



BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Michael Flynn, Chair *Vice President/CFO, Friendship Senior Options*

Michael has over 32 years experience with 25 years in the long-term care field. At Friendship Senior Options, he provides leadership and direction for all aspects of the financial operations for the parent and all affiliate organizations. He previously was appointed as Chief Executive Officer at Smith Senior Living in 2006 where he was responsible for the day-to-day leadership and strategic development of organization which serves two Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) campuses in the southwest sector of Chicago and suburban area.

Michael's areas of expertise are finance and operations with regard to sound fiscal management, tax-exempt financing, and regulatory and corporate compliance. Prior to joining Smith Senior Living he served as vice president and Chief Financial Officer for Friendship Village of Schaumburg. He is a Retirement Housing Professional and a member of the Finance Committee for Symbria. Michael holds a degree in Accounting from DePaul University and an MBA for Keller Graduate School of Business and is a CPA.

Friendship Senior Options offers:

- Assisted Living
- Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC)
- Home and Community Based Services
- Independent Living
- Skilled Nursing



Deb Reardanz, Chair-Elect *President/CEO, Clark-Lindsey Village*

Deb has been with Clark-Lindsey Village since 1997, serving as Director of Business Services from 1999-2003, Vice President/Chief Financial Officer from 2003-2009 and has served as President and Chief Executive Officer since 2009.

Her areas of expertise include leadership development, finance and accounting. In addition to serving as Chair-Elect for LeadingAge Illinois' Board of Directors, she has served as Treasurer (2012-2014), East Central Illinois District Chair (2009-2012) and Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRC) Cabinet Member (2005-2012). Since 2012, she has served as a Fellow, Facilitator/Coach for the LeadingAge Illinois Leadership Academy. A licensed nursing home administrator and licensed certified public accountant, she holds a Master's in Business Administration from Eastern Illinois University.

Clark-Lindsey Village offers:

- Assisted Living
- Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC)
- Independent Living
- Sheltered Care
- Skilled nursing



Michael Raso, Immediate Past Chair
Regional Vice President, Lutheran Senior Services

Michael has over 30 years of experience in senior living. He has served as Regional Vice President for Lutheran Senior Services since 2006; overseeing five communities. His areas of expertise include legislative advocacy at the state and federal levels. He has served as Chair of the LeadingAge Illinois Board of Directors and has a Master's in Business Administration and Computer Science from Lindenwood University.

Lutheran Senior Services offers:

- Continuing Care Retirement Communities
- Assisted Living
- Affordable Housing
- Memory Care
- Independent Living
- Skilled Nursing
- Short Term Rehabilitation
- Home and Community Based Services (Home Health, Private Duty and Hospice)
- Volunteer Money Management
- Good Neighbor Program
- Aging Answers Line
- Senior Connections Program



Bill De Young, Treasurer
Chief Financial Officer for Providence Life Services

Bill has 29 years experience in the field of accounting. His areas of expertise include overseeing financial, investment, operational, IT, compliance, risk management and purchasing functions. He received his Bachelor of Science in Business with a Concentration in Accounting, from Trinity Christian College in 1986.

Providence Life Services offers:

- Assisted Living
- Continuing Care Retirement Community
- Home and Community Based Services
- Independent Living
- Skilled Nursing



David Blaise, Secretary
Chief Operating Officer, River to River Residential Corporation

Since 2010, David has overseen staff operations and all buildings for River to River Residential Corporation. Prior to his current position, he was an assisted living administrator for the organization. His areas of expertise include administration, operations and regulatory affairs. He has served as a member of the LeadingAge Illinois Assisted Living Cabinet as well as serves as Southern Illinois District Chair for the association. He is a graduate of Southern Illinois University.

River to River Residential Corporation offers:

- Assisted Living
- Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)
- Supportive Living



Stacy Brenton, West Central District Chair
Administrator, Washington Christian Village

Stacy has served as Administrator at Washington Christian Village since 2011 and prior to that, spent two years as the Social Services Director. Prior to coming to Christian Homes, she has held positions as Assistant Administrator and Director of Social Services at other organizations as well as has served as a Long Term Care Consultant for six years. Her areas of expertise are state and federal regulations and facility operations. She is a licensed nursing home administrator and social worker and has a Bachelor's degree from Illinois State University in Social Work.

Washington Christian Village offers:

- Independent Living
- Skilled Nursing
- Supportive Living



Bill Casper, Nursing Facilities Cabinet President
Vice President of Residential Services, CJE SeniorLife

Bill has served as Vice President of Residential Services at CJE SeniorLife since 2005. He has held various executive level roles in the senior living industry as well as served as a Assistant Director of Long Term Care, Medicaid Division for the State of Massachusetts. His areas of expertise include healthcare management and leadership. He is the President of the LeadingAge Illinois Nursing Facilities Cabinet and holds a Master's Degree in Public Health from Boston University.

CJE SeniorLife offers:

- Adult Day
- Alzheimer's and Dementia Care
- Assisted Living
- Senior Housing
- Short Term Rehabilitation
- Skilled Nursing
- Social Services



Ben Gilchrist, CCRC Cabinet President
Vice President of Operations, Friendship Senior Options

Ben has over 18 years of experience in Senior Living. He has served as Vice President of Operations for Friendship Senior Options since 2012. Prior to joining Friendship Senior Options, Ben worked in various executive roles in nursing homes and CCRC's throughout Ohio. His areas of expertise are operations management, strategic planning and leadership. In addition, Ben served on multiple committees, and as a district chair, for LeadingAge Ohio.

Friendship Senior Options offers:

- Assisted Living
- Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC)
- Home and Community Based Services
- Independent Living
- Skilled Nursing



Marie Gurnik, Member-at-Large
Executive Director, Brookdale Glen Ellyn

Marie has over 16 years of industry experience. Since 1999, her roles at Brookdale Senior Living have also included Director of Resident Services and Assisted Living Licensing Specialist. Her areas of expertise include quality, resident services and operations. She serves as a member of the LeadingAge Illinois Assisted Living Cabinet. Marie holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from DePaul University and a master's degree in gerontology from Northeastern Illinois University.

Brookdale Glen Ellyn offers:

- Assisted Living
- Senior Housing



Nancy Mella-Oliver, East Central District Chair
Administrator, The Windsor of Savoy

Nancy has served as Administrator at the Windsor of Savoy since 2008. She has over 20 years of experience in healthcare and has served in leadership roles in assisted living, independent living and senior housing. Her areas of expertise include community operations, marketing and outreach. Nancy serves as LeadingAge Illinois East Central District Chair and holds a Master's in Health Systems Management from Rush University.

The Windsor of Savoy offers:

- Assisted Living
- Independent Living



Maria Oliva, Supportive Living Cabinet President
Chief Operating Officer, Pathway Senior Living

Maria oversees all operations for Pathway Senior Living. She is a Certified Senior Professional in Human Resources with over 20 years of experience at the executive level. Her areas of expertise are human resources, operations, planning and community management. She is the President of the LeadingAge Illinois Supportive Living Cabinet and a member of the Operations Roundtable for the Assisted Living Federation of America (ALFA). She holds a degree in Management from National Lewis University.

Pathway Senior Living offers:

- Assisted Living
- Senior Housing
- Supportive Living



Diane Oremovich
Health and Wellness Administrator, Peace Village

Diane has served as the Health and Wellness Administrator at Peace Village since 2006. She has over 30 years experience in the healthcare industry. She has served on the Leading Age of Illinois Assisted Living Cabinet since 2009 and currently is Cabinet President. She has an undergraduate degree in nursing and psychology from Elmhurst College and Master's in Health Care Administration from Saint Xavier University. She is CASP certified and has a Nursing Home Administrators license. Her area of expertise is nursing, case management, leadership and assisted living.

Peace Village offers:

- Assisted Living
- Independent Living



Timothy Philippe, Member-at-Large
President/CEO, Christian Homes, Inc.

Since 2001, Timothy has served as President/CEO of Christian Homes. Prior to joining Christian Homes, he had 25 years of leadership experience in the healthcare industry. He is an ordained minister who holds a doctorate degree in psychology and a master's degree in religion and counseling. His areas of expertise include leadership development, strategic planning and nonprofit management.

Christian Homes offers:

- Assisted Living
- Independent Living
- Skilled Nursing
- Supportive Living



William Pratt, Northwest District Chair
President/CEO, Wesley Willows

Bill has nearly 40 years executive level management positions in the healthcare industry. His areas of expertise include management and senior living operations. Bill serves as the Northwest District Chair for LeadingAge Illinois. He holds a degree in nursing from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Wesley Willows offers:

- Assisted Living
- Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC)
- Independent Living
- Memory Care
- Skilled Nursing



Barb Prosser
Executive Director, Apartment Community of Our Lady of the Snows

Barb has held leadership positions in the industry for the past seven years. She was named Executive Director at the Apartment Community of Our Lady of the Snows in 2013. Her areas of expertise is healthcare management and community outreach. She holds a Bachelor's of Arts Degree from the College of St. Benedict.

The Apartment Community of Our Lady of the Snows offers:

- Independent Living
- Skilled Nursing



Nancy Razo, Member-at-Large
Regional Administrator, Presence Life Connections

Nancy has over 25 years of healthcare experience. She has been a licensed nursing home administrator since 2002. Since 2001 she has held leadership positions with Presence Healthcare. Nancy is also a licensed dietitian nutritionist. Her areas of expertise include leadership development, skilled nursing care operations and regulatory affairs. Nancy holds a Bachelor's degree in Food Science and Nutrition Dietetics and a Master's in Business Administration from Rosary College in River Forest, Illinois.

Presence Life Connections covers:

- Assisted Living
- Home Care
- Independent Living
- Skilled Nursing



Mary Alice Ryan, Member-at-Large
President/CEO, St. Andrew's Resources for Seniors

With over 31 years of industry experience, she is a consultant in all areas of senior living and services and specializes in development and operation of retirement apartments, assisted living, skilled nursing homes and home and community based services. She served as Board Chair for the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA) from 1999-2001. She holds a Master's in Healthcare Administration from Washington University –St. Louis.

St. Andrew's Resources for Seniors covers:

- Assisted Living and Memory Care
- Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC)
- Management and Consulting Company
- Private Duty Home Care
- Home Health



Christine Sdrenka, Chicagoland/North Suburban District Chair
Illinois Director of Operations, Health at Home/Life Care Services

She has served in her current role since 2011 and has significant experience in operations and management of senior living communities and home care. Her areas of expertise are leadership development, operations and home care. Christine is the LeadingAge Illinois Suburban North District Chair. She is a graduate of the Rockford School of Nursing.

Health at Home/Life Care Services offers:

- Companionship
- Private Duty Home Care
- Home skilled nursing/therapy
- Home memory care



Mark Stutrud
CEO, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

Mark has over 35 years of leadership experience. Prior to being named CEO of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois in 2014, he spent 10 years as CEO of Lutheran Social Services of Michigan. He also spent six years as Vice President of Children and Family Services at Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota. His areas of expertise are nonprofit leadership and program development. He holds a Master's Degree in Child Development and Family Science as well as a Bachelor's Degree in Child and Human Development from North Dakota State University.

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois offers:

- Assisted Living
- Home Care
- Senior Housing
- Supportive Living



Teresa Wester-Peters, Member-at-Large
Regional Director of Operations, Gardant Management Solutions

Teresa began her role as regional administrator in 2013 and has been a nursing home administrator since 1996. Since 1985 she has held leadership positions in the healthcare industry. She is a licensed nursing home administrator and clinical social worker. Her areas of expertise include operations, budgeting and public relations. She has a bachelor's degree in Social Work from the University of Northern Iowa and a Master's in Social Work from the University of Iowa.

Gardant Management Solutions offers:

- Assisted Living
- Management and Consulting
- Memory Care
- Senior Living