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At the national level, Dr. Lakey served as president of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) from 2011 to 2012, the ASTHO Alumni President from 2019 to 2021 and served on the March of Dimes national board from 2015-2023. Dr. Lakey currently serves on the national board of Trust for America's Health (TFAH), and Chair on the Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC) for the Center for Preparedness and Response at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Lakey is a proud member of the Texas Medical Association (TMA) and America Medical Association (AMA). He has received numerous awards, including the 2015 TMA President's Award and the 2021 AMA's Foundation Award for Health Education.

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From 1998 to 2006, Dr. Lakey served as an associate professor of medicine, chief of the Division of Clinical Infectious Disease and medical director of the Center for Pulmonary and Infectious Disease Control at the University of Texas Health Center in Tyler. Dr. Lakey graduated from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Indiana University School of Medicine, and completed his internal medicine, pediatrics, and infectious disease training at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.