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As assistant secretary of the Office of Women's Health & Community Health, Tangela leads efforts to enhance the overall wellbeing for the women of Louisiana. Through advocacy and education, the OWHCH ensures communities have the knowledge and resources needed to make informed decisions regarding their healthcare.

Tangela joined the Louisiana Department of Health in 2019. Before transitioning to this role, she demonstrated her knowledge and leadership in various capacities within the Medicaid program, including clinical policy, legislative and governmental relations and Senior Advisor to the Medicaid Executive Director. As A Medicaid Deputy Director, Tangela led a public information campaign for Medicaid unwind, collaborating with community leaders to ensure eligible members retained their medical coverage. In this position, she also played a crucial role in the strategic direction and oversight of initiatives in Public Affairs, Waivers and Supports, and Policy divisions.

During Tangela's tenure, significant accomplishments include expanding postpartum Medicaid coverage to 12 months after birth, providing Medicaid coverage for community health worker services, and reforming hospital payments to a more sustainable and equitable mode.

Tangela holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Louisiana Tech University and her Master of Business Administration from the University of Texas.