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Ms. Mary Lawrence joined the Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) in November 2000 as a Program Analyst. In this capacity she provides technical oversight for the biannual meetings of the Advisory Committee on Research on Women's Health and serves as the ORWH liaison with the Office of Legislative and Policy Affairs, Office of the Director, NIH, as well as with Congressional offices and staff.

Prior to coming to the ORWH, Ms. Lawrence was the first full time professional employee hired in the newly legislated National Center on Sleep Disorders Research, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, and helped shape the direction and scope of that position. In this capacity Ms. Lawrence directed the implementation of program evaluation functions necessary to collect, analyze, track, and evaluate ongoing government wide sleep related research activities; prepared special reports dependent on data analysis; and worked closely with the Sleep Disorders Research Advisory Board and the Trans-NIH Sleep Research Coordinating Committee.

Ms. Lawrence began her federal career with the National Institute on Drug Abuse and was selected to participate in the NIH Management Intern Program. Honors received during **her federal tenure include the NIH Director's Award; Award In Recognition of Performance that Exceeds the Duty of Collateral EEO Counseling; Special Act or Service Award; Sustained Superior Performance Award; NIH Award of Merit; Special Achievement Award; and Outstanding Performance Award.**

Ms Lawrence holds a B.S. in Business and Management and a M.S. in Applied Management. In addition, Ms. Lawrence has a diploma from the Washington Montessori Institute and has served as a Montessori Directress in local schools.