

Ellen Allen took over the helm at West Virginians for Affordable Health Care as its executive director in 2023, bringing over 35 years management and leadership experience to the organization.

Prior to leading West Virginians for Affordable Health Care, Ellen served as Executive Director for Mountain State Spotlight, a nonprofit newsroom. She also provided executive leadership at Covenant House, a Charleston based non-profit, for over 10 years.

Allen's tenure at Covenant House included advancing housing rights and opportunities that prevented homelessness, improved food security, and improved access to high quality and affordable health care for persons experiencing homelessness, low wage workers, and people living with HIV/AIDS.

Under Ellen's tenure, Covenant House received the 2017 Non-Profit Award of Excellence.

West Virginians for Affordable Health Care brings a consumer voice to public policy so that every West Virginian has quality, affordable health care and the opportunity to lead an informed, healthy and productive life. It achieves its mission by working with partners to identify and advocate for positive public policy change, developing and coordinating innovative public education programs, protecting and preserving programs that serve its mission, and assisting individual consumers in navigating the healthcare system.

Allen's experience and dynamic leadership is building an even stronger organization to continue promoting sound health policy and improving quality, affordable health care for West Virginians.

Allen, a lifelong West Virginian, is a graduate of Concord University and holds an MBA from Averett University. She has a 31-year daughter, Sarah, and is married to Sue Julian.

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