



June 1, 2016

Mr. Rob Ence, Executive Director
Utah Commission on Aging
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RE: Letter of Support for reauthorization of the Utah Commission on Aging

Dear Mr. Ence:

HealthInsight is pleased to support your proposal for reauthorization of the Utah Commission on Aging.

HealthInsight is a private, nonprofit, community-based organization dedicated to improving health and health care, comprised of locally governed organizations in three western states: Nevada, New Mexico and Utah. As such, it is able to draw upon the unique social and cultural elements of each state, as well as the quality improvement expertise in those states that has been developed over three decades. HealthInsight holds numerous contracts and grants to improve health care, including our Medicare Quality Innovation Network- Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO) contract for which we engage providers and the community on multiple, data-driven quality initiatives to improve patient safety, reduce harm, engage patients and families, and improve clinical care.

For the last several years, HealthInsight has focused on increasing community awareness around advance care planning (ACP). Due to the strong alignment between HealthInsight's Board priorities and the CoA's strategic goals, there has been a close partnership to address the ACP gaps in the community and implement pilot initiatives under CMMI's State Innovation Model Planning grant. The CoA has been a very valuable community stakeholder in facilitating discussions on a community-wide practice of integrating patients' ACP preferences within the healthcare system. Leadership from the CoA played a vital role in the redesign of the state's Physician Order for Life-Sustaining (POLST) form. HealthInsight convenes an ACP Advisory group comprising of key community stakeholders and we will continue to work with the CoA in ensuring that the work is sustained beyond the grant timeline.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Juliana Preston".

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