



Department of Veterans Affairs

Senior Executive Biography

James Rice, MA

**Director, Oscar G. Johnson VAMC, Iron Mountain, MI
Veterans Health Administration**



On April 10, 2011, James W. Rice was appointed Medical Center Director at the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain, MI. The Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center is a primary and secondary level care facility with 13 medical/surgical beds and four intensive care unit beds. Its Community Living Center has 40 beds. As Director, Mr. Rice oversees all aspects of this level 3 medical center with an annual operating budget of more than \$120 million. The Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center was rated nationally as a top performing hospital by the Joint Commission in 2011. Our high quality health care to nearly 26,000 Veterans includes primary care, specialty care, inpatient care and extended support services. We also have six Community Outpatient Clinics in Ironwood, MI, Hancock, MI, Marquette, MI, Menominee, MI, Sault Ste Marie, MI and Rhinelander, WI. In addition, we also have a Rural Outreach Clinic in Manistique, MI. The Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center was established in 1950 and recently celebrated its 60th anniversary.

Prior to assuming this position, Mr. Rice served as the Quality Management Officer for the Veterans In Partnership Network (VISN 11) from October 2006 to April 2011 where he was responsible for the development, oversight, coordination, and leadership of all quality and performance programs throughout the VISN. In addition, Mr. Rice served as the Acting Medical Center Director at the Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center (Saginaw, Michigan) from July 2009 to December 2009, at the Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital (Hines, Illinois) in 2012 and at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center (Chicago, Illinois) in 2013.

Mr. Rice began his VA career as a Safety Manager at the VA Medical Center in Allen Park, Michigan in 1990. He has held positions of increasing responsibility at the VA Medical Center in Detroit, Michigan and at the Veterans In Partnership Network (VISN 11) in Ann Arbor, Michigan, as the Network Safety & Occupational Health Manager.

CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

2013-2013	Acting, Medical Center Director, Jesse Brown VA Medical Center (Chicago, IL)
2012-2012	Acting, Medical Center Director, Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital (Hines, IL)
2011 to Present	Medical Center Director, Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center (Iron Mountain, MI)
2009-2009	Acting, Medical Center Director, Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center (Saginaw, MI)
2006-April 2011	Quality Management Officer, VISN 11
2006	Acting Quality Management Officer, VISN 11
2006	Acting Director, VHA Safety and Technical Services, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Operations and Management
2000-2006	Safety Program Officers, VISN 11
1997-2000	Chief, Safety Office, John D. Dingell VA Medical Center (Detroit, MI)
1995-1997	Safety & Occupational Health Manager, Allen Park VA Medical Center
1994-1995	Assistant Chief, Environmental Management Service, Allen Park VA Medical Center
1990-1994	Safety & Occupational Health Manager, Allen Park VA Medical Center

EDUCATION:

- 2008 Graduate, 113th Interagency Institute for Federal Health Care Executives
- 2008 Health Care Leadership Institute for Executive Career Field Members
- 1990 MA in Industrial Management and Technology from Central Michigan University
- 1989 Bachelors in Industrial Supervision and Management and Industrial Technology (Concentration in Design and Engineering Graphics), Central Michigan University

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS:

- Certified VHA Mentor, Fellow Level
- Certified Safety Professional (CSP) – retired 2012
- Certified Fire Protection Specialist (CFPS) – 2001 to 2013

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS:

- American College of Healthcare Executives
- Dickinson Area Partnership – Board of Directors
- Dickinson Area Chamber of Commerce – Board of Directors