



Kelly Anderson-Thomas

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Kelly Anderson-Thomas is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission. In this position she oversees Licensing, Compliance and Investigations, Data and Business Analytics, Patient and Customer Services, Labor Compliance and Education, and Administration.

Prior to joining the Commission staff, she served as the New Jersey Department of Health's state director of COVID-19 Testing. During the height of the pandemic, Anderson-Thomas provided oversight and strategic planning for statewide testing in compliance with federal guidelines and assisted with other pandemic response initiatives. She served as chair of the state's Testing Taskforce, and New Jersey's liaison to various national COVID-19 response efforts.

Kelly's long career in New Jersey public service includes working as executive staff with the Department of Health's Integrated Health Services, and as an administrator with the Department of the Treasury's Division of Purchase and Property. In those positions, she has held responsibilities related to the management of New Jersey's four psychiatric hospitals, state procurement, and general service contracting.

She also has an extensive background in public and behavioral health having worked for more than 10 years as a counselor in behavioral health facilities and as a clinical research coordinator at the University of Medicine and Dentistry.

Kelly is from Camden, New Jersey. She holds degrees from Rutgers University's School of Environment and Biological Sciences, the University of Medicine and Dentistry, and Rutgers University's School of Public Policy and Administration. She is currently pursuing her PhD.