

Rep. Larry Hall Tabbed For Secretary of Veterans Affairs

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Governor Roy Cooper named Secretaries to head two additional cabinet departments today as he works to move North Carolina forward. As Secretary of Health and Human Services, Cooper announced Dr. Mandy Cohen, a physician and health care management and policy expert. “I’m thrilled to welcome Dr. Cohen to our team,” said Governor Cooper. “Her background as a doctor and common-sense problem solver make her the right person for the job at the right time.” Dr. Cohen has experience leading complex health organizations and bringing coverage and care to people across the country. Dr. Cohen was most recently the Chief Operating Officer and Chief of Staff at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, where she has been responsible for implementing national policies for Medicare, Medicaid, the Children’s Health Insurance Program, and the Federal Marketplace which touch the lives of over 140 million families across the country.

“As a physician and policy maker I know what a tremendous impact this work has on the lives of people every day,” Dr. Cohen said. “I look forward to working with leaders in the state to bring economic prosperity and health to all people in North Carolina.”

Dr. Cohen is a graduate of Cornell University, the Harvard School of Public Health and Yale School of Medicine and trained in internal medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital.

To head the Department of Veterans and Military Affairs, Cooper has selected Larry Hall who served 16 years as a commissioned officer in the Marines and the Marine Corps Reserves. Representative Hall’s decade in the North Carolina House includes serving on the Veterans Affairs Committee.

Hall graduated from Johnson C. Smith University and earned his law degree at UNC-Chapel Hill. He is a lifelong resident of Durham.

“Larry Hall is a true public servant who understands the issues facing North Carolina military servicemembers and veterans, both from personal experience and as a policy maker,” Cooper said.