Mary Fleming, M.S.

Mary Fleming serves as the Associate Administrator for Women’s Services and Chief of the National Policy Liaison Branch in the Office of Policy, Planning, and Innovation (OPPI) at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). As Associate Administrator for Women’s Services, she chairs the Advisory Committee on Women’s Services, sits on the Department of Health and Human Services’ Coordinating Committee for Women’s Health and chairs SAMHSA internal workgroup on Women’s Services. She coordinates the work of SAMHSA’s Centers with respect to women’s prevention, treatment and recovery services in substance abuse and mental health services.

In her role as Chief of the National Policy Liaison Branch, Ms. Fleming is responsible for providing leadership on cross-cutting policy issues at SAMHSA and with external stakeholders. She works with SAMHSA’s Office of the Administrator and SAMHSA’s Offices and Centers and external stakeholders to foster a unified understanding of policy and budget directions and to operationalize them. Ms. Fleming coordinates and facilitates activities between SAMHSA and state, regional, tribal, federal, national, and international partners.

Ms. Fleming manages SAMHSA’s behavioral health work in the areas of disaster response; international relations; efforts directed toward veterans, service members and their families; HIV/AIDS, and legislative affairs. Ms. Fleming also participates in SAMHSA’s efforts in health care and health systems integration, and workforce development.

Prior to coming to SAMHSA, Ms. Fleming served for 13 years as the CEO of Allegheny HealthChoices, Inc. (AHCI) in Pittsburgh, Pa. AHCI is responsible for providing oversight and monitoring of Medicaid behavioral health programs in several counties and provides assistance to counties and providers in implementing best practices and using data to drive their decision making. Prior to that, Ms. Fleming worked for a large national managed care organization and, for many years, as a county behavioral health director in Ohio.