

## **Roger Werholtz**

Secretary of Corrections (retired - Dec. 10, 2010), Kansas Department of Corrections.

Mr. Werholtz was appointed Acting Secretary of Corrections by Gov. Bill Graves on Sept. 30, 2002, and was appointed Secretary of Corrections by Gov. Kathleen Sebelius on Jan. 13, 2003. He served as Deputy Secretary of Corrections since 1987 and has supervised all three divisions of the Kansas Department of Corrections: Community and Field Services; Programs and Staff Development; and Facilities Management. He came to the department in 1982 after working as the first director of the Wyandotte County Community Corrections Program. He also has experience in community mental health, child protective services and substance abuse treatment and prevention. He has served as a graduate level instructor in the University of Kansas School of Social Welfare.

He chaired the Kansas Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; was a member of the Kansas Sentencing Commission; the Kansas Reentry Policy Council; and the Kansas Sex Offender Policy Board. He has been a member of the Governor's Mental Health Services Planning Council; the Governor's Substance Abuse Prevention Council; the Information Technology Executive Council; the Criminal Justice Recodification, Rehabilitation and Restoration Committee; and chaired that State Community Corrections Board. He is a member of the advisory board of the Prisoner Reentry Institute of the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York. He was a recipient of a Garvey Memorial Scholarship and a Charlotte Leavitt Scholarship. In 1998, he was recognized as the outstanding alumnus of the University of Kansas School of Social Welfare and is a past member of the school's Advisory Board. He was named a 2005 Toll Fellow by the Council of State Governments. He received the Michael Franke Award given by the Association of State Correctional Administrators in recognition as the outstanding correctional administrator in the United States for 2009. He served as the Midwest Regional Representative on the Executive Committee of the Association of State Correctional Administrators. He has been a volunteer in scouting and youth athletics.

He holds a Masters Degree in Social Work from the University of Kansas and graduated cum laude with a BA from Washburn University.