

## **LEN FISHMAN**

Len Fishman, a nationally recognized leader in the field of aging policy, is the director of the Gerontology Institute at UMass Boston's John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies. The Gerontology Institute helps set the national agenda on aging with research and policy analysis across a variety of issues, including economic security for seniors, retirement and pensions, healthy aging, racial and ethnic disparities, risks for elderly drivers, and volunteerism among elders. Most recently, the Institute collaborated on a new "Aging in Boston" report with Mayor Marty Walsh and the City of Boston's Commission on the Affairs of the Elderly.

Fishman has decades of experience on aging issues and health care. For 13 years he served as CEO of Hebrew SeniorLife, New England's largest non-profit provider of senior housing and health care. Under Fishman's leadership, the 110-year-old organization experienced tremendous growth, expanding to nine locations in Greater Boston and nearly quadrupling its senior constituents to 6,000, adding 1,200 employees, doubling its research and academic teaching programs, and establishing an affiliation with Harvard Medical School. Fishman led a \$100 million capital campaign for Hebrew SeniorLife and oversaw the creation of a multigenerational campus, NewBridge on the Charles, in Dedham.

Prior to joining Hebrew SeniorLife, Fishman was president and CEO of LeadingAge, a coalition of senior-focused nonprofits in Washington, D.C. At LeadingEdge, Fishman helped create a research and policy institute focused on improving quality of care, elevating the working lives of frontline caregivers, and combining affordable senior housing and health care in innovative and cost-effective ways. Mr. Fishman was also commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Health under Governor Christine Todd Whitman, and a health-care lawyer in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Mr. Fishman is a member of the Baycrest Board of Directors.