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David Mansdoerfer, MPP, advises the President on public health and policy issues and leads strategic partnerships between The University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth and local, state and federal partners. He is also currently serving as the HSC lead on its external COVID response.

Before joining the HSC Team in 2019, Mansdoerfer served as a presidential appointee in the role of Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health for the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). At HHS he had operational responsibility for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health including the offices of: HIV and Infectious Disease, the office of the Surgeon General and Public Health Commissioned Corps, Human Research Protection, Minority Health, Women's Health and Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.

In 2020, he received a national honor for his leadership from the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS for his work during the Trump Administration's HIV initiative which actively worked to end this disease by reducing new infections by 75 percent in five years, and by 90 percent in ten years.

Mansdoerfer also served as the HHS Chief Labor Negotiator. During his time at HHS, Mansdoerfer worked on a variety of top-level Presidential initiatives including: ending the HIV epidemic, attacking the Opioid Crisis, addressing health-related issues in youth sports and focusing on suicide prevention programs for U.S. Military Veterans.

Before serving in the federal government, Mansdoerfer worked for the California State Senate, Orange County and as the Chairman of the Mission Viejo Planning and Transportation Committee in California.

Mansdoerfer's background in high-level health communications and operations is helping increase HSC's visibility, while also helping support philanthropy and research.