



Scott G. Allen, MS

With over 30 years managing nonprofits, including 24 in health care, Scott brings extensive administrative skills along with health care education and quality improvement experience to FMEC. He is passionate about primary health care and supporting physicians and physicians-in-training to improve their practices and communities.

Scott began his career at the national office of the American Academy of Pediatrics, working in fundraising, specialty education, and clinical policy development from 1991 to 1999. Moving to the state level, Scott served as Executive Director of the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) for fifteen years, leading it from a dormant, under-resourced organization to one of the largest state chapters of the AAP, with a strong staff and over \$2 million in annual revenue. His vision for the Chapter motivated the volunteer leaders to think big, and his skill at creating strategic partnerships with practices, academic medical centers, businesses, private funders, and state and federal agencies drove revenue and participation growth.

In 2013, Scott was one of the first three individuals in Illinois to receive the National Committee on Quality Assurance's Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Certified Content Expert designation. He successfully secured a \$1 million grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services – unheard of for a state AAP chapter at the time – for a statewide medical home quality improvement initiative, and eventually grew the Chapter's patient-centered care programming through partnerships with the state Medicaid program, the Cook County Health and Hospital System, and numerous private funders.

Scott's success turning the Chapter into a respected education and advocacy organization motivated healthcare providers, including family physicians, to collaborate. Under his leadership, multi-year initiatives were developed on screening for developmental delays and autism, perinatal maternal depression, prevention and management of obesity, tobacco and other substance abuse prevention and cessation, mental health care, and more. Scott spoke regularly at the Illinois residencies and medical schools, for instance creating an advocacy rotation experience that trained hundreds of residents and medical students.

Most recently, Scott has continued expanding initiatives and bringing in new funders at the Public Library Association (PLA), where he enthusiastically enlightens potential partners about the positive outcomes of public libraries in areas such as health, education, employment, closing the digital divide, and civic engagement. In the last few years, he's been responsible for investments in new initiatives at public libraries by Microsoft, AT&T, Capital One Bank, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the National Library of Medicine, and many others.

While Scott will miss his work to develop the incredible potential of public libraries, Scott is happy to return to healthcare and excited to work closely with family physicians and FMEC, to bring people together and make great things happen for family medicine.