Keynote Speaker Biography

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President/Chief Executive Officer, Samaritan Health Services

Larry A. Mullins is President and Chief Executive Officer of Samaritan Health Services, Inc., an integrated health care system of hospitals, physicians, clinics, health plans and other health operations in Oregon.

A veteran of the US Marine Corps, Dr. Mullins served as an infantryman in South Vietnam with the 26th Marine Regiment and the 1st Marine Division.

He received the 1996 Robert C. Ingalls Business Person of the Year award from the Corvallis Chamber of Commerce, the 1997 MacEachern CEO national award, and the 2001 Newcomer Executive of the Year award from the American Academy of Medical Administrators. He was also recognized by the American Hospital Association as one of their 2007 Grassroots Champions.

Professionally, Dr. Mullins has achieved the special designation of Diplomate in Healthcare Administration in the American Academy of Medical Administrators. He is a Fellow in the American College of Health Care Executives and serves as Regent and Chapter President for the State of Oregon. Dr. Mullins is a Past Chair of the Oregon Association of Hospitals & Healthcare Systems and of the Health Systems Governance Council of the American Hospital Association.

Dr. Mullins serves as co-chair for the state of Oregon’s Emergency Support Function 8 Policy Group which advises on policies and planning regarding the full range of emergency activities encompassed by the Oregon Emergency Response Plan. He has participated in the Air Force War College as part of the National Security Forum and has been appointed by Governor Kulongoski to serve as a member of the Homeland Security Council of the State of Oregon.

Dr. Mullins received a Bachelor of Science degree from Arizona State University, a Master’s degree from Northern Arizona University and a Doctor of Health Administration degree from the Medical University of South Carolina. He was awarded an honorary degree from Linn Benton Community College in 2007. He is an Adjunct Faculty Member in the College of Health & Human Sciences at Oregon State University. His doctoral dissertation was on organizational change and crisis leadership. He has published articles on integrated health networks, health care reform and hospital/physician relations.