

Mary E. O'Dowd, MPH

Mary O'Dowd joined Rutgers University in August as the Executive Director of Health Systems and Population Health Integration for Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences. She served as Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Health from April 2011 through July 2015. O'Dowd focused on supporting healthcare providers while promoting population health during extraordinary transformation in the delivery system. Prior to becoming Commissioner, she served as Deputy Commissioner and as Chief of Staff. She has held positions in hospital finance at NYU Medical Center and health policy at the NJ Hospital Association and the NJ General Assembly.

O'Dowd is a member of the Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey Board of Trustees and the Rutgers Institute for Women's Leadership Advisory Board. She is a graduate of Douglass College, Rutgers University, holds a Master in Public Health from Columbia University and completed a hospital finance fellowship at NYU Medical Center.

O'Dowd has received numerous awards for her efforts to improve health outcomes across the life span. The March of Dimes, AARP, Association for State and Territorial Health Officers, New Jersey Primary Care Association, Women's Political Caucus of NJ, and NJ Biz have all recognized her leadership.