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Kristin Juliar is the Director of the Montana Office of Rural Health (MORH) and the Montana Area Health Education Center (AHEC) at Montana State University in Bozeman. She is an adjunct faculty member in the MSU College of Nursing and the Division of Health Sciences/Montana WWAMI Medical School Program.

Since 2008 she has served as Chair of HealthShare Montana (HSM), the state designated entity for Health Information Exchange. During her time as Chair, HealthShare Montana formed as a not-for-profit public benefit organization, developed a strategic vision and plan for statewide exchange, obtained state and federal start up funding, and developed the Cooperative Agreement for State Level HIE from the Office of the National Coordinator. HSM is implementing HIE with special attention to the unique needs of critical access hospitals and small practices in rural and frontier communities, with an emphasis on improving quality of care.

Before coming to Montana, Ms. Juliar was the Director of Minnesota's Healthcare Education - Industry Partnership, a program of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities that worked with Minnesota's healthcare systems, six state agencies and several nongovernmental organizations. Ms. Juliar was Executive Director of the Region Nine Development Commission, a rural development agency serving southern Minnesota.

Ms. Juliar is on the Executive Committee of the national Rural Health Resource Center, serves on the Rural HIT Coalition, is a board member of the National Rural Health Association and chair of the NRHA Frontier Committee. She has served on several healthcare committees and boards in Montana and Minnesota. She has an M.A. in Urban and Regional Studies.