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Charles Orr is a masters prepared educator and former classroom instructor, serving as an HIV/AIDS prevention education specialist. He presently coordinates the HIV/AIDS prevention education program collaborating with community-based organizations and other health related agencies to disseminate information on HIV/AIDS prevention throughout local school districts across the state.

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Bo Bowen serves as the Deputy Administrator of Health Services for the Division of Medicaid. He is responsible for the overall operation of the Bureaus of Maternal and Child Health, Provider and Beneficiary Relations, Policy and Medical Services, Pharmacy, and Long Term Care. Mr. Bowen also directs the development and implementation of the Administrative Claiming Program and the expansion of the School-Based Services Program.

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Dr. Pat Cooper currently serves as Superintendent of McComb School District. He has completed over thirty (30) years in public education, as a teacher, principal, supervisor and superintendent. Since coming to McComb as Superintendent in 1996, he has successfully implemented the coordinated school health program throughout his district.

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