

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

“What’s Preventing Prevention?”

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JULIE ECKSTEIN has over 25 years of experience in various areas of community and public health, health care delivery and health policy. She is the director of St Charles County's Department of Community Health and the Environment, leading efforts to identify and address health needs in that Missouri county of over 360,000 citizens. She also serves as a consultant, working with organizations wishing to understand the current policy environment and market changes and needing help in crafting a strategic plan to take them solidly into the future. Previously she served as vice president and state policy director for the Center for Health Transformation (CHT). In 2005, Governor Blunt appointed her as director of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. Julie has clinical experience in Psychiatry, Brain Injury Rehabilitation, Burn Trauma, Pediatrics, Chemical Dependency, Skilled Nursing, and Long Term Care/Geriatrics. Julie has a BS degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia, an MBA from the Olin School of Business at Washington University in St. Louis and completed the State Health Leadership program at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

LYNDA FLOWERS has worked on Medicaid issues for over 20 years. As a senior policy advisor with the AARP Public Policy Institute, she works on issues related to Medicaid, dual eligibles, disparities, and public health. Before joining AARP, Lynda worked on Medicaid and other policy issues for the National Academy for State Health Policy, the District of Columbia Medicaid Program, and the National Conference of State Legislators. Lynda received her law degree from Golden Gate University, a Masters in Nursing Administration from Georgetown University, and a baccalaureate degree in Nursing from the University of Wisconsin. Lynda recently received her Certificate in Public Health Leadership from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

KEVIN LUCIA is a senior research fellow and project director at the Center on Health Insurance Reforms (CHIR) at Georgetown University's Health Policy Institute. He co-founded CHIR in 2011 and now directs policy research and analysis of federal and state laws and programs related to private health insurance and the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. He provides expertise and prepares resources to inform regulators, policymakers and other stakeholder groups on issues related to access, affordability and adequacy of private health insurance. His research is supported by government, private foundations and organizations representing consumers and patients. Prior to CHIR, Mr. Lucia led the State Compliance Division within the Office of Oversight, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. He serves as a board member and chair of the Insurance Market Committee of the Health Benefit Exchange Authority for the District of Columbia. Mr. Lucia holds his J.D. from The George Washington University Law School and a M.H.P. from Northeastern University.

JUDITH MONROE is the deputy director for state, tribal, local, and territorial support efforts at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and director of CDC's Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support (OSTLTS). In her role, she provides critical leadership for supporting and revitalizing the public health system. Her efforts focus on establishing a systems approach that supports integration and collaboration among public health professionals. Before joining CDC, Dr. Monroe served as Indiana state health commissioner from 2005 to 2010. She focused on preparedness, preventing medical errors, and quality improvement. Throughout her career, Dr. Monroe has held several national public health leadership positions. She served as president of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) and vice-chair on the Board of Directors for the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). She is also a participant in the activities of the Institute of Medicine Roundtable on Population Health Improvement. Dr. Monroe received her undergraduate degree from Eastern Kentucky University and her medical degree from the University of Maryland. She completed her residency in family medicine at the University of Cincinnati. After her residency, she fulfilled a four-year National Health Service Corps commitment by practicing medicine in rural Tennessee.