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Dr. Hillary Kunins is the Executive Deputy Commissioner of Mental Hygiene at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH). In this role, she oversees the DOHMH's major strategic initiatives to improve the mental health and behavioral health of all New Yorkers. Previously, Dr. Kunins served as Assistant Commissioner for the Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Use at DOHMH where, since 2012, she has led the DOHMH's efforts to promote public health approaches to reducing the health and social consequences of drug and alcohol use in NYC, including preventing opioid overdose and prescription opioid misuse, and binge and excessive alcohol use; integrating best practices in substance use care into health care systems; and strengthening the continuum of services to address the needs of New Yorkers with substance use disorders. Dr. Kunins serves as the DOHMH lead for Mayor Bill de Blasio's 60 million dollar citywide opioid initiative, HealingNYC.

As a general internist and addiction medicine physician, before joining DOHMH, Dr. Kunins worked in the Bronx for 16 years providing primary and addiction-related care to patients in both community health centers and in substance use disorder treatment programs. Dr. Kunins served as Medical Director of the Hub 2 Methadone Maintenance Program, in the Division of Substance Abuse at Einstein (2000-2003); Founder and Director of Project GROW – HIV prevention for women with substance use disorders (2003- 2012) and Director of the Primary Care/Social Internal Medicine Residency Program at Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine (2007-2012). She has been a Principal or Co- Investigator of foundation and federal grants related to buprenorphine treatment in primary care, disparities in substance use service utilization, and medical education/training to promote quality care for vulnerable populations. Dr. Kunins received her MD and MPH from Columbia University and her MS in Clinical Research from Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Dr. Kunins is a Clinical Professor of Medicine, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences and Family & Social Medicine at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Fellow of American College of Physicians, and Fellow of American Society of Addiction Medicine.