

DOROTHY EILEEN DURKIN

BRIEF BIO

Eileen Durkin is founder of Durkin Strategies, a consulting firm which helps non-profit organizations develop their goals and strategies to meet them. Working primarily with human services and healthcare organizations, Eileen develops customized services to meet an agency's needs. She is a catalyst and a connector who can bring people and organizations together to achieve their dreams.

Prior to starting her company, Eileen served as the President and CEO of Community Counseling Centers of Chicago (C4), a position she held until May, 2015. C4 was successfully merged into the Cook County Health and Hospital Systems, ensuring the organization's future during a time of tremendous change in healthcare. C4 is a leading provider of behavioral health services, providing care to over 10,000 individuals annually. During her tenure C4 won an unprecedented nine workplace awards including Chicago's 101 Best and Brightest Places to Work; the national 101 Best and Brightest Places to Work; and the Chicago Tribune's Top 100 Workplaces. Additionally, during her tenure C4 was a founding member of Together 4 Health (T4H), a coordinated care entity and MyCare Chicago, an accountable care organization.

Prior to joining C4, Eileen led Neumann Family Services, a community-based organization providing services to adults with both a developmental disability and mental illness. She was also the Executive Director of Howard Brown Health Center, a federally qualified health center whose primary population were individuals with HIV/AIDS. Her early career includes serving as an administrator at Resurrection Hospital and Illinois Masonic Medical Center.

In addition to her full-time work, Eileen also served as an independent consultant for various federal health programs, primarily those funded through the Ryan White Care Act. She provided technical assistance, on-site reviews and grant evaluations.

Appointed by Governor Pat Quinn, Eileen serves as Vice-Chair of Governors State University's Board of Trustees. The Governor also appointed Eileen to the Illinois Human Services Commission. She is a past Chair of the Illinois Institute on Public Policy and is a current member of the Economic Club of Chicago and the Union League of Chicago.

Eileen has received numerous awards and honors in her career. A select few include the Community Leadership Award from the Chicago Health Executive Forum, the largest chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives, for her diverse work in the Chicago community. The Women's Health Executive Network recognized Eileen for her work in mentoring young members. She was also recognized by her college at the University of Illinois as a Distinguished Alumni.

A frequent speaker on health topics, Eileen received her MBA from Loyola University of Chicago. Her undergraduate degrees are from the University of Illinois at Chicago and the University of Chicago.

Eileen lives in Chicago and has two grown children.