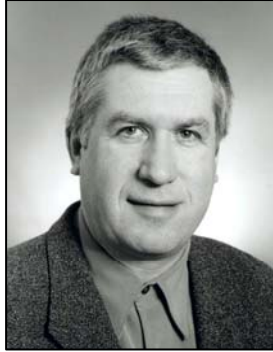


## **BIOGRAPHY – Michael B. Decter, Chair**

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Michael B. Decter is a Harvard trained economist with over two decades of experience as a senior manager. He is a leading Canadian expert on health systems, with a wealth of international experience. In 2003, he was appointed as founding Chair of the Health Council of Canada.

As a senior manager in the public sector, Michael served as Deputy Minister of Health for Ontario. He also served as Cabinet Secretary in the Government of Manitoba.

Michael is the author of several books, including *Four Strong Winds – Understanding the Growing Challenges to Health Care*, published in June 2000.

As a consultant, Michael has lead major assignments, including reengineering, mergers, and strategic planning for many of Canada's leading teaching hospitals and health systems. He has also worked for health associations and religious orders with works in the health field. Clients have included the Catholic Health Association of Canada, Les Soeurs de Charité de Montréal, the Grey Nuns of Manitoba, and the Catholic Health Association of Ontario.

Most recently, Michael was the Chair of the Canadian Institute for Health Information. He continues to serve as Chair of Saint Elizabeth Health Care, and the Ontario Cancer Quality Council. He is a Board Member of The National Ballet of Canada and George Brown College as well as part of the Advisory Council at the School of Policy Studies, Queens University.

In 2004, Michael was awarded the Order of Canada.

## **BIOGRAPHY – Shirlee Sharkey, President and CEO**

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For the past 13 years Shirlee Sharkey has led Saint Elizabeth Health Care as its President and CEO. Recognized nationally and internationally for her vision and leadership, Shirlee has been described as "progressive", "spunky", "inspiring" and "a true visionary". Her leadership is illustrated through the tremendous growth and diversification of Saint Elizabeth Health Care – expanding beyond direct client care to share its wealth of talent and wisdom in the areas of consultation, knowledge exchange and technology solutions, to support other health organizations and the individuals and families they serve.

Shirlee is the Chair of George Brown College in Toronto and a Director of the Canadian Society for Telehealth. Internationally, she is Vice Chair of the World Homecare and Hospice Organization. She is a past president of the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario (RNAO) and the Canadian Home Care Association, as well as a past Chair of The Change Foundation.

Academically, Shirlee is cross-appointed to the Faculty of Nursing and the Faculty of Medicine (Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation) as an Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto. She has presented and published widely on issues related to nursing, home and community care and the need for system change.

Shirlee's vision and leadership have most recently been recognized with the *Award of Excellence in Nursing Leadership*, Ontario Hospital Association, in 2005; a *Golden Jubilee Medal of Queen Elizabeth II* in 2003; and a *Who's Who in Healthcare* award (Healthcare Provider category) in 2000.