
Admiral Rachel L. Levine, MD



ADM Levine was a Professor of Pediatrics and Psychiatry at the Penn State College of Medicine and served as Vice-Chair for Clinical Affairs for the Department of Pediatrics, and Chief of the Division of Adolescent Medicine and Eating Disorders at the Penn State Hershey Medical Center. Her career focused on the intersection between mental and physical health, treating children, adolescents, and young adults. Prior to her appointment as Assistant Secretary of Health in 2021, she was confirmed as Pennsylvania's Physician General in 2015 and, in 2018, was named Pennsylvania's Secretary of Health. ADM. Levine's biography is included as an attachment to this email.

SUMMARY

AADCAP is pleased to announce that Admiral Rachel Levine, U.S. Assistant Secretary for Health in the Department of Health and Human Services, will be the keynote speaker at our virtual Spring Meeting on May 1, 2022. ADM. Levine will address the growing youth mental health crisis in the country and share her thoughts on proposed policy changes, why these policies will be impactful, and what academic and clinical leaders can do to meaningfully address the crisis. The Department of Health and Human Services recently allocated 35 million dollars to strengthen mental health services for children and young adults.

We encourage AADCAP members to submit questions for ADM Levine in advance so that she may include responses in her presentation.

The virtual AADCAP Spring Meeting on May 1 will also include presentations from the Research Committee, chaired by Drs. Jeremy Veenstra-VanderWeele and Peter Szatmari, on the nurturing and support of clinician scientists in child and youth mental health and, from the Work Group on Racism and Healthcare Disparities, chaired by Dr. Tami Benton, on the organization's initiatives over the past six months and plans for the future. AADCAP's Executive Committee looks forward to your participation and anticipates an interesting, informative, and productive session on May 1.