



Rural Health Association of Utah (RHAU)

2023 Annual Conference

Innovations in Rural Healthcare: Navigating the Future

November 8-9, 2023

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Location: Dixie Technical College

Time	Topic	Speaker	Location
6:00 p.m.	Registration Opens	NA	Lobby
6:00-7:00 p.m.	Dinner and Networking	N/A	Lobby, Mezzanine, Terrace
7:00-7:20 p.m.	Welcome & Introduction of RHAU Team and Board Members	Greg Rosenvall, Kurt Loveless, & Kasey Shakespear	Auditorium
7:20-7:30 p.m.	Presentation of RHAU Awards & Presentation of UHS Scholarship Funds	Greg Rosenvall, Kasey Shakespear, Rita Osborn	Auditorium
7:30-8:30 p.m.	RHAU Annual Update Presentation	Kasey Shakespear and RHAU Staff	Auditorium

Thursday, November 9, 2023

Location: Dixie Convention Center

Time	Topic	Speaker	Location
8:00 a.m.	Registration & Info Tables open	N/A	North Registration Desk
8:00-8:30 a.m.	Networking Breakfast	N/A	Ballroom
8:30-8:45 a.m.	Welcome & Governor's Message, and Introducing Upcoming RHAU President	Kasey Shakespear, Kurt Loveless & Greg Rosenvall	Ballroom
8:45-9:30 a.m.	Keynote:	JoAnne Zitting, COO Creek Valley Health Center	Ballroom
9:30-9:45 a.m.	Morning Break - Information tables and poster sessions		TBD



9:45-10:45 a.m.	Breakout 1		Sunbrook A
			Sunbrook B
			Sunbrook C
10:45-11:00 a.m.	Mid Conference Break - Information tables and poster sessions		
11:00-12:00 p.m.	Breakout 2		Sunbrook A
			Sunbrook B
			Sunbrook C
----- Plenary Session -----			
12:00-12:30 p.m.	Lunch & Keynote Speaker	Stephen Lisonbee	Ballroom
12:30-1:00 p.m.	Utah's Updated Rural Health Strategy	Sri Koduri & Ashley Moretz	Ballroom
1:00-2:00 p.m.	Legislative Panel	Dave Gessel	Ballroom
2:00-2:15 p.m.	Afternoon Break - Information tables and poster sessions		Ballroom
2:15-3:15 p.m.	Breakout 3		Sunbrook A
			Sunbrook B
			Sunbrook C
3:15-3:30 p.m.	Drawings and Adjourning the Conference		Ballroom

Breakout Session Details

Track 1: (Conference Room): Rural Utah's Current Health Challenges

Track 2: (Conference Room): Health Resources for Rural Utah

Track 3: (Conference Room): Supporting our Rural Utah Health Organizations

Breakout 1		9:45-10:45 a.m.
1A	<i>Social Determinants of Health & Closing the Gap in Health Equity in rural Utah</i>	Sunbrook A



	<p>Description: Dulce Diaz is an expert in the state of Utah on Health Equity, and recently led efforts in the state to address inequities that were exposed during the COVID-19 Pandemic. In this session, Dulce will address the issues that were exposed, efforts statewide to address those issues, and what the current status of social determinants of health in Rural Utah and what gaps still need to be closed.</p>	
	<p>Speakers: Dulce Diaz (Office of Equity)</p>	
1B	<p>Maximizing Telehealth and the future outlook in Utah</p>	Sunbrook B
	<p>Description: UETN and the NRTRC have been in collective operations since 2017 when UETN was awarded the Telehealth Resources Center (TRC) grant from HRSA for the northwest region. UETN and the NRTRC work collaboratively to provide telehealth technical assistance, training, education and resources to the state of Utah and the Northwest region. In this presentation, we would like to highlight resources that are readily available, give an overview on Utah telehealth demographics, policy and reimbursement and discuss innovative and successful models of Telehealth that are paving the way for our state.</p>	
	<p>Speakers: Jaleen Johnson - NRTRC, Matt McCoullugh</p>	
1C	<p>Preparing for Value Based Care</p>	Sunbrook C
	<p>Description: Health care providers are the core of health care delivery in rural Utah, but they are not alone. There are other trained health care professionals who can add value and lift the burden of caring for rural communities. This session will discuss two of those community partners, Community Health Workers and Peer Support Coaches. These two unique types of professionals serve as champions for patients to ensure they can access the resources needed, and have the support to live healthy and happy lives in rural Utah.</p>	
	<p>Speakers: Daniel Chipping, MHA, MBA</p>	
Breakout 2		11:00-12:00 p.m.
2A	<p>High Risk Maternal, fetal and pediatric care at the Grant Scott Bonham Fetal Center at Primary Childrens Hospital</p>	Sunbrook A
	<p>Description: Intermountain Health's Primary Children's Hospital recently opened the Grant Scott Bonham Fetal Center, which is now providing expecting mothers and fetus who have been diagnosed with high-risk conditions with the most up-to-date and coordinate care possible. This session will discuss the resources that are now available in the state of Utah for these expecting mothers to expand awareness of these critical resources.</p>	



	Speakers: Dr. Stephen J. Fenton & Dr. Matha Monson	
2B	Community Partners who can bring value and support to your organization. Community Health Workers and Peer Support Specialists	Sunbrook B
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	Speakers: Maren Wright-Voss, ScD, PhD, Marcie Gray, SUDC, Oreta Mapu-Tupola, MSW, CHW, Kamaile Tripp-Harris, CHW	
2C	Innovative Approaches to Rural Recruitment and Retention	Sunbrook C
	Description: Recruitment and retention persists as one of the biggest challenges facing Rural Utah. Housing prices are soaring, and compensation is struggling to keep up. In response to this tremendous challenge, Utah has formed the Health Workforce Advisory Committee to address these pressing issues. Come learn about the efforts of this Advisory Committee to find solutions to retention and recruitment challenges, and resources that are available to aid in building and sustaining a strong health workforce in rural Utah.	
	Speakers: Ashley Moretz	
Breakout 3		2:15-3:15 p.m.
3A	Current Behavioral Health & Wellness Efforts	Sunbrook A
	Description: Utah faces high rates of depression and substance use, and there are several organizations throughout the state who are working to combat those issues and elevate the quality of life throughout rural Utah. This session will provide an overview of several of those efforts.	
	Speakers: Linda S. Edelman, RN. PhD, FGSA, FAAN, Diana Ballesteros, Robert Spencer, Aubree Sullivan, LCSW	
3B	Utah's Project ECHOs	Sunbrook B
	Description: For the past 20 years, Project ECHO has been closing the gap between health care providers to facilitate the exchange of ideas and experiences to better care for all. The University of Utah was the first Utah based program to adapt the	



	<p>model, and there are now four Project ECHO Hubs in the state, including Intermountain Health, Comagine Health, and the newest hub at the Rural Health Association of Utah. This session will explore the history and goals of Project ECHO, and showcase the sessions and efforts of each of Utah's four Project ECHO Hubs.</p>	
	<p>Speakers: Sarah Day (U of U), Austin Jones (RHAU), Amber Esplin (Intermountain), Sara Philips, Comagine Health</p>	
<p>3C</p>	<p>Rural Health Data</p>	<p>Sunbrook C</p>
	<p>Description: Health data has the power to transform your practice and elevate your team's efforts. This is especially important in rural communities where resources are scarce and the margin for error is thin. This session will build on previous sessions to discuss how to collect data in your practice more efficiently, and use that data to drive decision making in your organization to improve your effectiveness and maximize the resources available in rural Utah.</p>	
	<p>Speakers: John Wadsworth, MS, Liz Cracker, MBA</p>	