

Utah Health Workforce Advisory Council

Strengthening the health workforce for Utahns






The Utah Health Workforce Advisory Council (HWAC) was established in 2022 through the Utah Health Workforce Act, now Utah Code 26-69-101. The council is charged with providing information and recommendations to expand and strengthen Utah's health workforce.

About the HWAC

In 2021, the Utah Office of Primary Care and Rural Health brought together more than 50 individuals from the government and private sector to determine strategic recommendations for strengthening Utah's health workforce. That stakeholder group developed a formalized strategy for reviewing information, identifying gaps, setting priorities, and producing data-driven recommendations for Utah's health workforce.

In 2022, the Utah Health Workforce Advisory Council (HWAC) was established as an advisory council within the Utah Department of Health and Human Services (UDHHS or DHHS). The Department of Health and Human Services' executive director is the chair of the council, which has 14 additional members from both state and private entities.

The HWAC holds quarterly public meetings, where it fulfills its statutorily authorized duties and provides:

-  Recommendations to strengthen the workforce serving Utahns.
-  Comments on legislation related to the health workforce.
-  Guidance to state entities on health workforce matters.

Learn more about the HWAC



Contact HWAC staff or visit the council's website to learn more:
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HWAC study areas

Health workforce supply

Employment trends and demand

Options for training and educating the workforce

Implementation or improvement of strategies to address health workforce needs

- Shortages
- Recruitment
- Retention

Other health workforce priorities

Provide guidance to state entities on health workforce-related matters

Review and comment on legislation

Advise Utah Board of Higher Education and Legislature on health professionals in training

Utah Code 26-69-202