



## Utah Medical Education Council (UMEC)

- Eight-member, governor-appointed council
- Since 1997, UMEC has operated as a public/private partnership with University Hospital, Intermountain Healthcare, St. Mark's Hospital, and Salt Lake Regional Medical Center.
- One key benefit of the public nature of UMEC is the tracking and reporting of all residency hours throughout the year. This brings an additional \$3 million annually to Utah for residency programs.
- Another benefit of the public nature of UMEC is the ability to focus on the medical workforce needs of the entire state and to create efficiencies in training efforts.
  - For example, the current agreement among UMEC, University Hospital, and Intermountain Healthcare provides for 45 privately-funded residents in needed specialties.
- UMEC is considered a model for other states in how to collaborate in aligning GME with the state's workforce needs.
  - The Institute of Medicine looked at the Utah model in its review of how to increase accountability in GME financing.
  - UMEC has had visits with representatives from Alabama, Alaska, Idaho, Georgia, Louisiana, South Dakota and Texas to provide technical assistance.
- As part of its public mission, UMEC administers the Rural Rotation Pilot program, which was unanimously recommended by the Health and Human Services Interim Committee and the reauthorization bill passed the House 71-0 on the first day of the 2015 session.
  - This program provides medical professionals with unique insight into providing care in rural locations and lowers barriers that could prevent a medical professional from choosing to practice in a rural location.
- The Legislature expanded the UMEC mission in 2013 to include nursing in our study professions and in 2014 UMEC received the designation as the Nursing Workforce Information Center for the state.
  - UMEC is currently surveying all nurses in the state to gather the data for the minimum data sets.
  - The Utah Hospital Association Workforce Committee has already reviewed data from the education data set.
- UMEC provides comprehensive research on the health professions in Utah that guide decision-making by educational training programs and the health care industry.