

MCKINLEY COMMUNITY HEALTH ALLIANCE 2024

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF COLLABORATING
WITH OUR COMMUNITY
TO LIVE HEALTHY & PRODUCTIVE LIVES

Mission

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.

County Health Council & Community Health Goal

The MCHA & the County Maternal Child Health Council merged in Summer 2004. Since then the MCHA’s focus and definition of “health” has broadened immensely. Our Community Health goal is to enhance the overall quality of life of all McKinley residents to live healthy and productive lives by; improving access to services, identifying resources and funding, increasing networking among community agencies & regional partners to prevent duplication of services, and working collaboratively with the community to understand and address inequities & other ‘root’ causes in systems as well as work together to change systems for our communities’ health.

Membership

Established in 1998 as a non-hierarchical (shared leadership structured), participatory advocacy organization with open membership.

The MCHA is a working community partnership of individual citizens, groups, service providers and other agencies committed to the Mission and Vision of the Health Alliance

Vision

MCHA envisions a healthy community in which Individual & Family Wellness, Community Wellness, Cultural Respect, Educational Quality, Access to Services, and a Cooperative Spirit are increasingly evident.



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2024 PROJECT PRIORITIES

Native American Fund Zone Grant - Housing Justice Project

In early 2022 the MCHA received a Native American Fund Zone initial planning grant for \$25,000 to provide direct support to our unhoused or housing insecure Native American families and general operating support in the area of Family Economic Security. The planning grant was followed up with two additional granted years and \$200,000 to implement our project to further support our unhoused community, families at risk of housing instability and our MCHA Housing Justice team's capacity to affect and facilitate change in our communities ongoing housing crisis.

McCune Foundation Multiyear Grant Opportunity

Earlier this Spring our health alliance was awarded a three year unrestricted/general operating grant opportunity by the New Mexico McCune Foundation. Through our work in the Native American Fund Zone Grant Housing Justice Project, the McCune Foundation and the Alliance developed deeper relations and appreciation of our shared work and aligned values. It was through this cultivation and alignment that our council was invited to apply for and received the McCune Foundations newly transitioned Multiyear Grant for \$105,000 for 3 years (\$35K/year).

New Mexico County and Tribal Health Council State Funding

Together, for the last half decade, Tribal & County Health Councils from across the state have worked with our communities and the NM Alliance of Health Councils to advocate for optimal funding for All health councils through the NM Annual Budget. This last legislative session our advocacy work was successful and obtained \$3 Million in non-reoccurring state funds for all 42+ health councils in the next fiscal year 2025. With the winding down of Covid-19 and national public health funding abating; Health Councils need to be funded in perpetuity to equitable fulfill our state mandated roles in our state health infrastructure.

25 years of working with the Community

Since the end of last year, 2023, the McKinley Community Health Alliance began celebrating 25 years of collaborating with our community to live healthy and productive lives.

In the 25 years of existence our alliance has been able to establish a membership of dedicated public health advocates, community health representatives, service providers, leadership stakeholders, community members and many others. We stand together with our community to affect and facilitate meaningful change for our McKinley Community into the next 25 year and beyond, for everyone's health and wellbeing.

