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Dennis is responsible for the oversight of AAPA's state advocacy efforts and the organization's work with its 117 state chapters, federal service chapters, specialty organizations, caucuses, and special interest groups.

Before joining the Academy, Mr. Alexander was the director of state policy and advocacy for the National Council for Behavioral Health, where he worked with local mental health service and addiction treatment providers to improve access to community-based treatment services. He also was an executive with the American Lung Association for more than 20 years, directing the advocacy, fundraising, communications, and education efforts of both state and regional chapters of the organization.

In addition to his career with the Lung Association, Mr. Alexander was a partner in a consulting firm, Commonweal Consulting LLC, where he provided consulting services in organizational development, strategic planning, communications, advocacy, and fundraising to nonprofit, educational and governmental organizations regionally and nationally.

He formerly served as a member of the Gallatin City-County (Montana) Board of Health, president-elect of the Helena, Montana Area Chamber of Commerce, and president of the Indiana Public Health Association. Mr. Alexander is a graduate of the University of Toledo and Ball State University.