Grant Awards:

Holy Cross Ministries, in collaboration with Utah Action Coalition for Health, awarded Dr. Teresa Garrett $22,100 for the project “Building Diversity and Health Equity Competence into the Pipeline of Utah’s Nursing Workforce.” A two-part project designed to build diversity and health equity competence in Utah’s nursing workforce pipeline, this will be accomplished through partnerships
with nursing and multi-sector organizations to help ensure everyone has a fair and just opportunity to live a long and healthy life. This project will impact multiple structural inequities with an emphasis on poverty, income, and educational attainment. This one-year project was funded for the period October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022.

The Huntsman Cancer Institute’s Breast and Gynecologic Cancer Center awarded a $50,000 pilot project award to Dr. Deanna Kepka for her study titled *Assessment of HPV Vaccine Hesitancy in Utah*. Collaborators include Anne Kirchhoff, Dr. Michelle Litchman, and Dr. Echo Warner. The goal of this funding is to promote transdisciplinary, collaborative research that will impact our understanding, prevention, and/or treatment of breast cancer. This one-year project was funded for the period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

Washington University in St. Louis awarded Dr. Michelle Litchman $40,000 for her proposal “*Adaptation and Refinement of a Multi-Modal Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support Program for Deaf Care Partners.*” This study will 1) adapt the exiting Diabetes One-Day Program (D1D) for use in rural communities (Rural Diabetes One-Day Program or R-D1D), and 2) conduct a patient-level pilot randomized control trial to examine effects of R-D1D (intervention group) versus standard patient education (attention control group), guided by the RE-AIM framework. The ultimate goal is to reduce health disparities in rural populations by increasing access to diabetes specialty care using telehealth. This one-year project was funded for the period of December 1, 2021 to November 30, 2022.

**Presentations:**

Dr. Echo Warner delivered an oral presentation titled *Patient and Caregiver Use of Social Media for Cancer Information and Solutions to Combat Misinformation* at the 4th Global Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Congress, the premier adolescent and young adult oncology conference worldwide.

**Publications:**


College Kudos will not be published on December 27, 2021 or on January 3, 2022.