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**PAOLO D. DEL VECCHIO** is a behavioral health expert and national leader with more than 40 years of experience in all aspects of the profession.

Currently, del Vecchio is the director of office management, technology and operations at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). In this role, he partners with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to provide leadership and ensure SAMHSA's needs are met.

Previously, del Vecchio served as the director of SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services, providing executive leadership for federal efforts to improve the nation's mental health service systems. In this role, he handled the management of the federal and state mental health block grant program and directed a range of programs and activities that address topics such as suicide prevention, children's mental health, homelessness, disaster mental health, HIV/AIDS and more.

He also previously served as the Center for Mental Health Service's associate director for consumer affairs. There, del Vecchio directed SAMHSA's precedent-setting programs and activities that advanced consumer participation and education.

Before joining SAMHSA, he worked for the Philadelphia Office of Mental Health in the areas of policy formulation and the planning of a comprehensive system of community-based mental health services addressing homelessness, HIV/AIDS and many other issues.

A leader in many federal efforts, del Vecchio served on the Federal Advisory Planning Board for the Surgeon General's Report on Mental Health, the HHS Multiple Chronic Conditions Initiative and the HHS Living Community Initiative and more.

A two-time Owl, del Vecchio earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from the School of Social Work.