

Roderick L. Bremby Secretary, 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.

In his role as Secretary of KDHE, Bremby oversees the regulation of health and environmental entities in Kansas including child care centers, food service businesses, hospitals, laboratories, feedlots,

landfills, and various other industries with environmental impacts. He works with the governor and state legislature to develop policies and regulations designed to improve the health of Kansans and the environmental condition of the state. In this position, Secretary Bremby also oversees programs dedicated to providing disease surveillance and prevention efforts, bioterrorism planning guidance, local and rural health assistance, health care and environmental information, and statewide health promotional campaigns.

Prior to his January 2003 appointment by Governor Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary Bremby served as a research assistant professor at the University of Kansas and as associate director of the Work Group on Health Promotion and Community Development. His work involved providing technical assistance, evaluation support and community research for community health initiatives. Secretary Bremby has been a consultant for a variety of organizations including, community coalitions, advocacy organizations, local government agencies, and the US Agency for International Development (Strengthening Democracy in Uganda).