

VA Midwest Health Care Network

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Acting Network Director



Steven C. Julius, M.D. was recently named Acting Network Director for the VA Midwest Health Care Network. This is a temporary assignment while the Network Director, Ms. Janet Murphy is serving as the Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Health Operations and Management in VA Central Office. As Acting Network Director Dr. Julius serves as the senior Veterans Health Administration Official for the US Department of Veterans Affairs in Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, North and South Dakota.

Dr. Julius was appointed VISN 23 Chief Medical Officer for the VA Midwest Health Care Network on October 11, 2009. Prior to his appointment as this appointment he served as the Chief of Staff for the Sioux Falls VA Medical Center from November 27, 2005 to October 10, 2009, also serving as Acting Director of the Medical Center from October 1 to November 10, 2007. His previous assignments included Chief of the Neurology Section at the VA Medical Center in Fargo, ND, where he also served as Acting Chief of Staff, Site Director for the Surgical/Specialty Care Service Line, and Acting Coordinator for Research and Development. From 1987 until joining VA in 2000, he was in private practice in a large multispecialty clinic.

As senior medical officer for the VA Midwest Health Care Network (VISN 23) he has oversight responsibility for the provision of health care provided through the Network's eight medical centers and sixty-three Community Based Outpatient Clinics in Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and bordering areas of Illinois and Wisconsin.

He earned his Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degrees from Baylor University and a Master of Arts degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He received his MD degree from the University of New Mexico and served his neurology residency at the University of New Mexico and University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Julius completed an additional neurology fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh and is a board-certified neurologist.

He is a graduate of the VHA Health Care Leadership Institute, and the Interagency Institute for Federal Health Care Executives. He serves on the VISN 23 Executive Leadership Council and Formulary Committee, chairs the Quality Council, and is Co-chair of the Integrated Ethics Advisory Board. In September 2008, he also served as the senior medical officer for the VA-managed Federal Medical Shelter established in San Antonio, Texas for evacuees from Hurricane Ike.

Dr. Julius and his wife, Cynthia, are the parents of two grown children.