Keeping Utah’s Health System Ahead of the Curve

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Expansion – A Look Back

• December 2014 – Gov. Herbert unveils Healthy Utah plan
  • Covers those up to 138% FPL
  • Brings home maximum federal dollars

• 2015 Legislative Session
  • Dominates much of the discussion
  • Senate introduces/passes plan
  • Competing plan clears the House
  • Formation of the “Group of Six”
Expansion – A Look Back

• Utah Access Plus
  • New plan negotiated by the Group of Six
  • Functioned similarly to Healthy Utah in terms of coverage and return of federal dollars
  • Funding mechanism was a broad provider assessment
  • Fails to win support of many providers due to assessment
  • Fails to win support of both caucuses
Expansion – Looking Ahead

• Continued commitment to finding a solution
  • Closing the coverage gap is a priority
  • Will continue to work with parties looking for ways to achieve these goals
Uninsured Utahns 2011-2014

Source: Utah Department of Health, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System
What Determines a Person’s Health?
Factors that Affect Health

- Socioeconomic Factors
  - Changing the Context to make individuals’ default decisions healthy
  - Long-lasting Protective Interventions
  - Clinical Interventions
  - Counseling & Education

Examples:
- Condoms, eat healthy be physically active
- Rx for high blood pressure, high cholesterol
- Immunizations, brief intervention, cessation treatment, colonoscopy
- Fluoridation, 0g trans fat, iodization, smoke-free laws, tobacco tax
- Poverty, education, housing, inequality
What we Know from Tobacco

- **1994 Utah Indoor Clean Air Act passed**
- **1997 Utah launches anti-tobacco marketing effort**
- **1997 State Cig Tax Increase: $0.27 to $0.52**
- **2000-01 Quit Lines launched**
- **2002 State Cig Tax Increase: $0.52 to $0.70**
- **2006 Clean Air Act expanded to include bars**
- **2010 State Cig Tax Increase: $0.70 to $1.70**
Lifespan Improvements

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/00056796.htm
Cost Avoidance

Utah’s share = $7.9 Billion
UDOHOH Strategic Goals
UDOH Priorities

The Healthiest People

Transform Medicaid

A Great Organization
The Healthiest People

Currently ranked 5th healthiest state

Strengths:
Low smoking, adult diabetes, and obesity rates, low rates of preventable hospitalizations.

Challenges:
Rx drug overdose deaths, air quality, health disparities, teen immunization rates, low number of primary care docs
Transform Medicaid

- Expanded ACOs to nine additional counties
- Integrate behavioral/mental health with physical health
  - Healthy Utah would’ve helped here with the newly eligible population
  - For existing population: work with counties and ACOs to explore an integrated care pilot for some current Medicaid clients
A Great Organization

• To work *for* and to work *with*
• Strengthen connections with local health departments
• Public health accreditation
• Perceptions and perspective of partners
Intergenerational Poverty
High poverty areas that also experience high rates of chronic health conditions, mental health conditions, and have less access to care.
Poverty and Access to Care

Utahns Living in Poverty, 2013

- Hispanic/Latino: 24.5%
- White: 11.0%
- N. Hawaiian/ Pac. Islander: 24.7%
- Black/ African Am.: 34.5%
- Asian: 18.0%
- Am. Indian/ AK Native: 28.8%
- All Utahns: 12.6%

Percentage of Persons
Race/Ethnicity & Access to Care

Utah Adults Unable to Access Care
2011-2013

- Hispanic/Latino: 27.7%
- White: 14.3%
- N. Hawaiian/Pac. Islander: 21.8%
- Black/African Am.: 24.5%
- Asian: 15.5%
- Am. Indian/AK Native: 24.1%
- All Utahns: 15.7%

Percentage of Adults (Age-adjusted)
Health Outcomes

Infant Mortality, Utah 2008-2012

- Hispanic/Latino: 5.1
- White: 4.7
- Hawaiian/Pac. Islander: 8.9
- Black/African Am.: 10.5
- Asian: 6.7
- Am. Indian/AK Native: 5.1
- All Utahns: 4.9

Infant Deaths per 1,000 Live Births
Utahns Age 50+ Who Had Colon Cancer Screening, 2012-2013

- Hispanic/Latino: 64.9%
- White: 73.8%
- N. Hawaiian/Pac. Islander: 40.3%
- Black/African Am.: 53.0%
- Asian: 61.1%
- Am. Indian/AK Native: 67.3%
- All Utahns 50+: 73.0%

Percentage of Adults 50+ (Age-adjusted)
Utah Infants Who Received 1st Trimester Prenatal Care, 2009-2013

- Hispanic/Latino: 62.3%
- White: 75.6%
- N. Hawaiian/Pac. Islander: 42.1%
- Black/African Am.: 54.5%
- Asian: 70.8%
- Am. Indian/AK Native: 51.8%
- All Utahns: 74.2%
Economics of Poor Health

- Many sick adults can’t work
- Even healthy ones may be one serious illness away from financial ruin
- Unhealthy kids often fall behind peers in school

**Intergenerational Poverty =**
Two or more successive generations of a family are living in poverty and reliant upon governmental services

**Tens of Thousands** of Utahns living currently living in this environment
IGP Health Goals

**Five years:** Ensure kids in intergenerational poverty have access to care at a rate equal to the statewide average, regardless of where they live.

**Ten Years:** Ensure those same kids are *receiving* care at the same rate as the statewide average.

Adopt a Utah plan to provide access to insurance for individuals who fall in the coverage gap.

Ensure all schools serving high rates of IGP children participate in the School Based Behavioral Health Program.
Programs to Address IGP

- Baby Watch/Early Intervention
- WIC
- Home Visiting
- Medicaid and CHIP

Collaboration across agency programs is key
Thank You!