

## UTAH

### **Joseph Miner, MD**

*Executive Director*

*Utah Department of Health*

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Governor Gary R. Herbert appointed Joseph K. Miner as executive director of the Utah Department of Health (UDOH) in August 2015. As director, Miner oversees nearly 1,000 health department employees with the goal of helping Utah become the healthiest state in the nation. The department has more than 100 programs, each operating out of several key divisions: Disease Control and Prevention, Family Health and Preparedness, Medicaid and Health Finance and the Center for Health Data and Informatics. While the agency's programs are diverse, ranging from anti-tobacco efforts to assisting children with special healthcare needs, to licensing day care facilities and ensuring the state's most vulnerable residents have access to healthcare, the mission of UDOH is consistent: help Utahns enjoy the best health possible.

Prior to his appointment as executive director, Miner served as executive director of the Utah County Health Department for 32 years. Miner holds three degrees: a Bachelor of Science degree from Brigham Young University and a Doctorate of Medicine and Master of Science degree in public health, both from the University Of Utah School Of Medicine.

Following an internal medicine internship at Keesler Air Force Medical Center in Biloxi, Mississippi, Miner completed the U.S. Air Force's primary course in aerospace medicine at Brooks Air Force Base, Texas, and served two years as flight surgeon and chief of aerospace medicine at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri.

Miner completed a residency in preventive medicine/public health at the University of Utah School of Medicine. During his residency training, he served as acting director of the Weber/Morgan Health Department in Ogden, Utah. Miner is board certified by the American Board of Preventive Medicine.

Miner is a fellow of the American College of Preventive Medicine and long-time member of the American Medical Association and the American Public Health Association, as well as their state affiliates. He has also served as a medical consultant for local mental health, youth corrections, and vocational rehabilitation agencies as well as a consultant in occupational medicine. Miner is a past recipient of the Beatty Award for Distinguished Service in Public Health.