McKinley Community Health Alliance

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Health Alliance Monthly Meeting

June 10th, 2026
11:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.
Zoom Online Conference

MINUTES

The monthly meeting of the McKinley Community Health Alliance convened on Wednesday, June 10th, 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
Meskee Tsotaddle-Yatsayte—Four Corners Detox Recover Center, Street Outreach Worker & CCHW/Navajo Nations Missing Persons Update/Missing & Murdered Dine Relatives
Brittany Yazzie—MCHA Core Team
Dixie Clinkenbeard—University of Arizona College of Medicine, SW CACTI
Joseph Hill—New Mexico Alliance of Health Councils
Cynthia Killough #she/ella—UNM Health Sciences, UNM SW CACTI
Zunneh-bah Jim—MCHA Core Team, and Missing & Murdered Dine Relatives Coalition
Krystal Curley—Indigenous Lifeways
Sierra Asamaa-Tutu—LCSW Tribal Lights Clinical Supervisor and City of Gallup Councilor
Staci Laurence— Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care Services
Olivia Muskett—UNM Comprehensive Cancer Care
Debra Martinez—Gallup Behavioral Health
Christina Morris—NW NM Community Member
Diana Good—New Mexico Department of Health
Jodie Henderson (she/her)—Youth Shelter & Family Services
Eirena Begay—MCHA Housing Justice Community Organizer
Donnica Dunlap—NM Public Education Department Contractor
Donna House—Navajo Nation-NW NM Community Member
Janeya Johnson—Youth Shelter & Family Services
Sonlatsa 'Sunshine' Jim—McKinley Community Member, Dine Action Plan, Navajo Nation Division for Children & Family Services
Julia Platero—Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Mexico
Sandra Freeland—MCHA Core Team/ Indigenous Cultural Advisors Consulting
Tyrell Morgan—Youth Shelter & Family Services
Yvette Martinez—Youth Shelter & Family Services
Savannah Watson—City of Gallup Behavioral Health Department
Gerilyn Antonio—New Mexico Alliance of Health Councils
Chris Kenny—Gallup/McKinley Community Member
Randell 'Randy' Benally—UNM Health Sciences, UNM SW CACTI

The monthly meeting of the McKinley Community Health Alliance convened this month to welcome Krystal Curley, Executive Director of Indigenous Lifeways to present updates and

current projects the organization has in progress. Following we welcomed any other summer updates from our community partners in attendance. We concluded with our regular partners updates & community announcements, openly made by those present and in the chat log.

Notes by Brittany Yazzie—MCHA Core Team
Thank You! - Ahéhee'- Gracias – Elahkwa

NOTES PENDING:

Zoom Chat Log

2026-06-10 11:07:24 From Diana Good to Everyone:
Good morning.. just here to get a confirmation on your billing intentions for nmdoh grant. Will you be able to complete item 4.2 in full?

2026-06-10 11:13:27 From Eirena Begay to Everyone:
Ya'atééh! I am Eirena Begay with MCHA as the housing justice community organizer. Shi ei Tachiinii nishlí, Kinya'aanii bashichiin, Hashdl'ishni dashichei doo' Tohadl'iinii dashinalí. I am a mother of 4 with three graduates! Happy to be here.

2026-06-10 11:14:57 From Donnica.Dunlap to Everyone:
Donnica Dunlap-NW Reginal Coordinator for the YSHI Grant

2026-06-10 11:15:12 From Brittany Yazzie to Everyone:
Brittany Yazzie MCHA Core Team Member

2026-06-10 11:16:23 From Joseph Hill to Everyone:
Hello everyone!

Joseph Hill, NM Alliance of Health Councils, joseph@nmhealthcouncils.org

Upcoming Events/Resources: click here

2026-06-10 11:17:16 From Janeya Johnson - YSFS to Everyone:
Janeya Johnson, Youth Shelters & Family Services - Landlord Liaison jjohnson@youthshelters.org 505-399-0683

2026-06-10 11:17:46 From Jodie Henderson to Everyone:
Jodie Henderson-Service Coordinator with Youth Shelters and Family Services

2026-06-10 11:19:44 From Sierra Yazzie to Everyone:
Sierra Yazzie Asamoa-Tutu, LCSW, I attend these meetings through my personal email, but if anyone would like to reach out to my public account it's syazzie@gallupnm.gov

2026-06-10 11:19:56 From Debra Martinez to McKinley Community Health Alliance (direct message):
You can present it next week at one of our meetings if you need to.

2026-06-10 11:20:15 From Sandra Freeland to Everyone:
Morning team and community allies! I am here 🫶🏽✊🏽🫶🏽

2026-06-10 11:21:11 From Eirena Begay to Everyone:
I'm sorry but I will be joining by chat.

2026-06-10 11:21:33 From Cynthia M Killough to Everyone:
Morning 🌻 Cynthia Killough, Senior Program Manager, UNM Health Sciences SW CACTI

2026-06-10 11:22:43 From Dixie Clinkenbeard to Everyone:
Dixie Clinkenbeard, CHW - University of Arizona College of Medicine, Community Engagement Liaison (SW CACTI) w/Cynthia - Thank you for having me!

2026-06-10 11:25:50 From Julia Platero-BCBSNM to Everyone:
Good morning. Julia Platero, Community Outreach Specialist & Tribal Liaison with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Mexico (BCBSNM), Julia_platero@bcbsnm.com.

2026-06-10 11:26:27 From Sonlatsa/Sunshine to Everyone:
Sonlatsa Jim "Sunshine" - Navajo Nation DCFS & McKinley County/Navajo citizen (505) 567-0398 email: sonlatsa2022@gmail.com or sonlatsa.jim@ndcfs.org

2026-06-10 11:27:07 From Donnica.Dunlap to Everyone:
yay!!!!

2026-06-10 11:27:35 From Cynthia M Killough to Everyone:
Yay for summer meetings 🌞😁

2026-06-10 11:27:43 From Olivia Muskett to Everyone:
Olivia Muskett, Community Outreach Liaison w/ UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center - COE Program olmuskett@salud.unm.edu

2026-06-10 11:28:41 From McKinley Community Health Alliance to Everyone:
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2026-06-10 11:30:27 From Sandra Freeland to Everyone:
Hello is someone talking? I don’t have sound?

2026-06-10 11:31:06 From Eirena Begay to Everyone:
Replying to "Hello is someone talking? I don’t have sound?":
Yes. If it helps, you can turn on captions until audio is fixed.

2026-06-10 11:31:24 From Donna House to Everyone:
Donna House, ——Dine' Maternal Clan: Kinyaa'áani
Oneida Nation Paternal Clan: Lotinya'lu
Dine' Maternal Grandfather: Tsénjíkíní
Dine' Paternal Grandfather: Tł'izí lání

2026-06-10 11:31:57 From McKinley Community Health Alliance to Everyone:
Replying to "Hello is someone talking? I don't have sound?":
yes we are going. try rejoining?

2026-06-10 11:31:59 From Gerilyn, NMAHC Tribal Liaison to Everyone:
Love that Krystal!

2026-06-10 11:42:13 From Donnica.Dunlap to Everyone:
That sounds amazing

2026-06-10 11:54:52 From Chris Kenny to Everyone:
fantastic Krystal

2026-06-10 11:54:58 From Krystal Curley to Everyone:
https://www.ourindigenouslifeways.org/trainings-we-offer

2026-06-10 11:55:09 From Krystal Curley to Everyone:
https://www.instagram.com/indigenouslifeways/

2026-06-10 11:55:18 From Gerilyn, NMAHC Tribal Liaison to Everyone:
Great work Krystal! I love your advocacy trainings, those are the best!! 💜

2026-06-10 11:55:21 From Krystal Curley to Everyone:
https://www.facebook.com/IndigenousLifeWays/

2026-06-10 11:55:36 From Krystal Curley to Everyone:
THANK YOU CHRIS!!!!\

2026-06-10 11:55:36 From Randall Benally to Everyone:
Great information and all the work you are all doing.

2026-06-10 12:03:18 From Krystal Curley to Everyone:
Thank you everyone!!! Appreciate your words chris!

2026-06-10 12:04:53 From Eirena Begay to Everyone:
Debra, can you share the zoom link?

2026-06-10 12:11:08 From Debra Martinez to Everyone:
DOH Toolkit Community Meeting Flyer 6.18.26 (1).pdf.pdf

2026-06-10 12:11:23 From Krystal Curley to Everyone:
Good to see you Chris Kenny! Thank you for the support.

2026-06-10 12:11:24 From Debra Martinez to Everyone:
Relay for Life flyer.pdf

2026-06-10 12:11:39 From Debra Martinez to Everyone:
Octavia Fellin Public Library is proud to host a livestream of TED Democracy Philadelphia: Founding Futures on Saturday, June 13th, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the historic El Morro Theatre.
Free and open to the public!
Please call me if you have any questions. 719-281-4471

Speaker Lineup -- As promised, here is the breakdown of speakers within each session. Note: I know the times within the links says has it in PDT, we are getting that fixed and changed to EDT.
Session 1: Foundations at 11:00am to 12:30pm EDT
Session 2: Friction at 2 PM to 3:30 PM EDT
Session 3: Forging Ahead at 4 PM to 5:30 PM EDT

2026-06-10 12:11:54 From Debra Martinez to Everyone:
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2026-06-10 12:12:04 From Debra Martinez to Everyone:
PMS.pdf

2026-06-10 12:12:40 From Debra Martinez to Everyone:
SUMMER FLYER 2026 JPEG.jpg

2026-06-10 12:12:46 From Krystal Curley to Everyone:
JUNE 2026 Events.pdf

2026-06-10 12:12:57 From Debra Martinez to Everyone:
June Clean Up.pdf

2026-06-10 12:13:46 From Donna House to Everyone:
We should get the movie/Documentary call— The AI Doc

2026-06-10 12:14:44 From Eirena Begay to Everyone:
There is also the Navajo water project meetings with county and city leaders.

2026-06-10 12:14:53 From Donna House to Everyone:
Get the movie to El Morro in Gallup and Window Rock and other places

2026-06-10 12:19:26 From Chris Kenny to Everyone:

my email: chris.opnb@gmail.com

2026-06-10 12:20:03 From Sierra Yazzie to Everyone:
Contact me at Sierra.yazzie@gmail.com if you would like to help organize a candidate forum!

2026-06-10 12:21:16 From Zunneh-bah Jim to Everyone:
And Zuni Nation

2026-06-10 12:31:26 From Eirena Begay to Everyone:
Yes, it will be a housekeeping type call for tomorrow's housing justice meeting. Thank you .

2026-06-10 12:32:51 From Krystal Curley to Everyone:
I forgot to add our link to our 360 film. Use your mouse/phone to “move around” within the film. https://youtu.be/uXWGDDND-ks?si=_4_PHfVNB8hA7k4l

2026-06-10 12:35:16 From Eirena Begay to Everyone:
Christopher, will core team have to carry insurance for their stipend?

2026-06-10 12:37:27 From Eirena Begay to Everyone:
Christopher & Debra, when is the behavioral health meeting and is there a zoom option?

2026-06-10 12:39:24 From Eirena Begay to Everyone:
Thank you. I have to sign off now.

2026-06-10 12:39:29 From Debra Martinez to Everyone:
Replying to "Christopher & Debra, when is the behavioral health...":
I'll keep you posted.

2026-06-10 12:41:14 From Sonlatsa/Sunshine to Everyone:
Please share any PRIDE events. Let's support our LGBTQ2+ citizens.

2026-06-10 12:41:43 From Christina M to Everyone:
https://www.restorebalance.world/events/sacred-waters-gathering

2026-06-10 12:42:36 From Christina M to Everyone:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc4mGMWxBvtSm6zwD_vjE0vVuP6QP0KMMBDw_0e2GFw5U9e8g/viewform

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2026-06-10 12:42:36 From Zunneh-bah Jim to Everyone:
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2026-06-10 12:42:52 From Donna House to Everyone:
Thank you all for this incredible mtg.

2026-06-10 12:43:13 From Zunneh-bah Jim to Everyone:
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2026-06-10 12:47:22 From Christina M to Everyone:
Thanks for the meeting. I have to hop off.

2026-06-10 12:47:27 From McKinley Community Health Alliance to Everyone:
healthalliance@mckinleyhealthalliance.org

2026-06-10 12:48:35 From McKinley Community Health Alliance to Everyone:
Alliance wide-emails

2026-06-10 12:48:51 From Donnica.Dunlap to Everyone:
It's always a good meeting

2026-06-10 12:49:06 From Cynthia M Killough to Everyone:
Thank you everyone!

2026-06-10 12:49:29 From Randall Benally to Everyone:
Thank you everyone!

2026-06-10 12:49:29 From Julia Platero-BCBSNM to Everyone:
Thank you! Have a great day.