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Gail Bentley was appointed Associate Chief of Staff for Education for the Veterans Affairs North Texas Health Care System in December of 1996 which includes the medical facilities in Dallas and Bonham and the Fort Worth Outpatient Clinic. Previous to this appointment, Dr. Bentley served as Associate Chief of Staff for Education for the Dallas Veterans Affairs Medical Center from 1994 through December of 1996. Dr. Bentley has been with the Department of Veterans Affairs since 1982 working as Associate Chief, Nursing Service for Education Department in Jackson, Mississippi and Dallas, Texas and a Total Quality Improvement Coordinator at Dallas.

Since 1992, Dr. Bentley has served as the Executive Director of a non-profit educational consortium in South Dallas called SHARE (Sharing Health Awareness Resources and Education). She has been an adjunct faculty member of the School of Nursing at the University of Texas at Arlington since 1989. From 1971-73, Dr. Bentley also served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Colombia, South America teaching psychiatric nursing at three universities.

Dr. Bentley received her Bachelors of Nursing at East Carolina University and her Masters of Nursing at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. Then in 1988, she received her Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi in Administration in Higher Education.

Dr. Bentley has given numerous presentations, written several publications and received such awards as the Federal Woman's Program Award for Leadership in 1992 and the Unsung Hero Award at the Dallas Veterans Affairs Medical Center in 1991.