

# Medicaid Advisory Committee

*Minutes of Jan 8, 2026*

## Participants

### Committee Members (via phone):

Rachel Craig (Chair), Dr. Jennifer Brinton, Darryl Herrschaft, Rylee Curtis, Januel Gomez-Colon, Melissa Presley, Emma Chacon, Nancy Strahan, Dr. Scott Folkman, Sabra Ewing, Mechelle Wiggill, Alicia Beckstead, Joe Hirabayashi, Matt Poss, and Davis Moore.

### Committee Members Absent:

Joey Ulrich, Calleen Kenney, Jennifer Marchant, and Cassidy Matthews.

### DHHS Staff (via phone):

Josip Ambrenac, Tracy Barkley, Laura Belgique, Gina Boren, Mary Cavanaugh, Nate Checketts, Julie Ewing, Tonya Hales, Ronak Iqbal, Jennifer Meyer-Smart, Todd Neff, Brian Roach, Michelle Smith, Jennifer Wiser, Kolbi Young, Sharon Steigerwalt, and Dorrie Reese

### Guest (via phone):

Allison Allred (GOPB), Neil Erickson (OIG), Jen Luckau (DGO), Elise Napper (DGO), Nune Phillips (EDO), Stacey Swilling (State Dental Director), Jeremy Taylor (AI/AN),

### Welcome:

Rachel Craig welcomed everyone.

### Approval of Minutes:

James Bekker made the motion to approve October 16, 2025, MCAC minutes. Alicia Beckstead seconded that motion. The group unanimously agreed.

### Welcome New Medicaid Director:

Rachel Craig welcomed Julie Ewing, State Medicaid Director

### Welcome New MAC Members:

Rachel Craig welcomed Rylee Curtis, Provider Representative, Utah Hospitals, Emma Chacon, Provider Representative, Managed Care Organizations, and Januel Gomez-Colon, Consumer Representative, Independent Living Centers/Individuals with Disabilities.

### BAC Update:

Dr. Ronak Iqbal gave an update.

### Notices Committee Report:

Gina Boren gave an update

### Governor's Budget:

Nate Checketts gave an update.

## Rural Health Transformation Update:

Dr. Ronak Iqbal gave an update.

[Rural health - Department of Health and Human Services](#)

<https://www.rhau.org/>

<https://www.rhau.org/grant-writing-support>

## Targeted Adult Medicaid (TAM) Discussion:

Julie Ewing and Brian Roach gave an update.

<https://www.medicaid.gov/resources-for-states/downloads/contin-elig-ltr-to-states.pdf>

Email questions to Sharon Steigerwalt @ [ssteigerwalt@utah.gov](mailto:ssteigerwalt@utah.gov)

## H.R. 1/OBBBA Project Update:

Michelle Smith and Brian Roach gave an update.

[Utah Medicaid H.R.1 Project Status](#)

## Other:

Matt Hansen

<https://www.healthpolicyproject.org/annual-conference/>

## Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45pm. Informal Meeting at the Capital Feb 26, 2026, at 10:00-12:00 p.m. North Capital State Room

The next meeting is scheduled for Mar 26, 2026, at 10:00-12:00 p.m.