

Melissa Hayden Cook, President and Chief Executive Officer Sharp Health Plan

Melissa Hayden Cook has more than 20 years of experience in the health care industry, starting her career at Sharp HealthCare as senior vice president of marketing. She has held a seat on Sharp Health Plan's board of directors and has been the president and CEO of Sharp Health Plan since 2005.

A native San Diegan and University of San Diego graduate, Hayden Cook is passionate about making a difference in San Diego's health care landscape. She has led an organization-wide effort to make high-quality health care accessible to San Diegans.

In addition, Hayden Cook sits on the boards of numerous nonprofit health care related organizations. She has been recognized for her work in health care, and by the San Diego business community. Most recently, Hayden Cook was named among the San Diego 500, an annual listing published by the San Diego Business Journal of the 500 most influential business leaders in San Diego County.