

Joan Miles

Director Joan Miles was appointed by Governor Brian Schweitzer in September 2005 to oversee the agency's 3000 employees 2500 contracts and 150 major programs. DPHHS is the largest agency of state government with a biennial budget of about \$2 billion.

Ms. Miles previously served 18 years with the Lewis and Clark City-County Health Department in Helena Montana — the last 11 years as its director. She has been a frequent presenter on legal issues pertaining to public health authorities and responsibilities.

Earlier in her career she worked as a law clerk for the Montana Supreme Court and served two terms (1984-88) in the Montana Legislature as a representative of central Helena.

Ms. Miles has a bachelor's degree in medical technology from State University of New York at Albany a master's degree in environmental studies from the University of Montana in Missoula and a law degree from the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento. She is licensed to practice law in Montana and California.