

**J. Cornelius Brown**  
**Vice President of**  
**Corporate Services and**  
**Community Affairs**



Mr. Brown is responsible for providing leadership and direction of support and administrative functions for Swope Health Services including facilities management, compliance and risk management, business development and expansion, resource development, government affairs, training development, grants management and communications. He joined Swope Health Services after 26 years of senior management experience in health care administration, analysis, recruiting, financial management and health care delivery compliance.

Previously, Mr. Brown was President and CEO of Dallas Southwest Medical Center from 2000 to 2003 following its acquisition. Prior to assuming leadership of Dallas Southwest, he was senior vice president for Medical Operations/Corporate Administration at Continuum Healthcare Systems, Inc. in Houston and was instrumental in growing the company. He also served as assistant administrator and chief operating officer of Hadley Memorial Hospital in Washington DC where he helped stabilize and turn around a financially troubled hospital by identifying and managing key financial and workload issues.

Mr. Brown retired as a Lieutenant Colonel from the Air Force in 1992 after a twenty-year career in health and hospital administration. He has a Master of Arts degree in Public Administration with an emphasis in Health Care management from the University of North Dakota and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Administration from North Texas State University.

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## **Black History Month** **Advocacy Days at the Capitol**

### **African American Kansans** **and Health**

**Wednesday, February 17, 2010**

**10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon**

**142 South Capitol**

#### **Kansas African American Affairs Commissioners**

Curtis Whitten (4th District), Chairperson  
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#### **Staff**

Mildred Edwards, Ph.D., Executive Director

**Roderick Bremby  
Secretary of the  
Kansas Department of  
Health and Environment**

Roderick L. Bremby serves as Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. His background includes extensive work on community health issues and 17 years in municipal management

Secretary Bremby served ten years as the assistant city manager in Lawrence, Kansas where he was responsible for overseeing the budgeting process, police, fire and medical, public works, water, sewer, finance, information systems, and parks and recreation departments.

Secretary Bremby holds a masters degree in public administration from KU, where he completed an undergraduate degree in psychology and communication studies. He also completed postgraduate study at the Brookings Institution, The Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, and an executive development course at The Center for Creative Leadership. Secretary Bremby is a Kansas Health Foundation Fellow and a graduate of Leadership Forth Worth, Leadership Lawrence, and Leadership Kansas.

Secretary Bremby has received the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce Buford Watson Public Service Award, has been listed among the Outstanding Young Men of America, Who's Who Among Black Americans, and Who's Who in America. As a past recipient of the University of Kansas' Rusty Leffel Concerned Student Award, the R. Scott Brooks Memorial Award, Secretary Bremby was inducted into Pi Alpha Alpha and Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Societies. Having served on numerous local, state and national boards and commissions, Secretary Bremby continues his involvement with the Lawrence Partnership for Children and Youth, a group working to promote community collaboration on behalf of the well being of children and youth by promoting America's Promise.



**Arneatha Martin  
Retired  
Co-President and CEO  
Center for Health  
and Wellness**

Arneatha Martin has served the health community in many capacities throughout her profession. Having recently retired, Martin leaves behind a distinguished career that includes: Director Department of Education and Research, St. Joseph Medical Center, 1987-1996, Director of Development,

Via Christi Health System, 1996-1998, and Chief Executive Officer & Co-President, Center for Health and Wellness, Inc., 1998 – 2005. (retired May 2005).

Arneatha Martin received her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing in 1975 and Masters of Science degree in Nursing in 1980. She received her Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP) certification in 1996 from the Kansas State Board of Nursing. Martin is a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army Reserve (Retired). She spent 6 months in Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War.

Martin's involvement in the community is extensive. She is involved with or holds office with the following organizations: WSU Board of Trustees, Board of Directors, Sedgwick County Board of Health, Team member, National Governor's Policy Academy of Chronic Disease Prevention & Management Board of Directors, Wichita State University Alumni Assoc., Board of Directors, Step Stone , Board of Directors, American Red Cross Board of Directors, Center for Health and Wellness Board of Directors, American Lung Association, Board of Directors, Regional Prevention Center. Ms. Martin is also widely involved in numerous professional organizations and has been highly awarded for her contributions to field of health care.

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