



# UTAH HEALTH POLICY PROJECT

2022

## Annual Report



# Executive Director's Message



I am delighted to report that Utah Health Policy Project is as strong as ever! Thanks to the support of community partners like you, we assembled the biggest UHPP team since the organization's founding. Each individual working for UHPP is motivated by changing the community for the better.

This past year, our primary focus was on achieving equity. The pandemic highlighted systematic inequities that we've known long existed. Never to waste a moment of common community awareness, we went to work. Because of the dedicated efforts of our Equitable Coverage Committee, a coalition of influential healthcare system stakeholders, we achieved substantial progress on both policy and program fronts.

On the policy front, we successfully advanced Medicaid adult dental, postpartum Medicaid expansion, and coverage for children facing immigration-related barriers to health care coverage. As for the programmatic side, we saw Take Care Utah forge more community partnerships than ever before. Through those collaborations, we can connect with hard to reach, severely disadvantaged populations in new and innovative ways. Through these efforts, Take Care Utah enrollment in 2022 set a programmatic record! This progress marks significant milestones in our pursuit of equitable healthcare access.

The future holds many opportunities, but first, we must weather an impending storm of coverage loss due to the end of the public health emergency and Medicaid unwinding. As always, we look to lean on our community partners for support—financial and otherwise. We appreciate your unwavering dedication to the Utah Health Policy Project. Together, we will navigate these challenges and continue to champion equitable healthcare for all.

In health,

Matt Slonaker

# Financials

## Revenue

Type	2021	2022
Foundation Grants	\$1,451,992	\$578,585
Government Grants	\$1,019,511	\$964,521
Corporate Donations	\$35,439	\$37,452
Individual Donations	\$1,807	\$2,126
Contracts	\$190,755	\$104,736
Broker Commissions	\$59,073	\$85,576
Other Income	\$4,081	\$524,366
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,762,550</b>	<b>\$2,297,361</b>

## Expenses

Type	2021	2022
Subgrant and Contracts	\$113,068.44	\$347,293.93
Salaries and Related	\$1,344,024.26	\$1,630,756.13
Advertising Expenses	\$225,438.22	\$463,869.93
Professional Fees	\$35,642.70	\$82,537.17
Supplies	\$25,905.68	\$34,507.90
Insurance Expenses	\$8,077.16	\$9,468.04
Telephone and Communications	\$91,393.77	\$19,654.76
Occupancy Expenses	\$54,121.99	\$67,505.77
Meetings and Events	\$13,891.80	\$79,655.15
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,911,564.02</b>	<b>\$2,735,248.78</b>

# TCU by the Numbers

**48,433** individuals learned about health insurance options and enrollment

**5,754** individuals were enrolled in Medicaid

More than **1,300** events were attended

**510** individuals were enrolled in Marketplace





# Take Care Utah Update:

In 2022, Take Care Utah (TCU) continued its unwavering commitment to assisting individuals facing complex, sensitive, and time-consuming healthcare coverage cases. This dedication extended to helping mixed-status families, individuals involved in the criminal justice system, those with complex care needs, and individuals encountering cultural or language barriers. TCU's Health Access Assistors worked tirelessly on behalf of all clients, guiding them from the initial application process to connecting them with primary care providers. TCU proactively engaged with individuals, ensuring not only their coverage but also their understanding of how to access and maximize their coverage benefits.

However, TCU's services go beyond enrollment. Health Access Assistors forged trusted relationships with clients and offered ongoing support for coverage recertification every year, a pioneering initiative in the national healthcare landscape.

In 2022, TCU experienced substantial growth, including an expansion of its staff and enhanced community enrollment partnerships. One remarkable achievement was TCU's 40% growth in Medicaid application assurance, underscoring their effectiveness in reaching and assisting more individuals in need. TCU also established enduring enrollment partnerships in Provo, Ogden, Davis, Weber, and Wasatch County, providing weekly enrollment outreach and services to these communities. Additionally, TCU successfully implemented its Linkage Coordinator Project, where UHPP's Linkage Coordinators played a vital role in helping individuals with behavioral or mental health needs connect with various health resources within the community.

In the spirit of community engagement, TCU hosted its annual Hispanic Heritage Parade and Festival. This event not only brought communities together in celebration of culture, food, and dance but also raised awareness about the high rate of uninsured Hispanic and Latinx individuals in Utah. The festival served as a platform for providing 73 COVID-19 vaccinations and 48 flu vaccinations to the community, contributing to the overall well-being of the residents.

As TCU reflects on its accomplishments in 2022, it eagerly anticipates the continued expansion of its vital assistance to Utah's underserved communities in the years to come.



# Policy Team Update:

In 2022, UHPP exhibited its commitment to advancing policies that bolster healthcare access and coverage for all residents of Utah. Working in collaboration with partners, UHPP advocated for the expansion of dental coverage options within the state's Medicaid program. UHPP championed the extension of Medicaid coverage to include postpartum care for a duration of 12 months for new mothers, addressing a critical need. And UHPP also made progress in establishing a program to cover children for which immigration status is a barrier to coverage.

In Fall of 2022, UHPP brought together health policy leaders from government, the legislature, hospital systems, health plans, and nonprofit organizations at a policy breakfast. This gathering provided a platform for in-depth discussions on crucial healthcare matters in Utah. In December, UHPP organized its annual policy conference, drawing hundreds of attendees. Distinguished speakers and panelists, including leaders from the U.S. Health and Human Services Department and the Governor's One Utah Health Collaborative, as well as prominent figures in the Utah healthcare landscape, shared their insights. The conference played a pivotal role in advancing conversations around pressing policy issues in the state.

Notably, UHPP expanded its policy initiatives to encompass oral health, with a specific focus on broadening dental coverage options for Utah residents. UHPP's efforts were further bolstered by new funding from the CareQuest Institute for Oral Health.

UHPP remains committed to engaging with key stakeholders on oral health issues affecting Utah residents and will persist in its advocacy for more affordable and accessible high-quality healthcare.



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