

# Utah Commission on Aging June 12<sup>th</sup> MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Time:** 1:00 – 3:00 PM

**Location:** AARP offices, 6975 South Union Park Center [1300 E.], 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Midvale, UT 84047

Attended	INVITED ATTENDEES	REPRESENTING
	<b>Members</b>	
<b>X</b>	Karla Aguirre (proxy for Jon Pierpont) Represented today by <b>Rachel Stewart</b>	Utah Department of Workforce Services
	Representative Stewart Barlow	Utah House of Representatives
<b>X</b>	<b>Sarah Brenna</b>	Area Agencies on Aging
<b>X</b>	<b>Barry Burton</b>	UT Association of Counties
	Michael S. Cupello	Public Safety Sector
	Palmer DePaulis	UT Dept. of Human Services
<b>X</b>	<b>Teresa Garrett</b> (proxy for David Patton)	Utah Department of Health
	Danny Harris (proxy for Alan Ormsby)	Aging Advocacy Organizations
	Nels Holmgren (proxy for Palmer DePaulis)	Department of Human Services
<b>X</b>	<b>Becky Kapp</b> (Chair)	Health Care Provider Industry
	Gary Kelso	Long-Term Care
<b>X</b>	<b>William (Bill) Knowles</b>	UT Transportation
<b>X</b>	<b>Mayor Daniel McArthur</b>	UT League of Cities and Towns (St. George)
	Alan K. Ormsby, J.D.	AARP, Aging Advocacy
	O. Fahina Pasi	Ethnic Minorities
	David Patton	Utah Department of Health
<b>X</b>	<b>Anne Peterson</b> (Interim Executive Director)	Utah Commission on Aging
<b>X</b>	<b>Senator Brian Shiozawa, M.D.</b>	Utah Senate
<b>X</b>	<b>Mary Street</b>	Business Community
<b>X</b>	<b>Mark Supiano, M.D.</b>	Higher Education
	Frances (Fran) Wilby	Charitable Organizations
<b>X</b>	<b>Sophia DiCaro</b> (proxy for Spencer Eccles)	Governor's Office of Economic Development
<b>X</b>	<b>Troy Wilson</b>	Legal Profession
<b>X</b>	<b>Elizabeth (Bette) Vierra</b>	General Public
<b>X</b>	<b>Kimberlee Willette</b>	Office of the Governor
	-vacant-	Financial Institutions
	<b>Guests</b>	
<b>X</b>	Christie North	Guest – Health Insight
<b>X</b>	<b>Justin Clutter</b>	Guest – ePOLST Advisory Committee
<b>X</b>	<b>Nan Mendenhall</b>	Guest - Director, Adult Protective Services
	Kaye Mickelson	Guest – Salt Lake City Mayor's Office
<b>X</b>	<b>Donna Russell</b>	Guest – Director, Office of Public Guardian
<b>X</b>	Jan Root	Guest – Utah Health Information Network
<b>X</b>	Jim Turnbull	Guest - University of Utah Hospital & UHIN
	<b>Staff</b>	
	Holly Abel	Program Coordinator, UCOA
<b>X</b>	<b>Rhonda Hypio</b>	Program Coordinator, ADRC
<b>X</b>	<b>Jennifer Morgan</b>	Program Manager, ADRC

1. **Welcome**, Introductions, and Commission Membership Status Report – Becky Kapp

1:00 - 1:15 PM

Our chair, Becky Kapp introduced new members: Senator Brian Shiozawa (Utah Senate), Rep. Stewart Barlow (House of Representatives) Barry Burton (Utah Association of Counties), Fahina Pasi (Ethnic

Minorities), and Bette Vierra (General Public), and Budget and Policy Analyst Kimberlee Willette from Governor Herbert's office.

2. **Minutes Approval** - April Commission on Aging Meeting 1:15 – 1:20 PM  
No changes to the minutes were requested and the minutes were approved.

3. **Commission Half-Yearly Report** – Anne Peterson, Interim Executive Director 1:20 – 1:25 PM  
This highlighted changes to the Commission leadership and Members, and also work by the Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) staff and members to connect rural veterans to the ADRC for information and referral and options counseling services.

4. **Clinical Health Information Exchange (cHIE) Discussion** - Jim Turnbull, 1:25 – 1:45 PM  
CIO University of Utah Hospital, member, board of directors, Utah Health Information Network

Jim's Presentation was titled "cHIE: is there a universal opt-out solution in our future?"  
His PowerPoint presentation shows that implementation of the clinical Health Information Exchange efforts from 2011-2013 are painfully slow. Specialty clinics and small practices especially have trouble finding the time to ask patients if they would like to "opt-in." U of U healthcare has 600 separate "schedustrars" who admit patients and schedule appointments. Utah public health employees and individuals covered by Medicaid are automatically opted "in" – under House Bill 46 and they have not rebelled. Opt-Out can go the political route...with no certainty of a positive outcome, or: It can go back to the UHIN Board. This effort to get patients' doctors all on the same page to look at lab results, test results and patient histories fits with the objectives of the Affordable Care Act's drive for more effective care.

**Discussion:**

Senator Brian Shiozawa asked about the use of cHIE by HCA and IHC healthcare systems. UHIN director Jan Root said that it had been over a year since IHC has said they would contribute their data, and their data collection and consent collections are not up and running. When asked to prove the security of cHIE, UHIN invited a security audit and passed the Office of Civil Rights audit of the system's security with no problems being identified.

Community representative Betty Vierra said that she had never been queried by her physician's staff if she wanted to opt-in. They are not asking for her consent. Perhaps the doctors need some education on this?

Mark Supiano asked what guidance we could attain from states that are opt-out. Jan Root mentioned that would be easy to attain, since only a handful of the states are opt-in.

Jan Root: When the cHIE started in 2008, UHIN offers a product; it is the board's decisions that apply to that product. We have federal support through the ARRA, were chosen to be the State's designated HIE.

5. **Office of the Public Guardian and Seniors** - Donna L. Russell, Dept. of Human Services 1:45 – 2:00 PM

Donna Russell described the work that she and her staff of 6.5 FTE individuals do to oversee public guardianship issues for incapacitated individuals. She noted that Guardians take care of the person's well-

being and conservators are the decision makers over an individual's assets. If the client has more than \$50,000 and is to go on Medicaid for long term services and supports, the conservator may assist in the liquidation of assets or so-called "spend-down." Our biggest question is how we make a referral; we must have evidence of incapacity. So primarily we serve adults under the age of 60 with intellectual disabilities. We protect potential victims of financial exploitation. In cases of emergency guardianship the judge has to issue a court order for an independent attorney or the state of Utah to represent the incapacitated individual.

**Discussion:**

Troy Wilson described what the master guardian association is and how it interfaces to see that a letter of guardianship exists. Some of these issues go to the Hospital Ethics Committee.

Becky Kapp asked about conflicts of interest when a person is in a nursing home, has no family, is incapacitated and personnel at the facility make a determination for the patient. Donna said state law does not allow for individuals at a care facility to make medical decisions for residents/patients in this position.

**6. Electronic Physician Order for Life Sustaining Treatment (ePOLST) status – Christie North, Healthinsight**

Christie North gave a report on the state of Healthinsight's \$15 million end of life choice documentation system. There is now an electronic system for POLST, called e-POLST, which is easier to access for healthcare providers and Emergency Medical Services. She noted that the website of the Leaving Well Coalition is a good place to gain an understanding of the management of end-of-life issues. The coalition grew out of the Commission on Aging, and exists to ensure Utahns have the opportunity to live well to the end of life by sharing the conversation about their values, making their wishes known and receiving the end-of-life care they desire. The electronic version or ePOLST is now being tested for rollout with providers of Emergency Medical Services to some patients. So far there are 70 patients' POLST forms in the database. These are individuals in EMERITUS long-term nursing care facilities. The team conducting system development through the Dept. of Health is now analyzing data that would help identify those healthcare providers who are most likely to provide end of life care: The frequent signers of death certificates. The idea is that these people would be great to train, first. We need to have their geographic locations segmented so that we can decide where training would be most convenient for them, and whether they would be able to earn continuing medical education hours, which for their ongoing licensing is required, via ePOLST training. Christie said that Anne Peterson has been helping with an education plan that would involve education through Internal Medicine Grand Rounds at the U of U School of Medicine. Commission Chair Becky Kapp is looking into Grand Rounds possibilities at IHC. Mark Supiano said that in medical school/residency training cHIE and ePOLST should be taught together.

**7. Utah Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) – Jen Morgan, Program Manager 2:15 – 2:30 PM**

The update on the goals for ADRC expansion described a project award granted February 5, 2013 in which three Area Agencies on Aging provide information and referral and options counseling to Veterans. So far, there have been four training sessions on this held by VA Specialist Christopher Scott. So far, 39 Staff have attended which translates to 180.5 training hours taught and received. Prior to the project which began January 2013 – 12 clients were referred to VA Programs, in April 2013 80 Clients were referred or had options counseling – 89% of those clients were also referred to other Public and Private Programs. Jen provided an anecdote about a Utah man with severe medical conditions who was about to be made homeless. Looking ahead, the Administration for Community Living which has provided funding for the first two years of the program is scheduled to advise on June 13 whether funding will be made available to renew the project's budget. Stay tuned for the outcome.

8. **Senior Housing Workgroup Report** – Anne Peterson

2:30 – 2:45 PM

The Senior Housing Workgroup is taking a statewide approach to encouraging communities to incorporate planning for the aging wave in Utah through a combination of affordable housing, mixed-income housing models, and by encouraging municipal planners and private sector developers to build housing suitable for Utah's aging residents. She noted that Salt Lake City also has a committee that is make recommendations to the Mayor on what can be done to aid residents who wish to "age in place." The group will be contributing to a senior housing presentation at the Utah chapter of the American Planning Association Fall Conference October 3-4, 2013. The Senior Housing Workgroup meets June 21 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. at 75 South 200 East and all are welcome.

9. **Other business**

**The Importance of Transit Options for the Senior Community** - Bill Knowles

2:45-2:50 PM

Mass transit advocate Bill Knowles asked members of the commission to join him in creating a Transportation Workgroup or Committee. He wants to address transit development and transit issues to identify what issues should be prioritized and make recommendations. These might be helpful to David White at Salt Lake County.

Sarah Brenna suggested that one of the Area Agency on Aging Directors should be involved. Teresa Garrett and Sarah Brenna offered to be part of the workgroup Bill proposed.

**Announcements**

2:50 - 3:00 PM

Mark Supiano announced the receipt of a \$1 million training grant from the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation to strengthen training in Geriatric medicine at the University of Utah School of Medicine so that physicians can better serve Utah's aging, frail elderly.

**2013 Commission Meeting Calendar**

**Wed. August 14<sup>th</sup>** – 1-3 PM – at the Salt Lake City-County Building (Cannon Room #335), SLC, UT 84101

**Wed. October 9<sup>th</sup>** – 1-3 PM – location SL County Aging Services – 2001 South State Street, SLC, UT 84114

**Wed. December 4<sup>th</sup>** – 1-3 PM - location TBD

**Next Aging Housing Workgroup**

**Wed. July 31, 2013 2:00 - 3:30 PM** - AARP office, 6972 S Union Park Center, Suite #320. Midvale, UT. 84047

**Other Meetings**

- **Rocky Mountain Geriatrics Conference**, Sept. 9-10, 2013, Snowbird Resort  
[http://medicine.utah.edu/internalmedicine/geriatrics/conferences/rm\\_conference/index.php](http://medicine.utah.edu/internalmedicine/geriatrics/conferences/rm_conference/index.php)
- **Utah Aging Alliance 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting** - "Building a Better Life for You." Oct. 10, 2013  
Yarrow Hotel, Park City UT <http://www.utahagingalliance.org/conferences.html>

10. **Meeting Adjourned**

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