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Dr. Tokars is humbled to serve as the Interim Director at the Illinois Department of Public Health. She has a Master of Science in systems therapies in the clinical setting. Her doctoral work emphasized her love of Organizational Learning, Social Movement, and Research Methods, as well as a cognate in Anthropology. Her graduate and doctoral work was completed at Northern Illinois University in Illinois. She is also a graduate of the Navy Post Graduate School Executive Leaders Program in California. Her work includes nearly two decades in the public health arena as well as over 30 years in behavioral health work.



Amaal's current role as the Assistant Director at the Illinois Department of Public Health includes support over a vast array of public health services in addition to community engagement, health equity, and public health policy work.

Areas of particular passion include cultural equity, health ethics, systems change, international policy, and engaging in dialogue about the essentialities of a thriving civil society.

