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Dr. Richard McKeon currently serves as an advisor on suicide prevention at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, a position he has held since 2004. In this position, he provides advice and suicide prevention expertise to assist in the development of a comprehensive suicide prevention agenda for SAMHSA that addresses congressional, departmental, and agency priorities, in an effort to address the suicide prevention needs of the nation. Dr. McKeon received his BS from Fordham University in Psychology (1974); his MA from Queens College, City University of New York in General Psychology (1978); his MPH from Columbia University School of Public Health in Health Administration (1979); and his PhD from the University of Arizona in Clinical Psychology (1983).

Dr. McKeon served in the office of Senator Paul Wellstone from 2001 to 2003 as an AAAS/APA Congressional Fellow, sponsored by the American Psychological Association and coordinated by the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He has conducted numerous presentations, most recently at the American Association of Suicidology, an annual convention in Santa Fe in April 2003. The topic was “Reducing Suicide; The IOM Report: Clinical and Mental Health System Implications.” Dr. McKeon’s professional associations include the Executive Board, Society of Clinical Psychology, American Psychological Association (2003-2007); Executive Board, New Jersey Psychological Association (2000-2001); and Clinical Division Director, American Association of Sociology (1999-2001). He has also been published in the *Suicide and Life Threatening Behaviors* (June 2007) and co-authored the Report on Education and Training in Behavioral Emergencies.