Governor's Award for Excellence Ceremony

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The Governor's Statement:

The backbone of any great public health department is data. Great data facilitates great decision-making, which leads to well-informed policy decisions that work to improve and protect the health of our residents.

The Utah Department of Health is recognized nationally as a leader in health data. The engine that drives these systems, and Utah’s overall public health data efforts, is Dr. Wu Xu.

Dr. Xu is an exceptional leader whose contributions to public health data have directly improved the lives of Utah residents.

Utah’s data systems, like the “Indicator Based Information System,” the “Utah Statewide Immunization Information System,” and the “All Payer Claims Database,” are envied nationwide. These systems have directly led to policies, procedures, and even statutes, that contribute to the well-being of Utahns on a daily basis.