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Ms. Connolly brings more than thirty years of public health and human services experience, in both government and non-profit sectors, to ONDCP. Beth served for thirty years in the New Jersey Department of Human Services, concluding her state government career as the Department's Commissioner. Her government experience includes serving people who are often underrepresented and face social challenges such as homelessness and a lack of health care. During her tenure she shepherded reforms related to behavioral health, Medicaid and its expansion, safety net programs, child welfare, and the adoption of home- and community-based support services.

After leaving state government, Ms. Connolly joined the Pew Charitable Trusts. There she directed the substance use prevention and treatment initiative leading research and technical assistance efforts across the federal government and states to promote evidence-based transformation of the treatment system, expand the substance use disorder workforce, optimize coverage and reimbursement for effective treatment, and improve the delivery and coordination of care for underserved populations. Ms. Connolly has served as an adjunct professor in graduate programs at Seton Hall University, Rutgers University, and Georgetown University.

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