



**M. Michelle Hood (Chair) – President & CEO, Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems**

Michelle Hood became President & CEO of Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems in April 2006, coming to Maine from Billings, Montana where she was President & CEO of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Health Systems, Montana Region, as well as the President & CEO of its flagship hospital, St. Vincent Healthcare.

Michelle received her Bachelor of Science in 1978 at Purdue University and her Master of Health Care Administration at Georgia State University in 1981. Her early career included roles of Associate Hospital Director at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama, and Chief Administrative Officer of Norton Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky.

With responsibility to more than 8,000 EMHS employees and a half of a million Maine citizens, Michelle's primary function is to provide vision – vision that anticipates both advances and obstacles in the complicated and ever-changing landscape of healthcare. Her focus is on health care policy developments at the state and national levels, with a view to the very specific needs and challenges of a vast, rural, and sparsely populated state. With her eye on the horizon, she works to strengthen the economic climate of the state, build a strong and stable network of health care services for a vast geography and make EMHS a great place to work for the many dedicated professionals who make medicine work in rural Maine.

Michelle is helping to strengthen Maine's ability to provide the best possible health care to everyone in need by recognizing opportunities to capitalize on existing resources, finding ways to fill resource gaps, making connections, and building creative partnerships that work for Maine communities.

Michelle and husband, Russell, have two grown children.