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## Grant Awards:

**Dr. Linda Edelman** (co-program director) received a \$2,000,000 Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Rural Communities Opioid Response Program – Mental and Behavioral Health grant. Additional CON faculty include **Dr. Brenda Luther** and **Dr. Larry Garrett**. Dr. Elizabeth Howell from Addiction Psychiatry is the School of Medicine lead. Kasey Shakespear from the Utah Center for Rural Health/Southern Utah Area Health Education Center is co-program director. During this 4-year project, the team will provide Collaborative Care Training for office-based addiction treatment in health clinics, and support community-based

programs for patients and families in Carbon, Emery, and Wayne counties.

**Drs. Andrea Wallace** and **Alycia Bristol** (MPIs), along with **Drs. Paula Meek, Jia-Wen Guo,** and **Gary Donaldson** (co-Is), received a \$1,199,831 Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) R01 grant for their proposal titled *Uncovering Caregiver Discharge Readiness for Patient Care Transitions from Hospital to Home: The UCare Study*. During this 3-year study, their goal is to develop and test a measure that captures the unique factors important to caregivers' feelings of readiness to engage in caregiving upon discharge from the hospital. Using a mixed-methods approach, the specific aims of this study are to 1) develop a theoretically grounded and psychometrically sound caregiver hospital discharge readiness scale (FamRHDS-R); 2) establish the psychometric properties and measurement invariance of the FamRHDS-R; and 3) establish whether and how the FamRHDS-R is associated with a range of caregiver and patient outcomes.

**Drs. Deanna Kepka** (subcontract PI) and **Echo Warner** (co-I) received a \$580,364 National Cancer Institute subcontract award with Drs. David Buller of Klein Buendel, Inc. and Andrew Sussman of University of New Mexico (MPIs) for their proposal titled *#4Corners4Health: A Social Media Cancer Prevention Program for Rural Emerging Adults*. During this 5-year project, their goal is to decrease cancer risk factors among emerging adults aged 18-26 living in rural counties in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah (i.e., "Four Corners" states), using a social media campaign designed with community advisors.

**Dr. Deanna Kepka** (PI), along with **Drs. Echo Warner, Michelle Litchman,** Ben Haaland (co-Is), and Drs. Gloria Coronado and Wendy Birmingham (consultants) received a \$305,717 Independent Investigator Award from Merck for their proposal titled *Multi-component Assessment of HPV Vaccine Hesitancy in Utah*. The purpose of this 2-year project is to uncover disparities in adolescent HPV vaccination hesitancy among rural and religious communities in Utah. They will elicit community feedback about HPV vaccination, social media use, and religiosity. They will also examine the penetration of HPV vaccination misinformation in selected rural and religious communities. These findings will inform HPV vaccination social media campaign messages that integrate local values and perspectives.

**Dr. Lynn Reinke** (PI) received a \$250,000 Cambia Health Foundation grant for her proposal titled *Advanced Practice Clinical Palliative Care Fellowship: A Leading Edge Program Responding to Workforce Demands, Underserved Populations, and Rural and Behavioral Health Needs*. The goal of this 3-year project is to develop an Advanced Practice Clinical Palliative Care Fellowship, the first such program in the West, and support three fellows at the University of Utah.

Special thanks to members of the pre-award team who supported these scientists – **Emily Bailey, Hollie Fuhrmann, Dr. Erin Meyer,** and **Terri Pianka**.

## Presentations:

College of Nursing faculty, a postdoctoral fellow, a PhD student, and staff will present at the [2022 State of the Science Congress on Nursing Research: Social & Structural Determinants of Health](#) in Washington, DC.

- **Dr. Catherine Elmore, Katie Feldner, Mackenzie Elliott, Kristin Flores, Dr. Alycia Bristol, Dr. Erin Johnson, and Dr. Andrea Wallace** will present a symposium.
  - *Exploring the Role of Social Needs and Support in Discharge Planning (Andrea Wallace)*
  - *Associations Between Social Support, Readmission Risk and Patient Discharge Readiness: Exploratory Findings from Secondary Data (Catherine Elmore)*
  - *Discharge Team Social Resource Determination: Association with Perceived Discharge Readiness (Katie Feldner)*
  - *Social Resource Assessment and Discharge Destination (Alycia Bristol)*
  - *Implementation of Social Needs Screening in Inpatient Care during COVID (Mackenzie Elliott)*
- **Dr. Nancy Allen** will present *Emotional/Social/Cultural Distress in the Era of COVID 19 among Hispanic Individuals with Chronic Illness*.
- **Dr. Youjeong Kang** will present *Social Determinants of Health and 30-day Rehospitalization in Medicare Beneficiaries with Heart Failure*.
- **Samuel Wang** will present *Factors Associated with Patients Not Receiving Community Social Resources*.

## Publications:

Bromley FA, **Taylor-Swanson LJ**, Chao MT. Room for all: Inclusive diversity, equity, and access in acupuncture practice, education, and research. *EXPLORE*. 2022. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.explore.2022.08.013>

**Kent-Marvick J, Simonsen S, Pentecost R, Taylor E**, McFarland MM. Loneliness in pregnant and postpartum people and parents of children aged 5 years or younger: A scoping review. *Sys Rev*. 2022;11:196. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13643-022-02065-5>

## Professional Development:

**Hollie Fuhrmann** was accepted, through a competitive selection process, to participate in the 2022-2023 Cohort of the Leadership, Engagement, and Development (LEAD) program offered through the National Organization of Research Development Professionals (NORPD). LEAD helps illuminate pathways for member engagement, service, and leadership throughout NORDP and within the research development profession. Programming will focus on helping participants understand different leadership strengths and styles; plan for professional growth; and learn about opportunities for advancing diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in research development. Participants also will learn about NORDP's operations and structure, serving on the NORDP or other non-profit boards, and opportunities for service throughout the organization.

## Community Service:

Leaders from Juvenile Justice and Youth Services (JJYS) contacted **Dr. Jennifer Clifton** asking to help the Department of Corrections (DOC) staff at the adult prison when the prison electronic health record (EHR) inaccurately transcribed medications from the previous EHR, resulting in many persons missing doses of medications. **Chase Roberts** quickly drafted a Memo of Understanding, and **Alex Hanson**, Nurse Manager, immediately recruited **nurses from the College's team who work at JJYS facilities** to help at the adult prison. Providing this administrative assistance eased the burden on DOC staff, and helped restore correct administration of medications to individuals incarcerated at the new jail. Dr. Clifton received the following email:

"I just want to express an extra thank you to our CoN partners for helping out with this project. I know it was an extraordinary effort that ensured people who need medication get it. I am proud to be partner with such great people.  
Be well,  
Reg Garff,  
UDHHS Program Director, Office of Operational Policy & Special Projects"

## International Service:

**Dr. Kimberly Garcia**, in partnership with the local Ministry of Health (MOH) and with support from a CON Intramural grant, spent two weeks in a remote region of Guatemala educating lay midwives about COVID. More than 200 lay midwives, who attend the majority of births at home in their country, participated in educational sessions in 11 locations throughout the Petén Department. Dr. Garcia taught low-literacy lay midwives signs and symptoms of COVID, what to do if a pregnant patient has COVID, the risks of the virus to the pregnant patient and fetus, the benefits of the vaccine for the pregnant patient and fetus, and the timing of vaccines. She gave lay midwives necessary birth supplies, such as fetoscopes, exam gloves, umbilical cord tape, scissors, measuring tapes, chux, cleansers, KN95 face masks, and bulb syringes. Lay midwives and MOH nurses were abundantly grateful for the support from their colleagues at the University of Utah College of Nursing.

## In the Media:

**Dr. Schola Matovu** was interviewed for [Mental Health Trailblazers – Psychiatric Nurses Speak Up!](#) – the American Nurses Association's Minority Fellowship Program's podcast, which features the groundbreaking journeys of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color psychiatric mental health nurses in their quest to meet the urgent and unmet needs of under-represented communities in America.

In its [September 2022 newsletter](#), Urban Indian Center of Salt Lake featured registered nurse **Leslie Crandall** in a photo, and provided information about obtaining free COVID-19 test kits.

## Panel Presentation:

Deans Elizabeth Kronk Warner and **Marla De Jong** moderated a panel discussion titled *What Does the Dobbs Decision Mean for Medical Professionals?* Panelists included Drs. Leslie Francis, Misha Pangasa, Jessica Sanders, and **Sara Simonsen**.