

## **Jim Shulman**

Executive Director

Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability – Nashville, TN

Jim Shulman has served the State of Tennessee for over twenty years in a variety of different roles, both in the Executive and Legislative branches. A graduate of Vanderbilt Law School, Shulman started with the State as lead legal counsel for the Department of Finance and Administration under Governor Ned McWherter. He then spent six years as Chief of Staff for then- Speaker of the House Jimmy Naifeh.

Shulman eventually became the Deputy Commissioner at the State Health Department. He was responsible for the implementation of the State's Safety Net during TennCare Reform, assisted in the efforts to implement the CoverTennessee Insurance program, and was the instigator of the development of the one stop on-line program known as FindHelpTN.

He now serves as the Executive Director of the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability. In that role, Shulman has focused on using data to drive performance. Specific areas of focus have included senior meals and Medicare assistance; efforts have also been initiated to find ways to increase the number of older Tennesseans that qualify for in-home care services.

In 1999, Shulman ran for and was elected to Nashville's Metro Council, representing the 25<sup>th</sup> District. He was re-elected in 2003. During his initial term on the Council, Shulman chaired the City's Budget Committee, Transportation Committee, and the Public Works Committee. He pushed through major zoning changes, helped lead the fight for more accountability in city funding, and worked on emergency preparedness concerns.

September of 2015, Shulman was elected to serve on the Metro Council again, this time as a Councilman At-Large. A Councilman At-Large represents the City as a whole.

He is married to Lori and they have two daughters.