

Biography of VA Official

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)



Ms. Johnson-Mekota

Judith Johnson-Mekota, FACHE, was appointed Deputy Network Director effective October 2010. In that capacity, she is responsible for network operations including strategic and tactical planning, human resource management, business operations, finance, capital asset management and logistics. Previous to this appointment, she was the Associate Director for the VA Eastern Kansas Health Care System since December 2008 and had served as the Assistant Director since November of 2007. She began her career in the VA in 1992 as a nurse manager of a Coronary Care unit and has held various positions of increasing responsibility within the system to include the Administrative Officer/Chief of Staff at the Iowa City VAMC from 2001-2007.

During her tenure as Administrative Officer, she served details as Acting Associate Director at the Iowa City and Fargo VAMC's.

Ms. Johnson-Mekota holds a baccalaureate degree in Nursing from Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and a Masters degree in Nursing Administration/Informatics from the University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA. She has over 15 years of extensive nursing/management experience in private sector tertiary health care settings. She completed Health Care Leadership Institute in 2005 and is a 2007 graduate of the Executive Career Field program. She possesses a strong knowledge base on Advanced Clinic Access/Systems Redesign principles and is a national Systems Redesign Coach with emphasis on Specialty Care and Inpatient Flow. She is certified as a fellow with the American College of Healthcare Executives.