

Tonga Y. Turner

Interim Executive Director, Community Health



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Tonga Turner serves as the Interim Executive Director within Kaiser Permanente's Community Health Division. In her role, Tonga oversees the department's micro, macro, and meso community health initiatives that change policy, systems and environments in communities that experience disparities. This includes developing the strategic vision for designing and implementation of community-based programs that demonstrate measurable impact in addressing the social determinants of health as well as racial and health disparities within vulnerable communities.

Tonga joined Kaiser Permanente from the United States Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) where she worked on federal policy and legislative matters on behalf of the Federal Coordinated Health Care Office. Under her leadership, she served as a Senior Advisor to HHS

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executive leadership. Tonga worked on leading the implementation of several major federal policies, rules and regulations impacting the dual-eligible (Medicare-Medicaid) population, including the development and implementation of the CMS Medicare-Medicaid Health Plan Enrollment Disenrollment Guidance which is currently utilized by several States and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) across the nation.

Prior to her work at the federal level, Tonga has had a stellar career in the private sector, working for prestigious consulting firms such as Booz Allen Hamilton and the American Institute for Research where she served as a Managing Consultant responsible for developing and implementing initiatives focused on addressing health disparities with measurable outcomes.

In her private life, from 2018-2019, Tonga served as the youngest and first African American Mayor of the City of Upper Marlboro located in Prince Georges County, MD. She continues to serve on multiple community advisory boards including those that serve vulnerable communities.
