

McKinley Community Health Alliance

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Health Alliance Monthly Meeting

March 11th, 2026

11:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.

Zoom Online Conference

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The monthly meeting of the McKinley Community Health Alliance convened on Wednesday, March 11th, 2026, at 11am online via the Zoom online conferencing platform.

The following people/entities were present:

Christopher Hudson (he/him/his)—MCHA Program Manager/Health Council Coordinator
Heather Smith—Four Corners Detox and Recovery Center, and MCHA Public & Community Health Intern (Fall 2025)
Alisha Chavez—Project ECHO, UNM Health Sciences
Anna Rondon—New Mexico Social Justice Equity Institute
Brittany Yazzie—MCHA Core Team
Chenoa Bah Stilwell Jensen—SW Indigenous Housing Justice Collaborative
Cynthia Killough #she/ella—UNM Health Sciences
Debra Martinez—Gallup Behavioral Health
Diana Good—New Mexico Department of Health
Evangeline ‘Vangie’ Redsteer—State of New Mexico Aging and Long-Term Services Department
Gerilyn Antonio—New Mexico Alliance of Health Councils
Helen Tso— UNM Health Sciences Center NW Health Extension Regional Office
Jodie Henderson (she/her)—Youth Shelter & Family Services
Joyce Hudson—NM Social Justice Equity Institute
Ken Collins—Hozho Center for Personal Enhancement
Kerri Cotton— Santa Fe Recovery Center
Kimberly Martin—Sexual Assault Services of NW New Mexico
Loxitawny Campbell— MCHA Public & Community Health Intern (Winter 2026)
Nicole Begay—Gallup Community Health
Randell ‘Randy’ Benally—UNM Health Sciences
Rebecca Garcia—Project ECHO, UNM Health Sciences
Savannah Watson—City of Gallup Behavioral Health Department
Surphina Oyebi—New Mexico Department of Health-Office of School & Adolescent Health
Theresa Yazzie—GIMC/Crownpoint HIS/OEH
Tius James—Gallup Community Health
Zunneh-bah Jim—MCHA Core Team, and Missing & Murdered Dine Relatives Coalition
Kris Pikaart—Gallup Community Health
Shelby Jackson—Gallup Community Health
Anita Muneta—MCHA Core Team/Housing Justice Team/Health Profile Team

Josephine Barney—Molina Healthcare
Eirena Begay—MCHA Housing Justice Community Organizer

The monthly meeting of the McKinley Community Health Alliance convened this month to welcome Alisha Chavez from Project ECHO, with UNM Health Sciences to present on Project ECHO and a E4DMMC Study. Following the presentation we held agenda space for closing reflections and final priority legislation updates of the NM Legislative 2026 30-day session. Lastly, we held space for our regular partners updates & community announcements, openly made by those present and in the chat log.

Notes by Loxitawny Campbell, MCHA Public & Community Health Intern (Winter 2026)
Thank You! - Ahéhee' - Gracias – Elahkwa

NOTES:

March 11, 2026

Attendance: Loxitawny Campbell, Christopher Hudson, Diana Good, Alisha Chavez, Evangeline Redsteer, Theresa Yazzie, Ken Collins, Joyce Hudson, Savannah Watson, Helen Tso, Rebecca Garcia, Brittany Yazzie, Titus James, Randy Benally, Nicole Begay, Gerilyn Antonio, Jodie Henderson, Kris Pikaart, Zunneh-bah Jim, Debra Martinez, Kimberly Martin, Cynthia Killough, Anna Rondon, Heather Smith, Kerri Cotten, Chenoa Bah, Surphina Oyebi, Shelby Jackson, Randy Benally, Kimberly Martin, Eirena Begay, Josephine Barney, and Anita Muneta

Overview

- Alisha Chavez (Project ECHO) presented on a diabetes clinical trial (20 NM Sites)
- Legislative Wins: \$4M secured for health councils, HB\$ passed (Medicaid coverage support)
- Housing Justice Initiative shifting to Gallup Community Health
- Upcoming: Core Team March 17, Full Meeting: April 8
- Intern Loxitawny Campbell wrapping up term

Key Actions

- Alisha send slides, share resources, check Navajo IRB
- Chris send materials, update listserv, send meeting links
- Cynthia share internship flyer
- Savannah/Shelby share resources and join listserv

Key Updates

- Project ECHO: Virtual provider training, study includes 7,000 patients
- Legislation: Funding partially secured, housing bills delayed, HB4 passed
- DOH: Q3 reports, recertification planning

Partner Highlights

- Behavioral Health: Book club, meeting, wellness event
- Social Justice: Anti-uranium efforts, \$50K grant
- CT Rex: Summer internship (\$5K stipend)
- Detox Center: Ongoing treatment services
- Sexual Assault Services: April awareness, donation drive
- Housing Collaboration: Ongoing support for unhoused community

Zoom Chat Log

2026-03-11 11:06:14 From Rebecca Garcia (she/her/hers) to Everyone:
Good morning 🌻 Rebecca Garcia with UNM Project ECHO -
rhmccain@salud.unm.edu.

2026-03-11 11:11:15 From Anna Rondon to Everyone:
Anna Rondon NM Social Justice

2026-03-11 11:11:18 From Randall Benally to Everyone:
Randy Benally, UNM HSC SW CACTI, ranbenally@salud.unm.edu

2026-03-11 11:11:57 From Brittany Yazzie to Everyone:
Brittany Yazzie MCHA Core Team Member

2026-03-11 11:13:01 From Nicole Begay to Everyone:
Good morning 🌻 I'm Nicole Begay with Gallup Community Health.

2026-03-11 11:13:20 From Cynthia M Killough to Everyone:
Hi Alisha! 😊

2026-03-11 11:13:37 From Zunneh-bah Jim to Everyone:
Yá'át'ééh and good morning everyone! Zunneh-bah Jim, MCHA Core Team Member
🌻

2026-03-11 11:13:44 From Alisha Chavez to Everyone:
Replying to "Hi Alisha! 😊":
Hi Cynthia! Good to see you and Randy here!

2026-03-11 11:14:19 From Cynthia M Killough to Everyone:
Good morning. Cynthia Killough, Senior Program Manager, UNM SW CACTI
ckillo@salud.unm.edu

2026-03-11 11:16:59 From Kimberly Martin to Everyone:
Kimberly Martin-Victim Advocate with SASNWNM in Gallup.

2026-03-11 11:16:22 From Debra Martinez to Everyone:
Debra Martinez, City of Gallup

2026-03-11 11:17:10 From Jodie Henderson to Everyone:
Good morning everyone! Jodie Henderson, Youth Shelters and Family Services
Service Coordinator

2026-03-11 11:18:32 From Diana Good: She/her to Everyone:
@Gerilyn, NMAHC Tribal Liaison, love your background!!

2026-03-11 11:18:43 From Kerri listening to Everyone:


Good morning. Kerri Cotten, prevention specialist with Santa Fe Recovery Center.

2026-03-11 11:19:05 From Gerilyn, NMAHC Tribal Liaison to Everyone:
Replying to "@Gerilyn, NMAHC Tribal Liaison, love your backgrou...":
Thank you 

2026-03-11 11:20:11 From Surphina Oyebi, NMDOH - OSAH to Everyone:
Surphina Oyebi, NMDOH-OSAH School Mental Health Advocate

2026-03-11 11:22:16 From Gerilyn, NMAHC Tribal Liaison to Everyone:
Beautiful name Loxitawny 

2026-03-11 11:29:10 From McKinley Community Health Alliance to Everyone:
Mission Statement: "It is the mission of the McKinley Community Health Alliance to affect and facilitate change in systems that perpetuate health, education, economic and environmental inequities by engaging individuals and agencies to understand and address the underlying "root" causes of poverty/income inequity, institutional racism and multi-generational trauma."

2026-03-11 11:31:10 From Diana Good: She/her to Everyone:
Just a celebration: over the last 3 years, I have seen over 175 unique participants in this meeting! What a testament to a strong community and steadfast partnerships ! 

2026-03-11 11:40:17 From Alisha Chavez to Everyone:
Impact in New Mexico 2025 report:
<https://projectecho.unm.edu/impact-report/2025-impact-report/new-mexico/>

2026-03-11 11:43:36 From Alisha Chavez to Everyone:
"Bringing Diabetes Care Closer to Home Through Project ECHO"
<https://projectecho.unm.edu/story/bringing-diabetes-care-closer-to-home-through-project-echo/>

"ECHO is Revolutionizing Diabetes Care" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ben-VcE8ZGk>

2026-03-11 11:58:12 From Diana Good: She/her to Everyone:
I love my Harm Reduction ECHO's!

2026-03-11 11:58:32 From Gerilyn, NMAHC Tribal Liaison to Everyone:
The climate and environmental ECHOs are also my fav

2026-03-11 11:59:32 From Diana Good: She/her to Everyone:
sometimes over lunch

2026-03-11 12:02:15 From McKinley Community Health Alliance to Everyone:
<https://iecho.org/welcome>

2026-03-11 12:03:11 From helentso to Everyone:

It would be helpful to indicate which research studies are Approved by the NNIRB (Navajo Nation Human Research Review Board) for our protection of Navajo people.


2026-03-11 12:08:01 From Alisha Chavez to Everyone:

NM Program Directory <https://iecho.org/echo-institute-programs/>


2026-03-11 12:11:33 From Diana Good: She/her to Everyone:

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2026-03-11 12:18:06 From Gerilyn, NMAHC Tribal Liaison to Everyone:

There were also alot of food, agriculture, senior programs, and state services like WIC, SNAP, farmer markets, and double up bucks that received appropriations - wins and successes! 

2026-03-11 12:18:32 From Gerilyn, NMAHC Tribal Liaison to Everyone:

Also healthy universal school meals , forgot to add that 

2026-03-11 12:18:38 From McKinley Community Health Alliance to Everyone:

<https://sourcenm.com/2026/03/06/nm-gov-lujan-grisham-signs-48-bills-from-recent-legislative-session/>

2026-03-11 12:19:03 From Chenoa Bah to Everyone:

Good day greetings. Chenoa Bah Stilwell-Jensen, Office for Community Health, UNM HSC and Southwest Indigenous Housing Justice Collaborative

2026-03-11 12:20:46 From Diana Good: She/her to Everyone:

public servants got their 1% raise just a few minutes ago. SB 151 (Tax Package)

2026-03-11 12:21:09 From Diana Good: She/her to Everyone:

educators, state workers, county, city

2026-03-11 12:23:56 From Eirena Begay to Everyone:

Ya'at'ée'h, I am Eirena Begay, housing justice community organizer with MCHA.

2026-03-11 12:24:01 From Savannah Watson to Everyone:

April May 2026 We READ, We TALK Book Club (8x11) (1).pdf

2026-03-11 12:24:02 From Savannah Watson to Everyone:

Case Manager meeting 3.13.26.pdf

2026-03-11 12:24:08 From Gerilyn, NMAHC Tribal Liaison to Everyone:

The gubernatorial event will also highlight health councils to educate candidates about their work and impact 

2026-03-11 12:25:08 From Josephine Barney to Everyone:
Josephine Barney-Liaison, Tribal Affairs, Molina Healthcare of New Mexico 505-413-7892

2026-03-11 12:28:21 From Cynthia M Killough to Everyone:
I want to learn to make a medicine bundle, Anna! Please invite me to the next one! 😊

2026-03-11 12:31:11 From McKinley Community Health Alliance to Everyone:
<https://www.nmsocialjustice.org/>

2026-03-11 12:31:56 From Diana Good: She/her to Everyone:
And your updated Fact Sheet :)

2026-03-11 12:33:08 From Josephine Barney to Everyone:
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2026-03-11 12:35:56 From Kimberly Martin to Everyone:
DVSA Task Force Meeting on March 25 @ 9am

2026-03-11 12:36:51 From Diana Good: She/her to Everyone:
Such a great opportunity!

2026-03-11 12:37:33 From Shelby Jackson to Everyone:
Will the zoom be sent to everyone again for the upcoming meetings for Mckinley County Health Alliance?

2026-03-11 12:37:49 From Cynthia M Killough to Everyone:
SW CACTI - CT-REx-2026 flyer 12-17.pdf

2026-03-11 12:38:00 From Joyce Hudson to Everyone:
SNED ME ON ONE TOO ON THE INTERNSHIP
JOININGOFTHEWATERS@YAHOO.COM

2026-03-11 12:38:46 From Joyce Hudson to Everyone:
THANK YOU 😊

2026-03-11 12:38:50 From Cynthia M Killough to Everyone:
For the CT-REX summer internship program- The application says March 10th, but there's an extension to March 15th

2026-03-11 12:40:29 From Cynthia M Killough to Everyone:
Replying to "SNED ME ON ONE TOO ON THE INTERNSHIP
JOININGOFTHEW...":
Yes of course!!!

2026-03-11 12:41:57 From Joyce Hudson to Everyone:

I'M HERE FROM 10-2 PM IF YOU WANT TO DROP THEM OFF.

2026-03-11 12:42:11 From Shelby Jackson to Everyone:
shelby@gallupcommunityhealth.org

2026-03-11 12:43:53 From McKinley Community Health Alliance to Everyone:
<https://sfreporter.com/news/lujan-grisham-signs-more-than-50-bills-into-law-during-her/>

2026-03-11 12:45:04 From helentso to Everyone:
Replying to "shelby@gallupcommunityhealth.org":
Hello Shelby, I see your new email address. I'll call you with an update. Helen

2026-03-11 12:50:00 From Cynthia M Killough to Everyone:
Thank you!

2026-03-11 12:50:22 From Alisha Chavez to Everyone:
Thank you!

2026-03-11 12:50:33 From Eirena Begay to Everyone:
Replying to "shelby@gallupcommunityhealth.org":
Hi Shelby, I will connect with you. We have so much to share.