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April Roeseler is Chief of the California Tobacco Control Program in the California Department of Public Health. Ms. Roeseler has been with the California Tobacco Control Program since its inception in 1989. As Chief since 2014, Ms. Roeseler is responsible for an approximately \$50 million annual budget that is funded by a tobacco tax.

Prior to becoming the Chief of the California Tobacco Control Program, Ms. Roeseler was Local Programs and Evaluation Chief where she was responsible for implementation of a \$35 million grant and local assistance program and a \$4 million evaluation and surveillance program.

As a nurse, Ms. Roeseler was a commissioned officer in the United States Public Health Service and worked in a 31 bed Indian Health Service Hospital in Ft. Yates, North Dakota for two years. Her nursing career also includes working for the U.S. Bureau of Prisons in Springfield, Missouri in a 500-bed medical/surgical hospital, as a public health nurse in rural Southwest Missouri and on a chemotherapy cancer research project at the University of Missouri Medical Center and Veterans Hospitals.