

## Peggy Kearns- bio

The Department of Veterans Affairs appointed Peggy Kearns as the Medical Center Director of the Aleda E. Lutz Veterans Affairs VA Medical Center (VAMC) in Saginaw in July 2013. As the Director, Ms. Kearns is responsible for the overall operations of the VA Medical Center and Health Care Annex located in Saginaw, and nine Community Based Outpatient Clinics located in Alpena, Bad Axe, Cadillac, Cheboygan County, Clare, Gaylord, Grayling, Oscoda, and Traverse City. The VAMC provides primary and specialty medical services, ambulatory surgical services, and outpatient social work, psychology and psychiatric services. Healthcare is provided through primary care, inpatient acute and telemetry care, and long-term care areas of medicine, surgery, psychiatry, physical medicine and rehabilitation, dentistry, audiology, optometry, blind rehabilitation, pain medicine, geriatrics, and extended care. The primary service area is 35-counties.

Ms. Kearns began her career with the VA as a Dietetic Intern at the Hines VA Medical Center, Illinois.

### **CAREER CHRONOLOGY:**

2009-2013 Associate Director, VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System (ECHCS), Denver  
2006-2009 Associate Director, VA Sierra Nevada Healthcare System  
2001-2006 Director of Business Office, VA Minneapolis Medical Center, Minnesota  
1994-2002 Director of Food and Nutrition, VA Minneapolis Medical Center, Minnesota

### **EDUCATION:**

1999 Masters Degree in Organizational Development, Capella University  
1989 Masters Degree in Adult Health Education, Indiana University  
1978 Bachelors Degree in Nutrition, Purdue University

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS:**

Toastmasters Competent Leader, 2003  
Executive Career Field Candidate Program, 2002  
Health Care Leadership Institute, 2002  
Mediator Training, 2001  
Leadership VA, 1997