



# HEALTH CARE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL



## Innovation develops the health care work force.

The region is home to more than 4,500 health care companies employing more than 195,000 people. The region is ranked 14th in the nation for health care jobs with Phoenix leading the way as the top-ranked city. The region is second in availability of a skilled health care workforce. In Arizona, hospitals employ over 80,000 people and contribute \$11.5 billion to the gross state product.

The Greater Phoenix region boasts internationally prominent research and treatment facilities, including Banner M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Barrow Neurological Institute, Cancer Treatment Centers of America, Mayo Clinic, Phoenix Children’s Hospital and Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen). Fourteen of the region’s hospitals are ranked with high-performing specialties and of these, four have one or more nationally ranked specialties.

## Who is involved?

PHOENIX FORWARD’s Health Care Leadership Council is a catalyst for facilitating connections and collaborations which drive business growth and prosperity for the region. The council is made up of industry leaders chaired by Linda Hunt, CEO of Dignity Health of Arizona and vice-chair, Steve Narang, M.D.

- **Peggy Chase**, *President and CEO*, Terros
- **Joseph G. Gaudio, C.P.A.**, *President and CEO* UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Arizona
- **Christina Noble**, *Vice President Business Development* Sonora Quest Laboratories
- **Suzanne Pfister**, *President and CEO*, Vitalyst Health Foundation
- **Teri Pipe, Ph.D., RN**, *Chief Well-Being Officer, Dean and Professor*, ASU College of Nursing and Health Innovation
- **Matt Sesto**, *Market Vice President of Store Operations*, Walgreens Co.
- **Matt Silverman**, *Vice President and Managing Director*, R&R Partners
- **Carrie Smith**, *Chief Operating Officer*, Foundation for Senior Living
- **Jeff Steltnik**, *Vice President, Strategy, Sales and Marketing* BlueCross BlueShield of Arizona
- **Kip Welch**, *Vice President Talent Acquisition*, Phoenix Children’s Hospital
- **Brian White**, *President*, Stryker Sustainability Solutions

## Guiding Principles and Accomplishments:

- Develop a stronger talent pipeline for medical professionals, as with the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact which allows practitioners from other participating states to use their existing medical license in AZ
- Promote Wellness AtoZ, a program of the Greater Phoenix Chamber Foundation (GPCF) aimed at making the Greater Phoenix region known as a destination for healthy talent and a healthy community
- Promote and leverage the region’s health care assets, connecting health care providers, payers and educators
- Benchmark the Phoenix region with other medical centers of excellence around the world
- Advocate for policies that strengthen the health care industry, such as the State Loan Repayment Program, which supports medical students practicing in AZ post graduation



### CHAIR

**Linda Hunt**  
*CEO*  
Dignity Health of Arizona

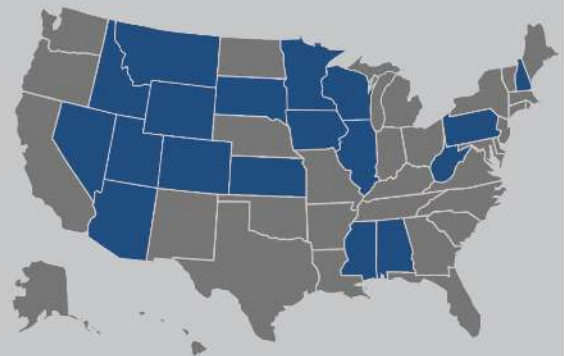


### VICE CHAIR

**Steve Narang, M.D.**  
*CEO*  
Banner - University Medical Center Phoenix

## The Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Legislative Overview

Doctors without state borders: The Interstate Medical Licensure Compact allows practitioners licensed in participating states to begin practicing immediately across state lines.



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