Diana Dooley was appointed Secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency in December 2010 by Governor Jerry Brown. She leads 13 state departments within the Agency, chairs Covered California (the Health Benefit Exchange) and serves as chair or member of numerous other boards and commissions. Previously, Dooley was President and CEO of the California Children’s Hospital Association. Dooley began her career as an analyst for the State and in 1975, she was appointed to the staff of Governor Jerry Brown for whom she served as Legislative Secretary and Special Assistant until the end of his term in 1983. Before becoming an attorney in 1995, she owned a public relations and advertising agency. Dooley moved into health care in 2000 when she left her private law practice to serve as General Counsel and Vice President at Valley Children’s Hospital. She received her bachelor’s degree from California State University, Fresno in 1972 and her law degree from San Joaquin College of Law in 1995. She is married to Dan Dooley and has two adult daughters and two grandchildren.