Utah Department of
Health & Human Services
Integrated Healthcare

BAC Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2026

Attendees

DIH employees:

Sharon Steigerwalt	Kolbi Young
Michelle Smith	Laurie Bird
Brian Roach	Nate Checketts
Ronak Iqbal	Julie Ewing
Greg Trollan	

BAC Members:

Member 1	Member 5
Member 2	Member 6
Member 3	Member 7
Member 4	Member 8

Ronak called the meeting to order.

Introductions and Welcome

- Julie Ewing introduced herself as the new Medicaid Director. Coming from University of Utah Health Plans Compliance Director.
- Ronak asked some of the Medicaid employees in attendance to introduce themselves. Brian Roach Assistant Medicaid Director. Greg Trollan with Managed Care.
- Our 3 new BAC Meeting members

Approve October 9, 2025 Minutes

BAC Member brought up a couple of member questions that were not addressed in the minutes. Disability exclusion determinations time frame for example, will medically frail need to have a redetermination since it is a medical condition that will not go away? Brian: We will give more information at the next meeting.

BAC Member brought up that their name isn't in the minutes and wasn't sure if these meetings are recorded. Sharon: We do not record this meeting. It is a safe place. Meeting minutes will not include member names or any personal information. We are required to post minutes on our website. Ronak will try to repeat that information at the beginning of the meetings.

- Minutes were motioned and seconded for approval as posted with a note that there is information missing for the disability requirement question mentioned.

H.R. 1 Federal Updates and Q&A

Michelle was called to another meeting so Brian will give updates. We are transitioning soon from planning and design phase to policy and writing phase. This is being referred to as H.R. 1 or OBBBA or One Big Beautiful Bill Act. Please know that it is all the same thing.

21 Medicaid reforms came out of this bill.
Working directly with CMS. Calls every Friday.

Refer to the following form for more information
OBBBA FAQ for members
https://medicaid-documents.dhhs.utah.gov/Documents/pdfs/OBBBA%20FAQ%20for%20members_8.2025.pdf

Member questions:

Public safety.
We will use screening tools, employment resources and Workforce Services..

Members don't have resources to know what to do or when to do it to stay on Medicaid.
DWS outreach officers but we need to expand ideas on how to approve that support or connections. There are many community engagement partners we can connect with to help.

Concerned with those who fall in the middle and are not disabled or on social security.
We agree that more definitions are needed for the medically frail. There are a lot of chronic conditions. We are not sure where the line will be drawn. CMS will be very definitive. We expect to utilize diagnosis codes. CMS is still defining what those codes will be. Can we get an update on that as soon as possible?

There are a lot of us that have conditions with no diagnosis codes.

Are there going to be more employees to be able to administer these requirements?
We did recognize staffing needs. It was part of the budget request. DWS will be adding additional staff.
Ronak suggested that we invite someone to the next meeting to address this.

What about someone that has a major incident. Do they have additional time if they are in a rehab for example?

Retro can go back to the month prior to the application date.

Member will email Michelle since we are out of time. Looking into overpayment resources and that population having the resources to pay. Unemployment Insurance and Social Security services have different programs if paying those dollars will cause undo hardship but Medicaid does not. Just curious about talking about that for next time.

Please email Michelle michellesmith@utah.gov with ideas of how to help with supplying resources, outreach and communication for H.R. 1.

Email Sharon ssteigerwalt@utah.gov with additional agenda items or meeting questions.

Next Meeting: May 14, 2026 2:00-3:00