

## **David Ward At Large**

David Ward is the Director of Long Term Services and Supports for the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, the single State Medicaid Agency. In 2011, David began his public service career with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority as a Research Analyst to now directing the Long-Term Services and Supports unit that administers the 1915(c) Home and Community Based Waiver Programs, State Plan Personal Care, PACE, Level of Care, TEFRA, Dual Eligible Care Coordination, and the Money Follows the Person program (Oklahoma's Living Choice).

In this role, David has travelled throughout the State and country passionately learning about our Aged, Blind and Disabled communities. He found quality in healthcare so intriguing that he became certified as a Lean Six Sigma Green Belt and a Lean Six Sigma Healthcare Professional to better equip and prepare for the evolution of a performance driven health outcome industry.

Through David's leadership and visionary mission to collaborate and improve the state's long term services and supports infrastructure, Oklahoma held its first Tribal LTSS Conference in 2022, partnering with Minnesota, Washington State, North Dakota and Wisconsin and planned the first Medicaid LTSS Summit, partnering with over 10 state agencies.

David was selected and participated in the inaugural 2022/2023 Advancing States Next Gen Leadership program and the Milbank Memorial Fund 2022/2023 Emerging Leaders Program. David is currently the chairman of the National EVV Association.