

Pete CROUGHAN, M.D.

Deputy Secretary

Pete Croughan, M.D., is an internal medicine physician with a background in health policy, state-level administration, and addiction medicine. He grew up in Crowley before attending Yale University, where he majored in History of Science and Medicine. He then worked in health policy research at PolicyLab at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, before heading to UCSF for medical school.

In 2017, he took time away to work as policy director for the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), where he spearheaded a statewide cancer strategy, analyzed state funding of graduate medical education, and led development of the hepatitis C pharmaceutical payment subscription model. In 2018, he became chief of staff for Dr. Rebekah Gee and LDH, where he was responsible for policy development, quality improvement, communications, external affairs, and legislative strategy.

In 2020, he returned to clinical practice to complete his internal medicine residency, with a concentration in primary care, at Massachusetts General Hospital. Since completing his training, Dr. Croughan has worked as a rural addiction medicine physician at the Acadiana Area Human Services District in Lafayette and his hometown of Crowley, where he cares for patients with substance use disorders.

In January 2024, Dr. Croughan returned to the Louisiana Department of Health, where he currently serves as deputy secretary. In this role, he oversees the Offices of Public Health, Behavioral Health, Aging and Adult Services, Citizens with Developmental Disabilities, and Women's and Community Health, and the five state-run facilities. He and his wife, Allie, an LSU general surgery resident, enjoy spending their free time outdoors, watching Saints and LSU football, and playing with their two daughters.

