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Semi-Annual Report  
2012-2013

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## *The NEW Utah Commission on Aging*

The 2012-2013 year marked the expiration of the terms of service of the majority of the Commission's members.

We thank Senator Allen Christensen and Representative Jim Bird for their many years of service on the Commission.

My first task was seeking new volunteers with new ideas, and to re-energize those appointees whose terms of service are continuing.

We welcome our newly appointed Utah Senator, Brian Shiozawa, MD and from the Utah House of Representatives, Stewart Barlow, MD.

Here is a look at the individuals rejuvenating planning for the coming age wave in the state of Utah, also known as "The Silver Tsunami."

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Executive Director



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Karla Aguirre  
Representing UT Dept. Workforce Services



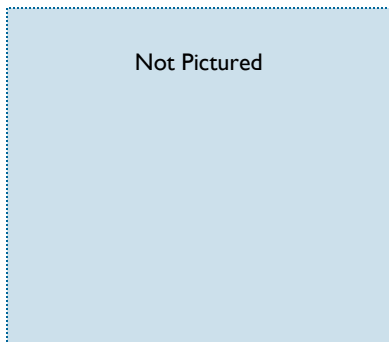
Representative Stewart Barlow, MD  
Utah House of Representatives



Sarah Brenna  
Utah Area Agencies on Aging



Barry Burton  
Utah Association of Counties



Michael Cupello  
Public Safety Sector



Palmer DePaulis  
Executive Director of Human Services



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Executive Director of Economic Development



Teresa Garrett  
Representing Utah Department of Health



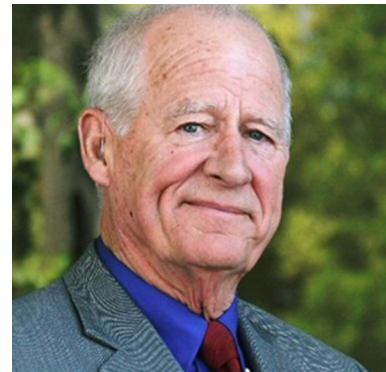
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Representing Utah Dept. of Human Services



Becky Kapp, Chair  
Representing Health Care Providers



Gary Kelso  
Long-term Care for the Elderly



William (Bill) Knowles  
Public Transportation



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Aging Advocacy



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Ethnic Minorities



David Patton  
Executive Director of Health



Jon Pierpont  
Executive Director, Dept. of Workforce Services



Senator Brian Shiozawa, MD  
Utah Senate



Mary Street  
Business Community





Mark Supiano, MD  
Higher Education in Utah



Elizabeth (Bette ) Vierra  
General Public



Fran Wilby  
Charitable Organizations



Troy Wilson, J.D.  
Legal Profession

## Workgroups

Two new workgroups have been created to address issues regarding **Senior Housing** and **Senior Education**. Watch for recommendations to be presented at the American Planning Association fall conference. The dates are October 3-4, 2013.

## Updated Website

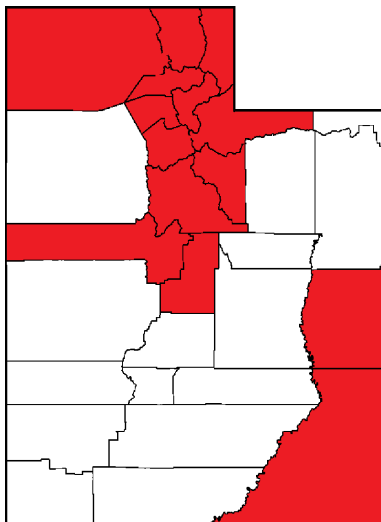
We are pleased to announce that the Commission on Aging website has been redesigned to be more user-friendly. We encourage you to please take a few moments to visit it and familiarize yourself with the new look. Please send us your feedback. <http://aging.utah.edu/programs/utah-coa/>

## Rural Veterans and Aging

In February 2013, the Utah Aging and Disability Resource Connection, which is administered by the Utah Commission on Aging, was awarded one year of funding through the VA Office of Rural Health for the ADRC/VA Project: **“Connecting Rural Veterans to the Utah Aging and Disability Resource Connection for Information and Referral and Options Counseling Services.”**

## ADRC Coverage in Utah

Utah’s ADRC sites serve more than 80% of the state’s population, with sites covering all of the Wasatch Front. The following Utah counties are



- ♦ Box Elder
- ♦ Cache
- ♦ Rich
- ♦ Weber
- ♦ Morgan
- ♦ Davis
- ♦ Salt Lake
- ♦ Utah
- ♦ Wasatch
- ♦ Summit
- ♦ Juab
- ♦ Sanpete
- ♦ Grand
- ♦ San Juan

## MANAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP

### New Interim Director and new Administrative Program Coordinator

Anne Palmer Peterson, Ed.D., serves as the Executive Director of the Utah Commission on Aging. She is the founding director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, which provides education to citizens age 50 and older through the University of Utah. She was appointed to the Utah Commission on Aging in 2005 as representative of Utah higher education.. Needs identified through her committee laid the groundwork for establishing the Utah Aging & Disability Resource Connection.

Anne completed her Doctorate in Education in 2009 at the University of London Institute of Education, studying international dimensions of lifelong learning. Her master's is in Public Administration, and her bachelor's is from the University of California, Berkeley.



Anne Palmer Peterson, Ed.D.



Holly Abel, B.A.

### Welcome

The Commission on Aging welcomes Holly Abel as our new Administrative Program Coordinator. Holly has over eight years' administrative experience at the University of Utah. She has worked previously in the departments of Biomedical Informatics and Pharmacotherapy. She coordinates the administrative needs of the Commission as well as for the Center on Aging.

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