## Kristina Box. MD, FACOG State Health Commissioner



Dr. Kristina Box was named Indiana State Health Commissioner by Governor Eric J. Holcomb on September 18, 2017. She brings to the role a passion for improving the health of Hoosiers, beginning before birth.

Dr. Box has been a practicing obstetrician and gynecologist in Indianapolis for 30 years, starting her career at Community Hospitals of Indianapolis in 1987 as a private practitioner with Clearvista Women's Care. Since 2015, she has served as the Physician Lead for Community Health Network's Women's Service Line. In this role, she built the first multi-disciplinary women's center in the Community Health Network, developed critical partnerships with area children's hospitals to improve care and decrease health care costs, and led efforts to ensure that low-income women receive the important free health screenings they need.

She has served on the Indiana Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative (IPQIC), an advisory council to the Indiana State Department of Health that is comprised of more than 300 statewide community professionals working to reduce infant mortality. Her work with IPQIC includes serving on a state task force to address neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS), which established standards for the diagnosis of NAS and developed a hospital study to determine the prevalence of drug exposed newborns.

Dr. Box earned her undergraduate degree at Indiana University in Bloomington and her medical doctorate at Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis. She is a member of several professional organizations, including the Indiana State Medical Association and the Marion County Medical Association, and serves on many hospital committees.

Dr. Box has been involved in ongoing surgical medical missions to Haiti and Bolivia for more than a decade.

She and her husband of 35 years, David, a retired ophthalmologist, live in Indianapolis. They have four adult children.