

BIO FOR RITA LANDGRAF

Rita Landgraf joined the University of Delaware's College of Health Sciences in early 2017 as professor of practice and distinguished health and social services administrator in residence. She also serves as director of the UD Partnership for Healthy Communities (PHC), a cross-college, cross-state initiative.

Prior to joining the faculty at UD, she served as Cabinet Secretary of the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services from Jan. 22, 2009 through Feb 6, 2017, under Governor Jack Markell's administration. As Secretary, she led the principal agency charged with keeping Delawareans healthy, ensuring they get the health care they need, and providing children, families, individuals with disabilities and seniors with the essential services they depend on. She managed one of the largest departments in Delaware's government, with an annual budget of more than \$2 billion.

She led the State of Delaware's successful efforts to meet the requirements of the Settlement Agreement it entered into with the U.S. Department of Justice with the goal of promoting recovery and community integration of individuals with Serious and Persistent Mental Illness. The USDOJ recognized Delaware for being the first state to achieve this level of transformation within the stated five-year timeframe. She was also responsible for the state's implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

Rita currently serves as a member of the Democrat Governor's Association Healthcare Advisory Council and is on the Board of the Delaware Center for Health Innovation, the Executive Advisory Boards of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Delaware and atTAcK addiction. Rita also serves as the First Lady of Washington College, Chestertown Maryland - effective July 1, 2017.

She is a former executive director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Delaware and of The Arc of Delaware, which advocates for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. She is also a former president of AARP Delaware.