



The 2019 Utah Primary Care Summit
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The Utah Area Health Education Centers (Utah AHEC) is a statewide program that helps current and future health professionals acquire knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to practice in a transformed health system – with particular focus on the medically underserved rural and urban communities in Utah. Furthermore, we focus our efforts on improving the distribution of health professionals, the demographic and professional diversity of health professionals, and the transformation of health systems to enhance wellbeing, quality, and efficiency of care.

We see tremendous shortages in the primary care workforce across Utah communities - particularly in those that are rural. As the primary care sector is the backbone of our current health system, this shortage has substantial impacts on health at both individual and community levels. Additionally, the national push towards practice transformation (*lowered costs, enhanced quality, improved population health outcomes, and improved satisfaction of healthcare professionals*) brings added change and uncertainties to an already strained primary care workforce.

With these pressing challenges in mind, we are excited to bring together Utah’s key primary care stakeholders at this annual event. Today we have an opportunity to open dialogue on the overarching challenges, opportunities, and priorities in Utah that extend beyond any single organization. Today we take a step towards effecting real change in our primary care workforce – and, more importantly change, that will result in improved health for communities throughout Utah.



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Cultural Celebration Center, West Valley City

8:30 – 9:00	Breakfast
9:00 – 9:45	Welcome & New AHEC Initiatives
9:45 – 10:30	Keynote: Matt Probst, PA-C
10:30 – 10:45	Break
10:45 – 10:55	Message from Intermountain Healthcare and University of Utah Health
10:55 – 11:30	AHEC Partner Updates
11:30 – 12:15	Breakout Session 1 Enriching Primary Care with Interdisciplinary Participation How to Be and Utilize Mentors Burnout in Primary Care
12:15 – 1:15	Lunch and Preceptor Awards
1:15 – 2:00	Breakout Session 2 Utilizing Community Health Workers in a Diverse State Social Determinants in Primary Care Team-based Estimator for Allocating Medical (TEAM) Workforce
2:00 – 2:15	Break
2:15 – 2:45	Breakout Session Overview
2:45 – 3:45	Utah Healthcare Policy: Perspectives from the Utah Legislature
3:45 – 4:00	Policy Priorities Forum and Closing Remarks



Keynote Speaker

Matt Probst, PA-C

Matthew Probst, PA-C, is the Medical Director and Chief Quality Officer at El Centro Family Health, an FQHC serving 23,600 square miles of northern New Mexico. With Matt as the spearhead, El Centro was nationally recognized in 2018 as an Employer of Excellence by the AAPA's Center for Healthcare Leadership and Management. A graduate of the UNM PA program in 2003, Matt was awarded the 2019 NMAPA Distinguished Fellow Award, 2019 Ann Schumacher Award from the National Association of Rural Mental Health, 2019 "PA of the Year" by the AAPA, the inaugural "Distinguished Alumni Award" from the UNM PA Program in 2017, "PA of the Year" by the NMAPA in 2014, and 2009 NMPCA Provider of the Year.

Matt dedicates his life to cultivating health in his native Northern New Mexico. Matt is Founding Director of Semillas De Salud, a future health professional program which has provided over 400 clinical rotations for students and is growing a healthier tomorrow using an expansive peer health education workforce in rural schools. He serves on the NMAPA board and on the NM Health Care Workforce Committee. He also volunteers as a sports medicine provider and coach for local youth. Prioritizing personal health over community medicine he enjoys fitness, outdoor adventures, and playing sports. More than any accolade his greatest pride is his family. They enjoy rural living and value most faith, nature, and community.



The 2019 Utah Primary Care Summit Preceptor of the Year Awards

Wes Crouch, PharmD, Sanpete Valley Hospital, Mt. Pleasant, UT

“Wes has a passion for rural healthcare that is contagious! He is a trusted resource in his community and is loved by his patients and colleagues. He teaches his students how to work on interdisciplinary teams, communicate with patients and healthcare professionals, and connect with people.”

Karen Gunning, PharmD, BCPS, Sugarhouse Health Center, SLC, UT

“Karen has an extraordinary history as a preceptor and has positively influenced so many health care professionals, many of whom remain in the state and are serving Utah populations throughout the state. She regularly volunteers her personal time in free clinics serving as a preceptor in places like Maliheh.

Oreta Mapu-Tupola, MSW, Neighborhood Clinic, SLC, UT

“Oreta’s passion, experience, and knowledge in the field of Community Health and the importance of team-based care that includes the involvement of the patients/community members themselves is innovative and appropriate in providing patient centered care.”

David Miner, MD, Maliheh Free Clinic, SLC, UT

“Dr. Miner made me feel empowered with knowledge to help my patients. He gave me the tools I needed to succeed later in life. He showed me resources he would use, so when I had questions I could problem solve on my own. This was my last rotation, and thanks to him believing in me, I felt competent enough to take care of pts on my own. His calm, welcoming demeanor was great.”

Wagma Mohmand, PA-C, UUHC Redwood Center-Family Medicine, SLC, UT

“Wagma’s mentorship of students have led to several new graduates falling in her footsteps and working with refugee, immigrant and underserved patients in the Salt Lake City area. I honestly can't think of anyone more deserving of this recognition.”

Troy Richardson, PA-C, Neighborhood Clinic, SLC, UT

“The vast majority of the patients that Troy sees are uninsured and are living at the federal poverty level. These patients have needs that reach far into mental health and social determinants of health and Troy is able to provide exceptional medical care to the disease but most importantly to the patient.”

Ali Salari, DO, Stansbury Health Center, Tooele, UT

“I believe Dr. Salari is deserving of recognition because of the quality of training he provides to each student he takes. I enjoyed my time working in his rural clinic and felt well prepared to meet the healthcare needs of a rural population. I am thankful for his willingness to take me on as a student and feel confident with my abilities to work in rural healthcare.”

Patricia Shaw, MEd, RHIA, FAHIMA, Weber State University, Ogden, UT

“Dr. Shaw sees value in the NUAHEC Scholars program and wants to work with our Scholars. Our Scholars love her presentations and the engagement she generated. We are honored to have such a knowledgeable healthcare expert give our Scholars their first exposure to these important topics”

Jesse Spencer, MD, Sevier Family Clinic, Richfield, UT

“Dr. Spencer has precepted students for us for a few years now, and consistently gets positive feedback in his ability to integrate the student and provide excellent teaching and exposure to a unique rural population. He is an outstanding role model and teacher who has helped students appreciate the value of rural primary care.”

Braun Tueller, PA-C, Farmington UNI Clinic, Farmington, UT

“Braun really cares about providing the best care to his patients. One of the ways he is providing great care to his patients is by educating providers on behavioral health. I never had a great grasp on behavioral health, social determinants of health, and cultural competency until I had a rotation with Braun.”