

Julie Eckstein has over 30 years of experience in various areas of community and public health, health care delivery and health policy. As a consultant for Brown Smith Wallace she works with organizations wishing to understand the current policy environment and market changes with a desire to develop solutions to take them solidly into the future. She and her group have developed transformational community health models, new care delivery models to meet the Triple Aim and innovative technology platforms to support post-acute narrow networks. Julie is known for her visionary leadership, passion, enthusiastic energy level, commitment to “get it done” and her mantra “It’s all about health!”

Prior to working with Brown Smith Wallace, Julie was the Director of St Charles County's Department of Community Health and the Environment where she led several initiatives for the 115 local public health agencies in MO, worked with them to understand opportunities and threats for public and population health in the ACO model and other components of the ACA.

She served as Vice President and State Policy Director for the Center for Health Transformation (CHT), founded by Newt Gingrich. In her role, Julie was responsible for leading CHT's state government work with Executive and Legislative branches including issues of Health Insurance Exchanges, Health Information Exchanges, Public and Population Health, Medicaid, state employee benefits and worked on broad issues including ACOs, long term living, delivery reform, transparency, consumer engagement and payment reform which had participation by Former Speaker Newt Gingrich and former Senator Tom Daschle along with 40 private sector leaders.

Governor Blunt appointed her as Director of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services in 2005. In this Cabinet position she managed a budget of over \$800 million, directed a staff of 2000, initiated and chaired the Governor's Health Information Technology (HIT) Task Force, served on the Medicaid Reform Commission, led the development of a very innovative strategic plan “MOve to Improve – Creating a Culture of Health,” and was a key member of a group that developed a complete redesign of Missouri's Medicaid program as the key advocate to ensure a focus on health.

Julie has clinical experience in Psychiatry, Brain Injury Rehabilitation, Burn Trauma, Pediatrics, Chemical Dependency, Skilled Nursing, and Long Term Care/Geriatrics and has also held leadership positions within economic development, marketing and process improvement. She has been a guest lecturer at several St. Louis area universities, has spoken nationally on topics including health reform, payment reform, public health and Health Information Technology (HIT) and has been a board member and consultant for many chambers, nonprofit boards and organizations, and health care corporations. Julie has a BS degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia and an MBA from the Olin School of Business at Washington University in St. Louis.