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Sandra Elizabeth Ford has been the District Health Director of the DeKalb County Board of Health since February 2005. Dr. Ford manages all public health programs in DeKalb County. In May 2008, Dr. Ford was asked to serve as Acting Director of the Georgia Division of Public Health to oversee the agency's reorganization. As State Health Officer, Dr. Ford was responsible for leading the development of policy and legislation pertaining to public health and for enforcing related laws and regulations. Dr. Ford, a board-certified pediatrician, received a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Stanford University, a Medical degree from Howard University College of Medicine and a Master's degree in Business Administration with a focus in Health Services Administration from Howard University Graduate School of Business.

From 2003 to early 2005, Dr. Ford served as the Florida Deputy State Health Officer and Deputy Secretary for Children's Medical Services managing a \$350 million budget and was responsible for oversight of health services for children with special health care needs. She oversees clinical and population-based services for an area with 740,000 residents and where more than 130 languages are spoken. Dr. Ford speaks Spanish, French and Italian. Her focus areas include bioterrorism, health disparities, infant mortality, asthma, obesity and nutrition.

Dr. Ford was named by the Atlanta Tribune as one of the 2007 Superwomen and recognized as Who's Who Among Black Atlantans. She has also received numerous awards, including a Commonwealth Fund Fellowship, Robinson/Dickens Award, and National Medical Fellowship. Dr. Ford has served as principal investigator for research on asthma management for both children and adults and has appeared in the media a number of times.