

Medicaid Advisory Committee

Minutes of Jun 25, 2026

Participants

Committee Members (via phone):

Rachel Craig (Chair), Darryl Herrschaft, Rylee Curtis, Joey Ulrich, Januel Gomez-Colon, Melissa Presley, Emma Chacon, Nancy Strahan, Sabra Ewing, Calleen Kenney, Alicia Beckstead, and Matt Poss.

Committee Members Absent:

Dr. Jennifer Brinton, Dr. Scott Folkman, Jennifer Marchant, Mechelle Wiggill, Joe Hirabayashi, Cassidy Matthews and Davis Moore.

DHHS Staff (via phone):

Josip Ambrenac, Tracy Barkley, Gina Boren, Tom Davies, Julie Ewing, Ronak Iqbal, Laure Lang, Matt Lund, Brian Roach, Michelle Smith, Jason Stewart, Kolbi Young, Sharon Steigerwalt, and Dorrie Reese

Guest (via phone):

Queentela Abajuo, Clea Bell, Jordan Bracken, Grace Broussard, Stephanie Burdick, Brittany Carver, Drew Cooper, Jeannie Edens, Russ Elbel, Richard Ferguson, Michael Hales, Matt Hansen, Amy Johnson, Jesse Liddell, Greg Marista, Tatiana Mateus, Joni Nebeker, Andrea Neilsen, Bryce Nelson, Megan Neuf, Anna Ott (GOPB), Stuart Pappas, Anita Quedraogo, Alisha Rao, Andrew Riggle, Leigha Rodak, Jeff Royston, Kasey Shakespear, Matt Slonaker, Nicole Vallieres, Mark Ward, Emily Willis (GOPB), Kaye Lynn Wooton (AG), and Melissa Zito

Welcome:

Rachel Craig welcomed everyone.

Approval of Minutes:

Sabra Ewing made the motion to approve May 28, 2026, MCAC minutes. Nancy Strahan seconded that motion. The group unanimously agreed.

Chair & Vice Chair Appointments:

Rachel Craig mentioned that Dr. Jennifer Brinton will take over as Chair in October 2026. They are accepting nominations for Vice Chair. If anyone is interested, please email Sharon Steigerwalt @ ssteigerwalt@utah.gov

Nominations for Open Appointments:

Rachel Craig mentioned they are accepting nominations for Consumer Representative for Behavioral/Mental Health (October 2026) and Consumer Representative for Senior Citizen Community (January 2027). If anyone is interested, please email Sharon Steigerwalt @ ssteigerwalt@utah.gov

Discussion and Vote on Budget Recommendations:

Rachel Craig discussed the voting on budget recommendations. Final voting results will be heard at the end of the meeting.



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MAC Annual Report:

Rachel Craig gave an update on the MAC Annual Report.



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MOTION:

Rachel Craig made the motion to approve the MAC Annual Report. Emma Chacon approved that motion. Nancy Strahan seconded that motion. The group unanimously approved.

Notices Committee Report:

Tatiana Mateus gave an update on the notices reviewed.

Medicaid Pregnancy App – Canopie, Inc

Lauren Lang, and Brian Roach gave an update on the Medicaid Pregnancy App (Canopie, Inc.)



MAC Canopie App
Overview.pdf

H.R. 1 Update:

Julie Ewing, Brian Roach, and Michelle Smith gave an update on H.R. 1

Director's Report:

Julie Ewing gave an update on CMCS Program Integrity Letter, and Upcoming Medicaid Policy Changes.

Medicaid Eligibility & Enrollment Update:

Michelle Smith and Brian Roach gave an update on Medicaid Eligibility and Enrollment.

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Voting Results for budget Recommendations:

Sharon Steigerwalt gave an update from the voting results budget recommendations.



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Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Aug 27, 2026, 10:00-12:00 p.m.