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Caswell A. Evans, Jr., DDS, MPH, is an Emeritus Professor after fifteen years serving as Associate Dean for Prevention and Public Health Sciences at the University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Dentistry; and faculty member at the UIC School of Public Health. He is a Billings Fellow of the Institute of Medicine of Chicago and a member since 2016.

For thirteen years during that period at UIC, he was a mayoral appointed member of the Chicago Board of Health and also served two terms as an gubernatorial appointed member on the Illinois Board of Health. Prior to joining the UIC faculty, he was the Executive Editor and Project Director for *Oral Health in America: A Report of the U.S. Surgeon General*, released by US Surgeon General David Satcher in 2000. For the previous twelve years, Dr. Evans was Director of Public Health Programs and Services, and Assistant Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. He is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine (NAM).

He served a three-year term as co-chair of the NAM's Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professions Education among other committee appointments. Dr. Evans is a Past President of the Institute of Medicine of Chicago, the American Public Health Association, the American Association of Public Health Dentistry, and the American Board of Dental Public Health.

He was honored with the Champion of Prevention Award by the U.S Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Evans has been focused on the issues of health inequities, access to care and social justice throughout his career.

Over the past several years he has been a leader in the movement to advance the practice of dental therapists from its US origination in the tribal health systems in Alaska through the more recent expansion to several other states.

Dr. Evans is a graduate of Columbia University's School of Dental and Oral Surgery in New York City, and he earned his Master of Public Health degree from the University of Michigan. He completed his internship at the University of Chicago Hospital. He served on the IOMC Board of Governors and was the President and Chair from 2017 through 2018.

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