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Kathleen L. Frisbee, PhD, MPH is the Executive Director of Connected Health, aligned under the Office of Connected Care in the Veterans Health Administration within the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The Connected Health portfolio is comprised of My Health***e***Vet, VA Mobile Health and the VHA Innovation Program. Dr. Frisbee is part of a leadership team charged with the effort to improve services to Veterans, their families and Caregivers by increasing access, fostering continuity and promoting patient empowerment through electronic health technologies.

Connected Care Leadership oversees the development and implementation of enterprise-wide Veteran digital health strategies, which will transform care delivery across the care continuum and geography, and facilitates alignment of health information technologies within VHA to produce a consistent experience for users and continuously improve based on user input, research and evaluation.

Dr. Frisbee has worked for the Department of Veterans Affairs for more than 25 years. Prior to her current role, she served as the Director of Web and Mobile Solutions, where she led a number of mobile health initiatives including Veteran and clinician mobile applications focused on supporting VHA delivery of patient-centered care.

Additionally, Dr. Frisbee has served as the Special Advisor to the Chief Consultant for Patient Care Services and also the Associate Deputy Under Secretary for Quality and Safety, where she co-chaired an initiative to develop a customized Veterans Health Benefits Handbook to enhance the Veteran experience and access to health care, initiated the development of patient management software for Primary Care Teams that incorporates predictive models for risk stratifying patients.

During her tenure at VA, Dr. Frisbee has worked as the Deputy Director of the VHA Support Service Center where she developed an information management system used widely throughout the VA and managed the technical and analytical work of the office. She also held posts at the Austin Outpatient Clinic and the Northeast Regional Office, where she provided various levels of technical support to the offices.

Dr. Frisbee received her Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from Albany College of Pharmacy, earned a Master of Public Health from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and completed her PhD degree in Engineering Management at George Washington University.

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