



Steve Bablitch
Senior Vice President & Secretary

Steve Bablitch is senior vice president and secretary for Aurora Health Care. He is in charge of legal, compliance, government affairs and communications, reporting directly to President and CEO Nick Turkal. Steve has a background in health care, government and law. He was CEO and chairman of the board for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Wisconsin and its parent company Cobalt Corporation prior to its merger with Anthem Blue Cross in 2003. Prior to becoming CEO and chairman, Steve served as senior vice president, general counsel and secretary for these organizations. In that capacity, he also served as the chief compliance officer for Cobalt and Blue Cross.



After leaving Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Steve became Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle's Secretary of Administration, overseeing budget and finance, capital finance, procurement, information technology and intergovernmental affairs for the State of Wisconsin. Steve remained in Governor Doyle's cabinet until 2007. He then joined the law firm of Quarles & Brady as a partner in their health care and corporate practice groups before joining Aurora in March 2009.

Steve sees his role at Aurora as complementary to his past positions in business, health care, government and law. His duties include organizing an in-house legal team to help control legal expenditures and to provide efficient legal and compliance services to Aurora. Additionally, Steve is engaged on a daily basis on the national health care reform debate and legislative issues in Madison, making sure that Aurora's concerns are understood by Wisconsin's congressional and state legislative delegations. In his role in communications and marketing, he is responsible for making sure that Aurora's image and voice in the community is consistent with the values and goals of the organization. As Secretary of the organization, Steve assists in maintaining a proper governance structure for Aurora and oversees the preparation of board agendas, materials and meetings.

Steve has been active in the community. He serves on the board of the United Way of Greater Milwaukee, the Board of Visitors of the University of Wisconsin-Madison College of Letters and Sciences, and on The Nature Conservancy, where he served two terms as chairman. He is also a member of the Greater Milwaukee Committee.

Steve is a native of Stevens Point and earned both his Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctor degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.