



# U-IMPACT NEWSLETTER

UTAH INTERMOUNTAIN-WEST PARTNERSHIP TO IMPROVE SURGICAL CARE TRANSITIONS

## PRESENCE AT 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL UTAH HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Our patient partner, Mr. Gordon Carmichael, was asked to take a prominent role in Health Insight's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Utah Health Services Research Conference held at the University of Utah on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017. He participated on a patient panel focused on how to improve engagement and outcomes with patients, caregivers, and providers. Our team was there to wholeheartedly lend our support as he served in this role. Audience feedback confirmed that Mr. Carmichael's remarks were particularly poignant and applicable to the subject at hand. We are pleased and grateful for Mr. Carmichael's continued willingness to serve this project and take on new and somewhat public challenges.

Also at the conference, Stacey Slager, MS, presented a poster, "Where is the Patient in the Surgical Transition of Care?" highlighting themes from over 40 interviews with patients, surgeons, and primary care providers regarding their communication among each other throughout a surgical episode of care.



## GRANT SUBMISSION UPDATE

In December 2016, our team submitted a full Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) funding award application focused on identifying an effective intervention for improving care coordination during transitions of surgical care. We are anxiously awaiting news on that submission.

The PCORI Board of Governors Meeting will be held Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. This meeting is where announcements will be made regarding funding of proposals (possibly ours), and is open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. EDT. To register for the webinar/teleconference, visit:

<http://www.pcori.org/events/2017/board-governors-meeting-3>.