

BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

SECTION: 16

DATE:

October 13, 2015

RECOMMENDATION

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AND HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT:

ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve Nancy M. Schlichting, Chief Executive Officer, Henry Ford Health System, as Commencement Speaker at the Saturday, December 19, 2015 commencement ceremony. In addition, it is recommended that the Board award an honorary Doctor of Business Administration degree to Ms. Schlichting.

SUMMARY

A biographies for Ms. Schlichting follows on the next page.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The proposed Board action has been reviewed and it is recommended for Board approval.

University Executive Officer

Date



Nancy M. Schlichting
Chief Executive Officer
Henry Ford Health System

Nancy Schlichting is Chief Executive Officer of Henry Ford Health System (HFHS), a nationally recognized \$4.7 billion health care organization with 23,000 employees and recipient of the 2011 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, 2011 John M. Eisenberg Patient Safety Quality Award, and 2004 Foster G. McGaw Award. She is credited with leading the health system through a dramatic financial turnaround and for award-winning patient safety, customer service and diversity initiatives.

Schlichting joined Henry Ford Health System in 1998, and rose to her current position in 2003. Her highly regarded leadership in the health care industry has resulted in numerous accolades, and she has turned those lessons over a 35-year career into a book, *Unconventional Leadership*, which will be published this October.

Schlichting serves on several national and community boards including a recent appointment by President Obama to chair the Commission on Care, established by Congress to examine how to best deliver health care to military veterans. Other Board participation includes The Kresge Foundation, Walgreen Company, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago – Detroit Branch, Detroit Regional Chamber (Past Chair), Detroit Economic Club, and Downtown Detroit Partnership.

Schlichting's awards include: "Top 25 Women in Healthcare - 2014" (named for the fourth time), *Becker's Hospital Review* "40 of the Smartest People in Healthcare-2014", *Modern Healthcare* "100 Most Powerful People in Healthcare-2014" (named for the seventh time), NHL Gail L. Warden Leadership Excellence award, ACHE Senior-Level Healthcare Executive Regent's Award, AHA/HRET 2014 TRUST Award, *Crain's Detroit Business* "2012 Newsmaker of the Year", and *HealthLeaders Media* "20 People Who Make Healthcare Better-2012".

Schlichting received her A.B. in Public Policy Studies, Magna Cum Laude from Duke University and her M.B.A. from Cornell University. She has also been the recipient of honorary doctoral degrees from Walsh College and Central Michigan University.