

Distinguished Maine Policy Fellow

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Barbara Leonard is President and CEO of Maine Health Access Foundation (MeHAF). She brings over 25 years of experience and leadership in philanthropic and public health program development, administration, management and evaluation at the state and national level. Ms. Leonard originally joined the MeHAF team October 2007 as a senior program officer and became Vice President for Programs in May 2008.

At MeHAF, she has played a key role in developing and leading initiatives such as a comprehensive portfolio of grants focused on payment reform, the multi-year Integrated Care Initiative, and MeHAF's work in oral health. She also spearheaded MeHAF's efforts to develop ongoing data analysis and reporting to illuminate access barriers to health care, particularly for individuals who are uninsured or who face other systemic barriers to care.

Leonard is a past president of the board of the Maine Philanthropy Center and the Maine Women's Fund. She has served on numerous state and national boards and advisory committees focused on payment reform, healthy communities, and philanthropic collaboration and innovation. She has spoken and written about philanthropy, health care, leadership, and government.

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