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As director of the California Public Health Laboratory, Dr. Kimsey provides an executive staff level focus for laboratory science policy issues and coordination. He has responsibility for laboratory-related policy development, oversight responsibility for the state public health laboratories, and responsibility for the California Department of Public Health adherence to all federal and state laboratory requirements.

Dr. Kimsey represents California in a variety of national forums dealing with laboratory issues. During his 22-year tenure, he has served as the governor's representative to the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Conference (NELAC), chairman of the NEALC, president of the Association of Public Health Laboratories, a representative to the White House Food Safety Initiative, and was involved in the early initiatives at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) around the issue of bioterrorist threats to the United States. He currently serves on the Federal Health and Human Services Agency, Clinical Laboratory Improvements Advisory Committee that makes recommendations to the CDC, the Food and Drug Administration and the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services on laboratory regulations.

Dr. Kimsey conducted his graduate work at the University of California, Davis veterinary and medical schools in infectious diseases, and participated in a post doctoral fellowship with the government of Switzerland at its National Cancer Institute in nucleic acid biochemistry. He worked as an academic research scientist looking at the genetic basis of host specificity in small DNA viruses at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Department of Biology.