

Saint Vincent de Paul Advisory Board of Directors



Michael D. Connelly, M.A., J.D., FACHE
President and CEO Emeritus,
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Michael Connelly has served as President and CEO, Mercy Health (MH) since 1995. During that time, MH's assets have grown from \$1 billion to approximately \$6 billion through an innovative Co-Sponsorship Model merging five religious sponsors and several community hospitals. MH's community benefit commitments grew during this tenure from 5% of revenue to 10.5% of revenue annually while preserving a –AA bond rating for over 20 years. MH is the leader in quality/safety and market share in its communities.

Prior to joining MH, Mr. Connelly was regional executive/CEO, Daughters of Charity National Health System-West, Los Altos Hills, California. He served as president and CEO of St. Joseph Hospital in Chicago, a 495-bed teaching hospital. He also practiced law with the firm of Gardner, Carton and Douglas.

Mr. Connelly earned a bachelor's degree in business administration, cum laude, and a master's degree in health services administration from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He earned his J.D. degree from DePaul University College of Law.

Mr. Connelly has served as the chair of the board for Premier, Inc., the largest quality data and GPO organization in the US, (it recently went public in an IPO – PINC) has also been Chair of the National Catholic Health Association Board, the Catholic Medical Mission Board in New York and the 2013 United Way of Cincinnati Campaign – the fifth largest campaign in the United States. He has also served as Vice Chair of Dignity Health (formerly Catholic Health West) in California, and on the Boards of St. Joseph Health System in California and Resurrection Health Care in Chicago and on the Mount Vernon Advisory Committee. He is currently the Chair and Secretary of the Urban League Board of Greater Cincinnati, St. Vincent DePaul Advisory Board, and the Wisconsin School of Business Dean's Advisory Board. In addition, Mr. Connelly serves on the Catholic Charities USA Board. Mr. Connelly has earned numerous professional and academic awards and served on parish and community organizations.