

NICOA Welcomes U.S. Assistant Secretary for Aging to speak on September 25, 2010 at the biennial Conference in Acme, MI

Kathy Greenlee Assistant Secretary for Aging

Kathy Greenlee was appointed by President Barack Obama as the fourth Assistant Secretary for Aging at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and confirmed by the Senate in June 2009. Ms. Greenlee brings over 10 years of experience advancing the health and independence of older persons and their families.

Prior to becoming Assistant Secretary, Ms. Greenlee served as Secretary of Aging for the state of Kansas. In that capacity, she led a cabinet-level agency with 192 full-time staff members and a total budget of \$495 million. Her department oversaw the state's Older Americans Act programs, the distribution of Medicaid long-term care payments and regulation of nursing home licensure and survey processes. She also served on the board of the National Association of State Units on Aging.



Before her tenure as the Secretary of Aging, Ms. Greenlee served as State Long-Term Care Ombudsman in Kansas, and the state's Assistant Secretary of Aging. Ms. Greenlee also served as general counsel at the Kansas Insurance Department. During her tenure there, she led the team of regulators who evaluated the proposed sale of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Kansas, and oversaw the Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas program. Greenlee also served as Chief of Staff and Chief of Operations for then Governor Kathleen Sebelius.

Ms. Greenlee is a graduate of the University of Kansas with degrees in business administration and law.