

Utah Public Health Association

2014 Advocacy Summit: Making a Difference Where Utahns Live, Work & Play

PRESENTER INFORMATION: *(in order of appearance)*

Patrice Arent - Elected as District 36's Representative in 2010, Patrice Arent has been recognized for her efforts to improve education, safeguard consumers, protect our environment (particularly air quality), increase government efficiency, and stop tax fraud. She has repeatedly been named by the Deseret News as one of the five "Most Effective" members of the Senate and House. Patrice works with her husband David in a small family business and is the proud mother of Sarah and Josh, fifth-generation Utahns. Patrice is a graduate of the University of Utah and Cornell Law School, and has taught at the University of Utah Law School. She was a division chief in the Utah Attorney General's Office and practiced in a private law firm.

Robert Rolfs - Dr. Rolfs is a physician trained in internal medicine and epidemiology. He is Deputy Director and State Epidemiologist in the Utah Department of Health. He is also the State Health Information Technology (HIT) Coordinator and holds faculty appointments at the University of Utah in public health and biomedical informatics. He sees patients ½ day per week at the 4th Street Clinic.

Gary Edwards - Gary has worked in public health for 30 years; his career began at the Southwest Utah Public Health Department, where he was a public health educator. Mr. Edwards then spent 11 years with the Utah Department of Health in the Bureau of Health Promotion, directing the bureau for three years. Prior to joining the Salt Lake Valley Health Department as executive director in 2005, Edwards was director of the Southwest Utah Public Health Department for 12 years. Edwards received his undergraduate degree in health education from Utah State University and a Master of Science degree in health science from Western Illinois University.

Elizabeth Garbe - Elizabeth serves as the Public Policy Director for United Way of Salt Lake. Elizabeth provides assistance and support to UWSL's public policy initiatives and conducts policy analysis and research, coordinates efforts with other organizations, and facilitates public policy involvement.

Michael Barnes - Michael is a professor of health science and up to his appointment as chair, was the program director for the master of public health program in the Department of Health Science. He has received numerous scholastic honors and is the author or co-author of more than 40 original peer-reviewed publications and numerous funded research proposals totaling in excess of \$900,000. He received his bachelor's degree in health promotion and management and his master's degree in community health from Brigham Young University. He received his Ph.D. degree in public health education from Southern Illinois University.

Brad Belnap - Brad serves as a program manager within the Utah Department of Health's Cancer Control Program. Brad coordinates public health policy efforts for the Cancer Control Program, and also supports Bureau-wide policy efforts within the Bureau of Health Promotion. Brad attended the University of Utah, and has a Masters Degree in Public Policy

Jason Stevenson - Jason manages the communications and policy outreach efforts for UHPP, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to lasting solutions to the challenges of the uninsured. He also directs UHPP's Health Reform 101 presentations, an education campaign that has reached 4,000 people at 90 events throughout the state in 2013. He is a former magazine editor, freelance writer, and economic development consultant. Jason holds degrees from Harvard University and Scotland's University of Edinburgh. He and his wife Jackie, a family physician, live in Salt Lake City.