



# UTAH AHEC

**2020 UTAH PRIMARY CARE SUMMIT**

**OCTOBER 16, 2020**

**PROGRAM**



# Virtual Breakfast and Social

8:30 - 9:00 am

Hosted by Senator Steve Urquhart

## Welcome & Director's Message

8:30 - 9:00 am



**Ivette Amelia López, PhD, MPH**  
**Director, Utah AHEC**

Bienvenidos, health professions students, colleagues, supporters of health and social justice everywhere!

We are very pleased to be able to welcome those of you who have been with us for a long time now, as well as those who are new to the UT AHEC. We are so excited about the 2020 UT AHEC Primary Care Summit, which has a particular focus on racism as an underlying cause of negative public health outcomes. We believe that all of us, whether we are in clinical or other health professions, have a role to play in the unmasking of racism, and not race, as a determinant of health in the United States. It is a well-documented fact that racism and subconscious bias can, sometimes without intention, prolong deleterious health and health effects on Black, Indigenous, and other people of color. Reaction or inertia to this fact is antecedent for health fixes and barriers both, of all kinds, within reach of all states, localities and entities. Persons of diverse gender identification, ability status, or who are given labels of otherhood also experience difficulties with their health due to being unfairly assumed to have poor health determinants. Yet perhaps the most powerful disparities we see in our country are found in the Black community, as the COVID-19 crisis has shown. The effects of racism in the Black population are so strong that they negate the gains of income, education, status, or prior health. Racism is indeed a public health threat.

We can battle racism in our Primary Care Settings throughout the state. As we know, structural discrimination manifests itself at all levels of society. Still, everything can be changed in a strong democracy such as ours. Despite our feelings sometimes that policy changes are slower than a three-toed sloth, policy regulation and practice can leverage changes to protect the health of Utahans, and be achieved quite quickly. We must incorporate our rejection of racism among our practices as we think collectively and individually on how to tackle the worthiest of causes, health equity for all.

Universities bear a unique responsibility in the development of a workforce that is as equipped to eradicate racism as it did smallpox. Utah has a proud history of welcoming the other, making us one out of many. Pioneer spirit in Utah contains strong exemplary history. This history is depicted in monuments to diverse western frontier families, but also in the open hearts of its residents. I am confident that we will find innovative ways to address inequity conducive to unfairly distributed negative health outcomes. All of our health depends on it.





# KEYNOTE SPEAKER

## “Racism as a Public Health Threat”

### Camara Phyllis Jones, MD, MPH, PhD

*introduced by Dr. Steven Lacey*



**Steven Lacey, PhD** is Professor and Chief of the Division of Public Health at the University of Utah School of Medicine. Prior to Utah, he was Chair of the Department of Environmental Health Science at the Indiana University Fairbanks School of Public Health in Indianapolis. Earlier, he served as Director of the CDC/NIOSH-funded Industrial Hygiene and Hazardous Substances Academic Training programs at the University of Illinois at Chicago, as well as the Occupational Safety program, which he established. Dr. Lacey earned an MS in Industrial Hygiene from Texas A&M University, a PhD in

Industrial Hygiene from the University of Illinois at Chicago, and was a postdoctoral fellow at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. A Certified Industrial Hygienist and Certified Safety Professional, Dr. Lacey is a Past President and a Fellow of the American Industrial Hygiene Association.

# Panel Discussion

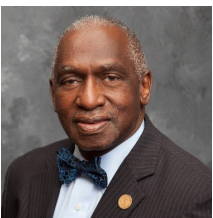
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**Jessie Mandle** is Senior Health Policy Analyst at Voice for Utah Children. Prior to joining Voices for Utah Children, Jessie was a Senior Program Planner with the San Francisco Department of Children, Youth and Their Families. Jessie has also worked as a policy researcher in Johannesburg, South Africa and managed a CDC healthy communities grant in Portland, Oregon. Jessie has a Master's degree in Public Health from Portland State University and received her Bachelor's degree at Wesleyan University in Connecticut.



**Jennifer Dailey-Provost** is a long-time healthcare and public health advocate, and has been working with legislators, policy-makers, advocates and the community for ten years. Since the inception of the ACA over five years ago, Jen has been fighting for Medicaid expansion and other patient-oriented policy at the Utah capitol. She has been a part of bipartisan committees, including the Governor's Medicaid Expansion Task Force, the Utah State Opioid Task Force, and several other legislative working groups that bring together advocates and stake holders from all walks of life. Additionally, Jen is a vocal proponent for issues related to poverty, affordable housing, disability rights and protections, air quality and environmental preservation, education and universal Pre-K, gender equality, and LGBTQIA+ rights.



**Pastor France E. Davis** served as the full-time Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church for over 45 years. He retired on December 29, 2019, and continues as a member of Calvary, and as Pastor Emeritus. Pastor Davis was licensed in 1966 and ordained for ministry in 1971. In April 2016, Rev. Davis reached 50 years in the ministry. Pastor Davis came to Salt Lake City in 1972 as a teaching fellow and graduate student at the University of Utah. He was appointed instructor in communication and ethnic studies courses, earning a distinguished teacher award. Pastor Davis retired July 1, 2014 from the University of Utah as Adjunct Associate Professor Emeritus, and continues his ministry as Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church.



**Dr. Angela Dunn** is the State Epidemiologist for the Utah Department of Health (UDOH) where she works across the Department to identify and address health concerns of Utahns. Dr. Dunn also leads public health-clinical care integration efforts, focusing on projects involving public health informatics and population health. She came to UDOH as an Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) Officer with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and was involved in several infectious disease outbreak response and control efforts both in Utah and abroad. Dr. Dunn is boarded in General Preventive Medicine and Public Health, and completed her residency training at the University of California San Diego. Prior to joining the CDC, Dr. Dunn worked as a primary care and public health physician in San Diego, focusing on women's health, sexually transmitted diseases, refugee health, and tuberculosis. Dr. Dunn also engaged in health systems research and interventions aimed at improving health care delivery within the military health system and federally-qualified health care clinics.



**Camara Phyllis Jones, MD, MPH, PhD** is a family physician and epidemiologist whose work focuses on naming, measuring, and addressing the impacts of racism on the health and well-being of the nation. She is a Past President of the American Public Health Association and was the 2019-2020 Evelyn Green Davis Fellow at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University. She has taught at the Harvard School of Public Health, Morehouse School of Medicine, and Rollins School of Public Health and served as a medical officer at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Her allegories on "race" and racism illuminate topics that are otherwise difficult for many Americans to understand or discuss. Recognizing that racism saps the strength of the whole society through the waste of human resources, she aims to mobilize and engage all Americans in a National Campaign Against Racism.







**Ivette Amelia López, PhD, MPH** is a Professor of Public Health at University of Utah Department of Family and Preventive Medicine. She is also the PI/Director of the Utah Area Health Education Centers. Dr. López was born and raised in Caguas, Puerto Rico, and came to the United States mainland to pursue an advanced education. She is, and has been for decades, a dedicated professional in pursuit of health equity for Latinos and other disadvantaged populations in the United States. From AIDS (the epidemic that drew her to public health) to diabetes, obesity causal explanations among minority women, to health

assessments of Latino populations, her research and service are dedicated to engage minority communities in finding solutions to their health burdens. She has focused on social disparities, which have resulted in adverse health outcomes disproportionately affecting Latino and other minority or disadvantaged populations: Type 2 diabetes, weight issues, heart disease, hypertension, sexually transmitted infections, breast cancer, Alzheimer's disease, and environmental contexts of health. Her research interests also include mitigating factors that align with those health disparities: physical activity, food security, neighborhood, reproductive health, community-based mixed research and pedagogy, cultural humility, health literacy, and racial and ethnic disparities in higher education and health academic faculty/administration. Further, Dr. Lopez advised and directed the masters and doctoral theses preparation of over 55 students; chaired and labored with committees resulting in 25 doctoral degrees in 14 years. Most recently, as the PI/Director of the Utah AHEC, she works on a COVID-19 CARES grant that focuses on the engagement of Community Health Workers of disadvantaged populations in UT (Pacific Islander, Latino, Black, Refugee, and Native American). Through Tele-Education, this innovative workforce will the teach UT AHEC Scholars the socio-cultural and cultural humility aspects of COVID-19.



**José E. Rodríguez, MD, FAAFP** currently serves as Associate Vice President for Health Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, is a professor in the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine, and Associate Medical Director at the Redwood Health Center. While at the University of Utah, Dr. Rodríguez has taken a strong role in advancing the institutional goals for health equity, diversity and inclusion. Within his department, he has served on the diversity committee, as well as various recruitment committees supporting focused recruitment of underrepresented ethnic and racial minority (URM) faculty and residents. He has represented the university presenting at national conferences on our work and his research on diversity initiatives.



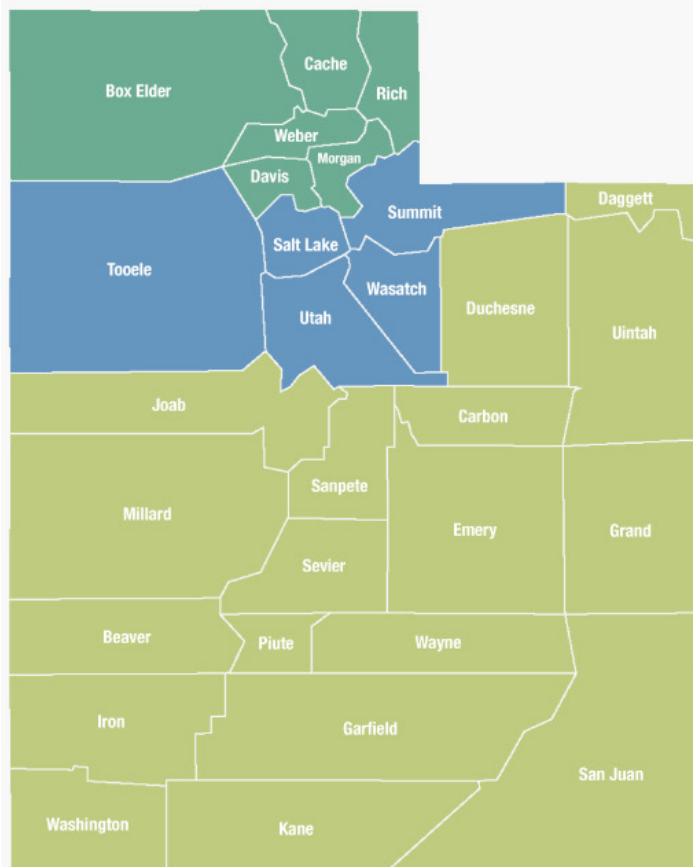
**Martell Teasley, PhD** is the dean of the University of Utah College of Social Work, president of the National Association of Deans and Directors of Schools of Social Work, and editor-in-chief of the journal Children & Schools. His research primarily focuses on social work in school settings, particularly the vital role that social work can play in advancing educational equity. He is well known as an innovative and talented leader, having previously served as the chair of the Department of Social Work in the University of Texas at San Antonio College of Public Policy. Dr. Teasley's experience also includes employment as a

substance use disorder counselor, time as a licensed practical nurse, and a decade of service with the U.S. Army. He earned his Ph.D. in social work from Howard University, where his scholarship focused on African American adolescent development. He also holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Fayetteville State University and Virginia Commonwealth University, respectively.



# Center Updates

12:10 - 12:40 pm



## NORTHERN UTAH AHEC (NUAHEC)

NUAHEC is housed at Weber State University in the Dr. Ezekial R. Dumke College of Health Professionals. NUAHEC serves the following counties: Box Elder, Cache, Rich, Weber, Davis, and Morgan.

[Visit the NUAHEC Website](#)

## CROSSROADS UTAH AHEC (CRAHEC)

CRAHEC is housed at Salt Lake Community College School of Health Sciences. CRAHEC serves the following counties: Tooele, Salt Lake, Summit, Utah, and Wasatch.

[Visit the CRAHEC Website](#)

## SOUTHERN UTAH AHEC (SUAHEC)

SUAHEC is housed at Southern Utah University. SUAHEC serves the following counties: Juab, Duchesne, Daggett, Uintah, Carbon, Sanpete, Millard, Sevier, Emery, Grand, Beaver, Piute, Wayne, Iron, Garfield, Washington, Kane, and San Juan.

[Visit the SUAHEC Website](#)



**Frederick Henderson, MHA:** It is my honor to serve as director of the Northern Utah Area Health Education Center. Working with our fellow Utah AHEC's and Program office has been an amazing collaboration. I believe that my ten years of experience in federal and foundation grant writing and grant management combined with fourteen years of teaching in higher education health sciences courses, and a Master of Health Administration Degree afforded this amazing opportunity. My previous service as the Emergency Services Director for the American Red Cross of Northern Utah provided a deep understanding of our community and the needs of our population. The relationships and knowledge developed through collaborative efforts with multiple state and local governmental agencies, the United Way of Northern Utah, the Salvation Army, Utah Departments of Health, and other church and community safety net organizations should be of value in my current and continued service to our Utah AHEC Program.



**Mindy Bateman, BS** is the Center Director at Crossroads Utah AHEC in Salt Lake City. Mindy Bateman has worked with Utah AHEC for 22 years. She started in the Utah AHEC Program Office in 1998 and moved to Crossroads Utah AHEC in 2009. CRAHEC serves five counties in central Utah including Tooele, Salt Lake, Utah, Summit and Wasatch. As the Center Director, she is responsible for providing leadership, program oversight and fiscal management for the center. CRAHEC works to encourage students, at all levels, as they progress on their health career pathway. Ms. Bateman has also worked with the National AHEC Organization (NAO) as she has served in multiple leadership capacities including com-



mittee member, committee co-chair, board member, treasurer and president (2018-2019). Mindy Bateman, BS is the Center Director at Crossroads Utah AHEC in Salt Lake City. Mindy Bateman has worked with Utah AHEC for 22 years. She started in the Utah AHEC Program Office in 1998 and moved to Crossroads Utah AHEC in 2009. CRAHEC serves five counties in central Utah including Tooele, Salt Lake, Utah, Summit and Wasatch. As the Center Director, she is responsible for providing leadership, program oversight and fiscal management for the center. CRHAEC works to encourage students, at all levels, as they progress on their health career pathway. Ms. Bateman has also worked with the National AHEC Organization (NAO) as she has served in multiple leadership capacities including committee member, committee co-chair, board member, treasurer and president (2018-2019).



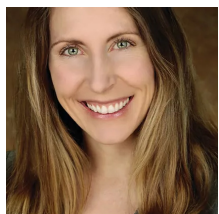
**Rita Osborn, MBA** is the Director for the Southern Utah AHEC and the Utah Center for Rural Health. Ms. Osborn founded the highly successful Rural Health Scholars program which has significantly increased acceptances to health profession programs for Southern Utah University, Dixie State University and Snow College. She has also multiple successful grants and contracts to support the Center's programs. Osborn founded the Cedar City Free Clinic that operated in Cedar City and Beaver, UT from 2004 until 2013 until it became a FQHC. Advising students headed for health care graduate programs is truly her passion. "When our rural or disadvantaged students, many first-generation matriculate to graduate school, I know we are helping to change our health care system in some small way." Ms. Osborn is known to be a champion for her students. Ms. Osborn has a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration from Cal State University, San Bernardino, and she received her M.B.A from SUU in 2002. Her thesis addressed the health care shortages in southern Utah. She also serves on numerous boards and organizations and has received awards such as the Utah Campus Compact's Engaged Scholar in 2007 and the SUU Advisor of the Year in 2007, 2009 and 2012. In 2014, she received the Achievement in Experiential Learning Award from SUU. She lives in Cedar City, UT with her husband, Earl Mulderink, a university professor, has two adult daughters who live in Park City and she enjoys travel, hiking and cooking.

## Preceptor Awards

12:50 - 1:20 pm

This award recognizes clinical preceptors and field instructors from all primary care disciplines. We especially want to celebrate teachers who demonstrate excellence in training their students to lead in an evolving health care system by highlighting interprofessional education and practice, behavioral health integration, social determinants of health, cultural competency, practice transformation, and current and emerging health issues.

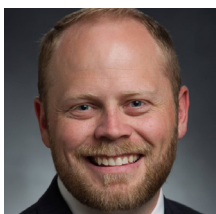
### 2020 Winners



**Suzanne Lee, MD**  
Family Physician  
Brigham City Community  
Health Center  
Brigham City, UT



**Kyle Jeffrey, MD**  
General Surgery  
Castle View Hospital  
Price, UT



**Scott Curtis, MD**  
Family Physician  
Salina, UT

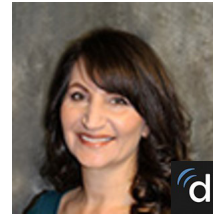


**Soon O. Kim, MD**  
General Surgeon  
Mesa View Regional Hospital  
Mesquite, NV

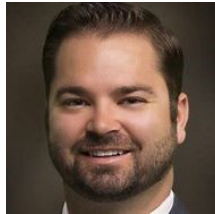




**Ingrid Olsen, PA-C**  
Physician Assistant  
Emery Medical Center  
Castle Dale, UT



**Audrie Wisell, DNP**  
Nurse Practitioner  
Uinta Basin Medical Center  
Roosevelt, UT



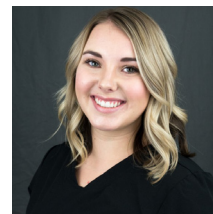
**Bryson Hollingshead, DO**  
Family Physician  
Vernal, UT



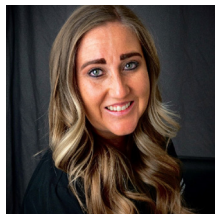
**Wesley Crouch, PharmD**  
Pharmacist  
Sanpete Valley Hospital  
Mount Pleasant, UT



**Alexis Taylor, RN, BSN**  
Registered Nurse /  
Behavioral Case  
Management  
Wayne Community  
Health Center  
Bicknell, UT



**Josie Oyler, RN, BSN**  
Registered Nurse  
Wayne Community Health Center  
Bicknell, UT



**Josie Moosman, RN, BSN**  
Primary Care Nursing /  
Clinical Manager  
Wayne Community Health  
Center  
Bicknell, UT



**Nolan Brooksby, DO**  
Emergency Medical  
Ashley Regional Medical Center  
Vernal, UT

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## Community Health Workers and COVID-19 Team

1:20 - 1:50 pm



**Hajie Goll, CHW**



**Oreta Tupola, MSW,  
CHW**



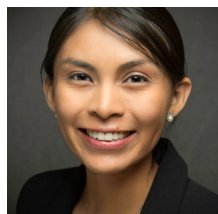




**Cathy Wolfsfeld, CHW**



**Jeannette Villalta, CHW**



**Ivana Holiday, BA, CHW**



**Jonathan Martinez, BA**  
Visual Communications  
Specialist, Photojournalist  
Huntsman Cancer Institute

## Utah Primary Care Initiatives

2:00 - 3:00 pm

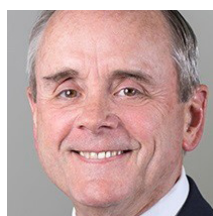


**David R. Sandweiss, MD** completed college and medical school at UCLA, and, in 1999, Pediatric Residency at University of Washington/Seattle Children's Hospital. He practiced general pediatrics for Navajo Area Indian Health Service for 5 years, and then settled in Salt Lake City, where he has been on faculty in the Dept of Pediatrics, Division of Pediatric Emergency Medicine. Dr. Sandweiss is the Director of Rural and American Indian Outreach for the Dept of Pediatrics Global, Rural, and Underserved Child Health Program, and the Director of the Rural and Underserved Medicine Pathway for the School of Medicine.

He continues to provide clinical care for the Navajo Area Indian Health Service and volunteer care at the Maliheh Free Clinic in Salt Lake City.

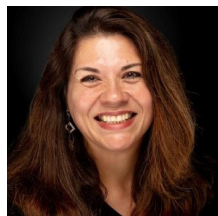


**Lori Kowaleski-Jones, PhD** is Professor and Chair of the Department of Family and Consumer Studies (FCS), which is in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Utah. She received her doctoral degree from the Ohio State University in Sociology, and completed a postdoctoral fellowship in social policy at Northwestern University. She has been on the FCS faculty since 1999 and a faculty member in the Masters of Public Policy Program since 2010. Her main research interests are in the areas of physical and social wellbeing of individuals and families with a focus on how public policy, neighborhood environments and family factors maximize individual wellbeing. In the past, she has considered the effects of food assistance programs on child food insecurity and wellbeing. Current work involves an intervention to consider increasing the reach of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). Connect to Collect proposes to increase the participation rate in the EITC and Child Tax Credit programs through innovatively extending provision of free tax preparation via partnerships with the health care system, grass roots community organizations, and new information technology. She also is currently funded by NIDDK/NIH to study the intergenerational diabetes risk and the role of the built environment using data from the Utah Population Database.



**Michael Magill, MD** is Hicken Professor and Chairman of the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine (FPM) at the University of Utah School of Medicine. Dr. Magill also served for 10 years as Executive Medical Director of the University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics/Community Physician Group, a multidisciplinary medical practice located in 10 sites in the Salt Lake City metropolitan area. In that role, he helped develop the University of Utah's model of Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH), known as

Care by Design (CBD). CBD became the basis for a federally-funded health services research program led by Dr. Magill and for curricula in the School of Medicine and primary care residency programs. He also served as Executive Medical Director of the University of Utah Health Plans from 2012 to 2015, advancing implementation of PCMH payment for care for University employees and Medicaid patients.



**Karen Mulitalo, PA-C** currently serves as the Department Chair and Program Director of a developing Physician Assistant Program at Utah Valley University. She also assists in outreach efforts to Pacific Islander communities along the Wasatch Front is a member of the Utah Pacific Islander Health Coalition. Karen was born and raised in Utah and attended the University of Utah where she received her Bachelor of Science in biology and a Master of Physician Assistant Studies. She has over 20 years' experience in clinical work and in higher education. She has taught in PA programs across the states and overseas including the University of Texas Southwestern, University of Florida and the University of Queensland. Her clinical interests are family medicine in underserved populations and her research interests include health workforce diversity and health disparities in Pacific Islander populations.

### NEPQR team



**Linda Edelman RN, PhD** has experience in both basic science and clinical/nursing research. She received a Masters of Philosophy in Experimental Pathology at the University of Utah in 1993 where she specialized in molecular immunology. She then earned a BSN from the University of Utah College of Nursing in 1995. For the next 17 years she utilized her basic science and nursing backgrounds as the Research Coordinator for the University of Utah Burn Center. During that time she was involved with the design, conduct, and analysis of multidisciplinary clinical research studies pertaining to burn injuries. She is an active member of the Western Institute of Nursing, the Gerontological Society of America, and the American Geriatrics Society. Dr. Edelman joined the faculty at the University of Utah College of Nursing in 2008 and looks forward to fostering a new generation of nurse researchers through teaching and mentorship. She has taught in the Doctorate of Nursing Practice Program (Advanced Pathophysiology I and II, Evidenced Based Practice I and II and Scholarly Project), the PhD program (Data Management and Quality) and the Gerontology Interdisciplinary Program (Physiology and Psychology of Nursing). She actively advises DNP, Gerontology Interdisciplinary Program and PhD graduate students. Dr. Edelman is a 2010 John A. Hartford and Atlantic Philanthropies Claire M. Fagin Fellow. Her research focuses on injuries occurring to older adults living in rural areas and the triage of injured rural and urban older adults to trauma care. She is Program Director of two HRSA workforce development grants: the Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program which integrates geriatrics and primary care training in Long-Term Care settings and the Nursing Education, Practice, Qualitymetric and Retention Program which seeks to improve the capacity and competencies of primary care nurses working in rural and underserved Utah.



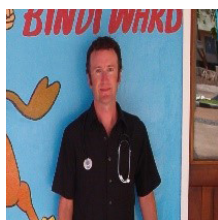
**Brenda Luther, PhD, RN** is an Associate Professor at the College of Nursing with a clinical background in ambulatory care, care management, and care coordination. She is the curriculum liaison for the HRSA NEPQR (Nurse Education, Practice, Quality & Retention) grant and has led the development of online primary care modules that are both integrated into the baccalaureate curriculum and being used as continuing education for working primary care nurses. The modules focus on broad and specific topics such as patient engagement, chronic illness prevention and management, behavioral health, medications for opioid use disorder, care coordination/management. Brenda works with faculty, students and primary care nursing to identify clinical opportunities for our NEPQR Scholar students.



**Sara Phillips MBA, BSN, CPHQ** is a Senior Improvement Advisor at Comagine Health. Her background includes experience in risk management, case management, and complex quality improvement projects with demonstrated impact in multiple healthcare settings. As the clinic liaison for the HRSA NEPQR (Nurse Education, Practice, Quality & Retention) grant she works with nurses in the primary care environment to implement protocols designed to assist nurses to work at the top of their



licensure. Examples of protocols include chronic care management, transitional care management, advance care planning, and medications for opioid use disorder.



**Ty Dickerson, MD, MPH**, is Clinical Professor of Pediatrics, Assistant Dean of Global Health Education and Adjunct Professor of Family and Preventive Medicine at the University of Utah School of Medicine. Dr. Dickerson serves as a pediatric hospitalist at Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah, where he combines the clinical care of hospitalized children with the education of medical students and resident physicians. Dr. Dickerson's interests include community-based maternal & child health in resource-poor settings and physician workforce development to improve health equity among rural, remote and underserved communities. In addition to teaching clinical pediatrics, Dr. Dickerson directs the Graduate Certificate in Global Medicine and co-directs the UUSOM Ghana Global Public Health Learning Abroad Program. He also serves as the primary lead on a project aiming to increase the number of medical students who choose primary care careers and eventual clinical practice in tribal, rural and medically underserved communities that is jointly funded by the UUSOM and the Federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

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## Closing Remarks

3:00 - 3:30 pm



**Dr. Eliezer Bermudez** serves as the Dean of the College of Health Sciences at Dixie State University. Dr. Bermudez has served Indiana State's College of Health Sciences as a tenured faculty member and department chair of the Applied Health Sciences. He has taught a variety of courses in environmental health and served as a committee member for numerous master's theses. His scholarship includes 18 peer-reviewed publications in scientific journals, 85 professional presentations, and 29 grants awarded, all in the discipline of environmental health. Dr. Bermudez earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a Master of Science in Environmental Sciences from the University of Puerto Rico and a doctorate in Environmental Health Sciences from the University of California, Los Angeles. As dean, Bermudez oversees the operation of Dixie State's College of Health Sciences, which prepares students for employment in healthcare professions, trains them to lead by example and teaches them to advocate for all patients. With Certified Nursing Assistant, Dental Hygiene, Emergency Medical Services, Health & Human Performance, Medical Laboratory Science, Medical Radiography, Nursing, Physical Therapist Assistant, Phlebotomy, Respiratory Therapy and Surgical Technology programs. He also guides the creation of partnerships with Latin American universities to increase study abroad and joint research opportunities as well as recruit students for innovative joint degree programs.





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