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Tish Towns, FACHE, senior vice president, external relations, has more than 20 years of experience in the public and private sectors, beginning her career in State Government with the Tennessee Departments of Human Services and Health. She began her career in healthcare management in the early 1990s and has served in senior executive roles in community not-for-profit, rural and urban academic delivery settings in Illinois, Georgia, and South Carolina. Towns has a strong background in healthcare management and leadership, public policy, and advocacy.

Towns' administrative responsibilities have included support services operations, human resources management, medical staff services, guest services, pastoral care, and community and government relations. In her current role, she serves a senior leader in the development and execution of the organization's strategic plan, and has responsibility for marketing and communications, community engagement, pastoral care, volunteer and guest services, and the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) program. Towns oversees the organization state government affairs function for the States of Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee and represents the organization before federal officials and with numerous state and federal trade associations.



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Towns received her Bachelor's degree from Tennessee State University and her Master's from the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). Certified in healthcare management, she is a fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), former delegate on the American Hospital Association (AHA) Regional Policy Board 4, AHA Metropolitan Section Governing Council Nominating Committee, and past member of ACHE's National Examination Committee and Management Series Editorial Board. She is also a member of Memphis Rotary, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, LINKS, Incorporated Memphis (TN) Chapter, Southern College of Optometry, American Hospital Association Government Relations Officers Network, American Lung Association Mid-states Region Board of Directors, and Memphis Theological Seminary and Memphis Medical Center Board.