**PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

**Ron Aldrich, MBA, LFACHE**

**ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, UNM SCHOOL OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

**Ron Aldrich, MBA, LFACHE, has fifty-nine years of leadership, governance and education experience in national and regional healthcare organizations across the United States, in all regions, including twenty years as CEO of three Healthcare Systems and five years as a Hospital CEO. Ron helped lead the merger twenty-nine years ago of three large Catholic Healthcare Systems totaling 126 organizations in 21 states and the design of the governance and management structure for the newly integrated system (Catholic Health Initiatives). He also led the formation of two regional Catholic Health Systems, ServantCor in Urbana, Illinois and Catholic Health Services of Long Island, New York. He led long term system development of Franciscan Health System in Aston, Pennsylvania. FHS was a Bi-Costal Health System with Health Care Organizations in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey in the East, and Washington, Oregon and Idaho in the West.**

**Ron is a Life Fellow of the American College of Health Care Executives, Life Member of the American Hospital Association and is a former Chairperson of the Catholic Health Association of the United States. He was elected to the AHA Region Eight Regional Policy Board effective January 2013, for a two-year term, and appointed to the Western Regional Trustees Symposium Planning Committee representing New Mexico Trustees for a three-year term.**

**Ron served for six years in Santa Fe, New Mexico at Christus St. Vincent Regional Medical Center as a member of the Board of Directors and as Chair of the Community Health & Wellness Committee. He was also elected Vice Chair and Chair of the Board. He completed his term in 2014.**

**In 2016, Ron Aldrich became Chair, Board of Directors of Villa Therese Catholic Clinic in Santa Fe, a Free Clinic serving the medical, vision and dental needs of economically and socially underserved children and adults in the State Capital. The Clinic was started eighty-seven years ago by the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati. Ron provided leadership as VTCC Board Chair, along with the VTCC Board Treasurer, to create a Partnership with the City of Santa Fe and the Santa Fe Civic Housing Authority, to develop a new Clinic in the Hopewell Mann Streets area of Santa Fe, the area of highest need in The City Different. The new VTCC Clinic Building is now finished and VTCC has completed the move into the new Clinic. A Blessing Ceremony by Archbishop John Wester occurred on Sunday, October 3, 2021, and a Grand Opening occurred on April 26, 2022, with the Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce. Ron’s term as Chair, VTCC Board of Directors & Immediate Past Chair ended in August 2023.**

**Ron is an Adjunct Professor, for the Master of Health Administration (MHA) Program, and the Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program, UNM School of Public Administration, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque. Ron has also served for ten years as a member of the ACHE New Mexico Board of Directors and as a Mentor in the ACHE NM/ACHE Mentorship Program to early health care careerists in New Mexico. He also Co-Chaired the NMHE Diversity, Inclusion and Health Equity Working Group for five years.**

**In January 2024, Ron joined the Advisory Board of the New Mexico Chapter of NALHE (National Association of Latino Healthcare Executives).**

**In August 2024, Ron joined the Santa Fe County Health Planning and Policy Commission (HPPC).**

**Ron earned his MBA in Health & Hospital Administration from the University of Florida in 1966, as a Member of the Charter Class, and earned a BA in Economics from the University of South Florida in 1964. He was also elected to the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society in 1966. He was awarded Alumnus of the Year Award in 2007 for the University of Florida College of Public Health and Health Professions.**