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Grimaldi currently serves on Missouri's MO HealthNet (Medicaid) Oversight Committee. Grimaldi is an active leader in local, state, and national hospital and health care organizations. Grimaldi is a past chair of the America's Essential Hospitals Government Relations Committee and served as a mentor to last year's Government Relations Academy. Grimaldi was a key strategist in the 2005 successful tax campaign for Kansas City, Mo. funding for health care and emergency services, and for its successful renewal in 2013 that achieved a 76 percent "Yes" vote. Grimaldi's civic and community leadership includes serving on the Board of Directors of the Downtown Council. Grimaldi is a past chair of the Jackson County Community Mental Health Levy Board of Trustees, the Bannister Federal Complex Community Advisory Panel, and the Kansas City Care Network.

Previously, Grimaldi was Kaiser Permanente's vice president, strategy and human resources in the Kansas City market. Early in his career, Grimaldi was a U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives staffer; in those roles he was involved in numerous economic developments, health care, and other projects in Western Missouri. A Kansas City native, Grimaldi graduated from the University of Missouri – Columbia School of Journalism.