

# MHDS Administrator

## Rick Shults

### Biography



Richard “Rick” L. Shults has worked in community service programs related to developmental disability and mental health for the past 36 years. Rick began his career as direct care staff at a private residential treatment center. He worked in a variety of administrative and management roles with private disability service providers from Qualified Mental Retardation Professional to CEO.

In state government Rick has been the Director of Community Developmental Disabilities, Director of Management Operations, and the Director of Mental Health Services for the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. Currently Rick is the Administrator for Mental Health and Disability Services for Iowa’s Department of Human Services.

He graduated from the University of Oregon. He has his Masters of Business Administration from Pepperdine University. Rick is pleased to have the opportunity to work with Iowans to improve the quality of life for those experiencing mental illness and disabilities.