served as the National Director of Clinical Operations for VHA Homeless Programs. In his prior role, he provided guidance and oversight to the clinical programs in the VHA Homeless Program continuum. Programs under his direction included over 4,000 employees providing outreach, case management, primary care, vocational services, residential housing, and permanent supportive housing to over 200,000 homeless and at-risk Veterans each year. Dr. Harris also oversaw an analytics and operational intelligence team that managed performance measurement, statistical modeling, and operational planning within VA homeless program services, and was responsible for ensuring quality, effectiveness, and efficiency across programs and sites. In 2017, Dr. Harris was awarded the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans Federal Agency Staff Award for his efforts to improve services for homeless Veterans. Dr. Harris continues to serve as a VA national leader in Federal and nonprofit interagency efforts to end Veteran homelessness. This work includes Congressional testimony, media appearances, representing VA in meetings with the White House, OMB, and Congress, and frequent presentations at national meetings and conferences. Prior to joining VA Central Office, Dr. Harris served as the Chief of the Domiciliary Service and Homeless Programs at the VA Palo Alto Health Care System. Dr. Harris oversaw the full continuum of homeless services at VA Palo Alto, and during his tenure these services were honored with the VA Secretary's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Service to Homeless Veterans.

CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

2021 – Present	Senior Executive Homelessness Agent, Greater Los Angeles
2010 – 2021	National Director of Clinical Operations, VHA Homeless Program Office
2005 – 2010	Chief, Domiciliary Service and Homeless Programs, Palo Alto VA HCS
2003 – 2005	Health Science Specialist and Acting Chief, Domiciliary Service, Palo Alto VA HCS

EDUCATION:

2003	Postdoctoral Fellowship in Health Psychology, University of California, San Francisco, CA
2001	Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR
1995	Master of Science in Clinical Psychology, University of Alaska, Anchorage, AK
1992	Bachelor of Science in Psychology, University of Washington, Seattle, WA