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Raul Perea-Henze, M.D., M.P.H., was nominated by President Obama and subsequently confirmed by the Senate as the Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning at the Department of Veterans Affairs. He was sworn in by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Eric K. Shinseki, on March 22, 2010.

As Assistant Secretary, Dr. Perea-Henze is the principal policy advisor to the Secretary and is responsible for strategy, transformation and interagency collaborations for the Department. He executes these responsibilities through oversight of policy development, corporate governance, corporate data and analysis, program analysis and evaluation, VA/DoD collaboration and enterprise program management.

Dr. Perea-Henze has a long and distinguished career as a physician, corporate executive, and government official. Most recently, he led global science and medical policy for the top two leading pharmaceutical companies building partnerships with governments and UN agencies and industry on issues such as diseases of the developing world, bioterrorism and global R&D. He served as deputy assistant secretary for management and budget at the Department of Commerce, and senior health care advisor and White House Fellow during the Clinton administration. He was also a management consultant specializing in global strategy in the health sector, and a senior official in New York City government in the early 1990's.



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He started his medical career as a clinician caring for underserved populations in developing countries, later moving to research in biochemistry and physiology, and academia, as an adjunct professor of health policy at New York University. His work as a board member of prominent nonprofit and philanthropic organizations in the areas of HIV/AIDS, mental health, community leadership, Hispanic affairs, and human rights spans many years, and has been recognized with several awards.

Dr. Perea-Henze graduated *magna cum laude* as a Medical Doctor in Mexico at age 21 and he obtained a Master's degree in Public Health, with concentration in Health Policy and Management, from Yale University, School of Medicine. Most recently, he completed an Executive Leadership Program in Strategy and Management at INSEAD, France, and another in Corporate Governance at the Harvard Business School.

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