

UTAH HEALTH CARE SOLUTIONS POLICY CONFERENCE

January 9, 2024, 8a-1p

Utah Cultural Celebration Center
1355 W 3100 S,
West Valley City, UT 84119



AGENDA

- 8:00a** Breakfast and Welcome
- 8:30a** Utah Health Policy Project Introduction
- 9:00a** Keynote
- 10:00a** Health Care Spending and Affordability Panel
- 11:00a** Behavioral Health Panel
- 12:00p** Lunch and Conclusion

Utah Health Policy Project (UHPP) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization advancing sustainable health care solutions for underserved Utahns through better access, education, and public policy. Since 2006, UHPP has worked hard to develop solutions to create a health system that provides better access to higher quality health care at a lower cost. UHPP prides itself on being an open resource for the public, community leaders, the media, businesses, health care providers and policymakers.

Take Care Utah (TCU) is a program of UHPP that helps Utahns access health insurance coverage and navigate the health care system. TCU aims to reduce barriers to health access through hands-on application assistance and advocacy. The TCU team offers direct services free of charge to assist with Medicaid/CHIP applications, marketplace support, case advocacy, community education, and more.



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Matt Slonaker has been the Executive Director of UHPP since 2013. He attended the University of Montana, where he pursued his passion for policy and government. Matt also completed a law degree, where he solidified his interest in policy reform. After completing law school, Matt joined Governor Brian Schweitzer's budget team MT, assuming the role of economist and tax policy analyst. Matt relocated to Washington, D.C., where he served as a nonprofit policy adviser and outreach coordinator for Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus. Matt later moved to New York City to work at Care for the Homeless. His role involved coordinating a coalition of healthcare providers focused on serving the homeless population amidst significant changes to state Medicaid policy. Matt's commitment to improving healthcare extended to Utah, where he played a pivotal role as a founding organizer of the successful Proposition 3 campaign to expand Medicaid. With his dedicated team and community partners, he continues to work tirelessly to develop innovative strategies that strengthen Utah's healthcare system. Matt has a second job meeting the demands of his two little girls who seem to have an endless appetite for his attention. He doesn't mind.



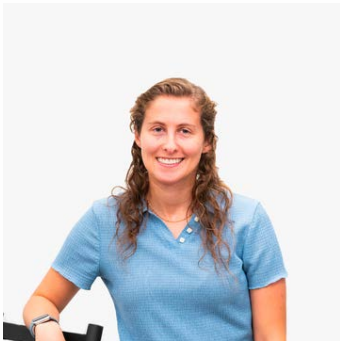
Daryl Herrschaft is the Director of Take Care Utah and joined UHPP in 2019 to help underserved populations in Utah secure health insurance coverage. He was previously an HIV Prevention Counselor at the Utah AIDS Foundation. Daryl is a native of Philadelphia and spent 22 years working in for non-profit organizations in Washington, DC. Including 13 years at the Human Rights Campaign. Prior to moving to Utah, he worked as a Disaster Corps member for Habitat for Humanity aiding in Hurricane Sandy recovery on the Jersey Shore. Daryl enjoys gardening, cooking, bicycling and restoring old homes.



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Daniel Sloan joined UHPP as a health policy analyst in April 2022. Daniel graduated from BYU in 2021 with a Master of Public Administration degree, focusing on health policy and state/federal government. He also received his undergraduate degree in political science from the University of Utah. Before UHPP, Daniel worked for Leavitt Partners and interned with organizations including the Utah Insurance Department, where he researched and wrote a report on insulin affordability for the Legislature; the Utah Attorney General's Office; and the U.S. Supreme Court. Daniel was born and raised in Salt Lake City and enjoys reading and spending time outdoors.



Emily Zheutlin joined UHPP in August of 2022. Emily graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor's of Science and a Master's of Science, focusing on Public Health. Her master's thesis focused on the environmental impacts on women's health. Before UHPP Emily worked on a clinical trial at the University of Utah. Emily enjoys playing board games, hiking, skiing, and pretty much anything outdoors.



Pushyami Ajjarapu joined UHPP as Oral Health Policy Fellow in May 2023. She graduated from Grand Valley State University in 2023 with master's in health and bioinformatics and received her undergraduate degree in Bachelor of Dental Surgery from Dr. NTRUHS, India in 2019. She worked as graduate assistant for GVSU KCON research grant on nursing workforce demand and primary care provision during her graduate school with focus on social determinants of health, workforce diversity and primary physician shortage areas. She has been an active participant with the student organizations as a Peer educator in educating the community on safety choices for healthy lifestyle adaptations. Pushyami has dental background, community engagement experiences in oral health awareness that helps with her work on dental care coverage, and access among the underserved communities. Born and raised in India, she enjoys sketching, hiking, and star gazing.



KEYNOTE

TRACY GRUBER



Tracy Gruber was named executive director of the Utah Department of Human Services in January 2021 and became the first executive director of the Utah Department of Health and Human Services July 1, 2022. Prior to her appointment by Governor Spencer J. Cox, she was director of the Office of Child Care at the Utah Department of Workforce Services (DWS) and senior advisor for Utah's Intergenerational Poverty Initiative.

Gruber is passionate about working with community stakeholders, providers and staff to better serve Utah individuals and families with quality and efficiency. Her work includes championing programs and policies within the Department to achieve measurable, preventative, positive outcomes that end cycles of intergenerational reliance on government services.

Prior to government service, Gruber worked for a children's advocacy organization; directed Utah's New Lawyer Training Program; served as the director of a public sector retiree organization; and was a budget analyst in the Illinois Senate. In 2017, she was named as "Government Official of the Year" by Community Action Partnership of Utah. She served as the chair of the National Association of State Child Care Administrators and represents Utah on the Education Commission of the States.

Gruber received her undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and her Law Degree from the Chicago-Kent School of Law. She and her husband Andrew live in Salt Lake with their two young adult children, where they can ski, hike, mountain bike and treat every weekend like a vacation!



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Matt Gephardt - Moderator is an accomplished investigative journalist known for his dedication to consumer advocacy and uncovering stories that matter to the community. With a career rooted in journalism, Matt has become a trusted voice in the field, providing viewers with insightful reporting and in-depth analysis. His Get Gephardt investigations on KSL-TV have frequently focused on medical billing issues.



Jennifer Strohecker, PharmD, has served as the Director of the Division of Integrated Healthcare and State Medicaid Director since 2022. She has worked for the Medicaid agency since 2018, and has served in several positions including the State Pharmacy Director. In the last year, she has overseen a complete system implementation of a modernized Medicaid claims billing system, navigated Medicaid unwinding activities for Utahns enrolled in Medicaid, and implemented the first value based performance program with the ACO's. Jennifer is passionate about improving healthcare delivery and the quality of care for Medicaid members.



Alicia Camaliche is a Policy Analyst at Families USA, a national health care consumer advocacy nonprofit, dedicated to the achievement of high-quality, affordable health care and improved health for all. Prior to joining Families USA, Alicia worked as a policy analyst at American Children's Campaign where she worked to improve child welfare and child health in Florida. Now, in her role at Families USA, Alicia leads initiatives in hospital pricing, payment reform, and health equity, including leading a table of consumer advocates working towards true health care payment and delivery reform and supporting the implementation of the new California Office of Health Care Affordability. Alicia has a Master's in Social Work from Fordham University and has experience working in clinical and non-profit settings providing resources to low-income children and young adults.



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R. Chet Loftis is the Managing Director of PEHP, an independent state entity that operates as a health plan for public employers in Utah, including the state. Previously, Chet served as an attorney for the Utah Legislature, Utah Supreme Court, and Utah Attorney General's Office, and as Vice President of Government Relations and General Counsel for the Utah Medical Association, Director of Public Policy for Regence BlueCross BlueShield, and shareholder with the Salt Lake City law firm of Kirton McConkie. Chet serves in the board leadership of community healthcare organizations and teaches graduate management courses in Executive Decision Making, Health Law, and Health Payment Policy at Weber State and BYU. Chet earned his BA, MPA, and JD, with honors, from BYU.



John Poelman is the Director of Innovation at the One Utah Health Collaborative. John oversees the Collaborative's statewide efforts to identify, promote, and scale health innovations that lower healthcare costs and improve outcomes. Prior to joining the Collaborative, John was a Managing Principal at Leavitt Partners where he helped clients understand and transition to alternative payment and care delivery models. In this role he also served as the executive director of the Accountable Care Learning Collaborative, an organization housed at Western Governors University, with a mission to accelerate the accountable care movement and provide more than 100 organizational members with actionable intelligence on value-based delivery system reform. Prior to joining Leavitt Partners, John served as a health policy analyst and special assistant to the Value-Driven Health Care Initiative at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. John earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Utah and a master's degree in public health with an emphasis in health policy from George Washington University.



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Patrick J. Fleming - Moderator has worked in human services for over 35 years in a variety of capacities including program management, direct services, business management, and policy development. He has worked at the federal level, state level, the county level, and for private non profit agencies including the Center for Family Development here in Salt Lake City and a rural Head Start Program in Michigan. For the past 25 years, Fleming has worked almost exclusively in the field of behavioral health disorders treatment and prevention. He served as the director of the Salt Lake County Division of Behavioral Health Services until his retirement in January, 2015. Fleming has also served in several professional organizations at the national level most recently as the President of the National Association of County Behavioral Health and Disability Directors which is the behavioral health affiliate of NACo. He currently serves as the board chair of the Utah Health Policy Project and as chair of the Utah Substance Use and Mental Health Services Advisory Council



Greg Bell is President and CEO of the Utah Hospital Association. He was formerly Utah's Lt. Governor and served two terms in the Utah State Senate as well as Mayor of Farmington, UT. As Lt. Governor and Senator, Bell was deeply involved in Utah healthcare policy. The Utah Department of Health appointed Bell as Chairman of Utah Leaders for Health in 2015. Utah Leaders for Health is the original sponsoring group of stakeholders which created Get Healthy Utah. A Utah native, Bell was educated at Weber State University and the S.J. Quinney College of Law (University of Utah). He practiced law for 30 years. Mr. Bell was Chair of Envision Utah, an internationally acclaimed community planning organization. He was president of the Farmington Bay District of the BSA and was awarded the Silver Beaver. Mr. Bell and his wife, JoLynn, currently reside in Fruit Heights, Utah. They are the parents of six children and have 24 grandchildren.



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Evan Done is a person in long-term recovery from both a substance use and co-occurring mood disorder. He currently serves as the Associate Director at the Utah Support Advocates for Recovery Awareness (USARA) and is on the Board of Directors for the national advocacy organization Faces & Voices of Recovery. With extensive experience in the non-profit sector and over twenty years of experience in social justice advocacy, he is dedicated to creating a more equitable and sustainable world.



Laura Summers serves as the director of industry research at the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute. She has expertise in economics, public policy, and health care research. Her professional experience includes research for the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. In health care, Summers' research focus is state-level health reform, with a particular focus in Medicaid, public health, as well as health care data, policies, and impacts to the Utah health care sector. Prior to joining the Institute, Summers was the senior director of state intelligence at Leavitt Partners, where she prepared detailed studies of state-by-state comparative data and analyzed national and state health care programs, policies, and trends. In addition to providing research and consulting services to payers, providers, and other health care companies, Summers led health care reform initiatives in states such as AR, CO, ID, MS, NM, OK, PA, TX, UT, and WA. Summers previously served as the research director of the Utah Foundation – a nonprofit research firm that publishes reports on issues affecting government policies. Summers received her Master of Public Policy with an emphasis in public economics from Brigham Young University and her bachelor's degree in economics from Westminster College.



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Tammer Attallah MBA, LCSW serves as the Executive Clinical Director for Intermountain Healthcare's Behavioral Health Clinical Program. Prior to this role, he served as the Administrative Director of Behavioral Health Services at Intermountain's Primary Children's Hospital. Intermountain Healthcare is a Utah-based, not-for-profit system of 33 hospitals (includes "virtual" hospital), a Medical Group with more than 3,800 physicians and advanced practice clinicians at about 385 clinics, and a health plans division called SelectHealth. Helping people live the healthiest lives possible, Intermountain is widely recognized as a leader in clinical quality improvement and efficient healthcare delivery. Tammer currently chairs the University of Utah's College of Social Work Community Advisory Board, and co-chairs the Salt Lake Coalition to End Homelessness Coordinating Council Health and Wellness Core Function Group. He sits on the Executive Steering Committee for the Utah Master Plan. Also, Tammer has experience on community and state boards including the Salt Lake County Council on Diversity Affairs, the Division of Occupation and Professional Social Work Licensing Board, National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Utah Chapter Board, and the Impact Clinic Board (a nonprofit free mental health clinic treating low-income and the uninsured in Utah). Tammer has over 25 years of experience in mental health and substance use disorder services across the lifespan. Over the course of his leadership career, Tammer has emphasized the value of delivering evidence-based behavioral health care. From this cornerstone, a clear vision and collaboration create innovations that ultimately overcome barriers to care. He holds a master's in social work and business administration from the University of Utah. Tammer enjoys spending time with his family. He also appreciates his time in the outdoors cycling and skiing.



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