

## **McKinley Community Health Alliance**

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### **Health Alliance Monthly Meeting**

**January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**11:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.**

**NM Cancer Center**

### **MINUTES**

The monthly meeting of the McKinley Community Health Alliance convened on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 11am online via the Zoom online conferencing platform.

The following people/entities were present:

Christopher Hudson (he#him#his)—MCHA Coordinator  
Gina Roanhorse—Tribal Healing to Wellness Court (Navajo Nation)  
Elizabeth Herron—Gallup Community Health  
Megan Yazzie—McKinley County DWI Program  
Debra Martinez—Gallup Behavioral Health  
Ricardo Castillo—UNM Health  
Christina Morris she|her—NM Dept. of Health  
Brent J. Crowe- The Community Pantry- Gallup NM  
Rhonda Ray—RMCHCS  
Cynthia Killough #she/ella —UNM Health Sciences  
Rachelle Morris—Tohatchi Public Health Nursing Dept.  
Misti Dickens—BeWellnm  
Ophelia Hudson—NM Dept. of Health  
Rebecca Riley—NM Family Connects  
Elvira Amador—Somos Gallup  
Denisse Riffle—McKinley County Community Services Dept.  
Diana Good—NM Dept. of Health  
Helen Tso—UNM Health  
Tierra Johnson—NM Legal Aid  
Jill Draven—Sexual Assault Services of NW NM  
Kimberly Martin—Sexual Assault Services of NW NM  
Colleen Roan—McKinley County Early Childhood Ed. Coalition  
Genevieve Robran—Presbyterian Medical Services-Gallup  
Brandi Lucero—UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center

The monthly meeting of the McKinley Community Health Alliance convened to hold space for Ricardo Castillo, M.D. from UNM Health to share and present on an ongoing Treating Pediatric Hepatitis-C Project available to all participants/patients eligible. The meeting concluded with our regular partners updates & announcements, openly made by those present and in the chat log.

Notes by Christina Morris, NM DOH  
Thank You! - Ahéhee’ - Gracias - Elahkwa

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Monthly Zoom Online/Tele Conference

### AGENDA

#### **Treating Pediatric Hepatitis-C Project by Ricardo Castillo, M.D.—UNM Health**

- Providing awareness and education
- 2<sup>nd</sup> in the country; enough progress in treatment w/focus on adult; however, it affects liver and destruction of liver; Hep C was most common cause of transplant. But due to treatment not necessary
- Focus had been on adults but now major advances in pediatrics:
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: Treatment used to be injections with side effects; Now, pill form. Initially were not available to children. Able to treat children as young as 3 yrs. of age. Every day for 3 months; very few side effects. 100% cure rate. End roads with insurance companies that will pay for treatment as it is expensive (around 9K/mo.). Early on do not see symptoms and onset is not until young adult life
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: youngest who are born with mother’s who are infected w/virus. Before, had to wait 18 mos. of age and had to wait to see the antibodies of the virus. Hep C PCR that looks for virus and test as young as 2 mos. of age. If they do not, they are free and clear; if they do have virus, they are followed closely until three years of age and treat them.
  - 5-10% of children born with mothers with develop Hep C
  - Arrangements made with UNM, Presbyterian, and Lovelace: D/C coordinators will contact clinic directly for children with infected mothers. Have nurse, Natalie Rhoades, available 24/7. Flyers and packets have been distributed and available if needed.
  - 400 children who are being tracked and treated.
  - Clinic is a resource available to people and providers so that 7-8 months of waiting will be reduced.
- Questions:
  - How to access flyers/info and other hospitals being included throughout the state (ex. SJRMC and IHS hospitals)?
    - Contact info. available to this group: Chris or Cynthia?
    - List of every hospital that has a delivery service in the state and are being contacted and encouraging to screen mothers which is considered a standard of care.

- Doulas and midwives' outreach and pre-screening? Yes. Dr. Rodan will contact MCHA for best way to proceed. NM Breastfeeding Task Force and Navajo Nation Breastfeeding Task Force, Amanda Singer
- NMDOH and Disease Prevention Program across the state? Statewide initiative to eradicate Hep C and a national initiative. Ophelia will provide her contact info. through chat
- Screening? Do not have to go to ABQ; will work with anyone locally to guide through process for pre and post treatment as long as they have access to a lab. Most labs are commonly available. PCR is used statewide.
- To get word out by end of January. As long as the process is moving.

### **NW New Mexico Campaign Against Racism—Christina Morris, NM DOH**

- Anti-Racism Reflections Series: for participants in the NW region to engage in a last session
- Working with CAR Leadership and Palestine Chapter to design a 3-part webinar series on Settler Colonialism and the cross-context of health and environment.
- Working with Transformation Network: Researchers on pre-drilling data with emphasis on the NW region (San Juan County, Apache County)

### **McKinley Collaborative for Health Equity—Anna Rondon, MHCE/NMSJEI**

- Unavailable for updates/postponed to Feb.2023

### **City of Gallup Behavioral Health Updates—Debra Martinez, City of Gallup**

- Lead grant: Law Enforcement to support positions
- Intensive case mgmt. for programs
- Implementing first responder initiative: for those who overdose and partnership with fire dpt. and working with case load.
- Debra will send out to Chris the flyers of information to send out to group
  - Historical Trauma January 17th and 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Adolescents and Addiction Feb 21st (in-person) Feb 28 zoom. 3 CEU for each part. All trainings 1-4pm.
- Q: In regard to the alcohol/substance update, I am wondering what they are planning to help individuals who have alcohol/substance abuse. The issue is that they send patients to NCI but they are released the next day back out into the streets, but the root issue is not being resolved?
  - Contracted counselors and licensed clinicians and peer support workers. Treatment is not required by encouraged. Transition to treatment but limited to individual seeking treatment

### **Somos Gallup Updates—Elvira Amador, Somos Gallup**

- Somos has been visiting Chapter Houses to let them know we are here as well as advocating and educating on workers rights++. Looking for place for workers; found location in Farmington

### **McKinley Community Health Alliance Updates—Christopher Hudson, MCHA**

- HIA: waiting for final review. Send to printers and will be on Feb. MCHA agenda
- Recommendations will be used to be more realistic

- \$25K to help people with housing and for partners to fulfil gaps (i.e. – shelters, legalities)
- Thursday at 3 pm HIA team will be meeting to go over Native American Funds Grant (NARFs)
  - Provide your email should you be interested in the meetings
- Deliverables due for the year: document for meetings with focus on Health Equity Meeting to address 2-3 health concerns using various data resources and community input. Last 5 years has been about Alcohol Use and behavioral health; a survey may be developed.
- NM In-Depth Article on Gallup School Incidents:
  - [This School District Is Ground Zero for Harsh Discipline of Native Students in New Mexico — ProPublica](#)
  - MCHA provided connections to parents and families for their reactions
  - Move forward after article published and with school board
  - Legislative session for Health Councils: Jr. bill to fully fund health council coordinators
    - Advocate by emailing or calling state reps

### **Announcements:**

- NMDOH McKinley Health Promotion: Position Opening. Seeking persons who have strong community organizing background and public health. Can contact Ophelia Hudson @ [Ophelia.Hudson@doh.nm.gov](mailto:Ophelia.Hudson@doh.nm.gov) and find the info here: [NM SPO | A trusted partner expertly leading the way in human resources practices and services that enhance the employee experience. \(state.nm.us\)](#)
- MCHA Core group on ~~Monday~~ Tuesday, 1/13/23
- MLK events are coming up: Chris to provide information.
- Alcohol Task Force: implementing a tax (0.25 cents/drink) on alcohol statewide endemic
  - Generate for behavioral health
  - Meeting summation tomorrow 1.12.23 in preparation for legislation
  - Outcomes from Epidemiologists
  - Video developed and can be sent out
- Family Connects (Rebecca Riley): Celebration and Launch of FC in Bernalillo.
  - Program: light touch nurse home visiting program for families birthing in hospitals
  - A universal program and available to any family
  - Home visit by nurse
  - Question: to bring FC to McKinley County? Would like to explore and agreement with MCHA and other groups
  - Plant seeds to invite Chris, Colleen, and Ophelia to plan for next steps to put plans in place; open to MCHA
- NM Breastfeeding Task Force: March 1-3, 2023; registration open to close to opening
  - Lactation consultants and interested folks are encouraged to attend
- Trauma Informed Care in Rehoboth on March 10 sponsored by Gallup Community Health and co-sponsored by Burrell. Elizabeth Herron will be providing the training.
  - Anyone interested in Trauma and Health Care (Collective trauma, racism, etc.)
  - Screen for toxic levels of stress used in California
- Health Equity Committee Meeting: Monday, 1.16.23

**Next Alliance Meeting: Wednesday, Feb. 8 from 11-1**

## Zoom Chat Log

11:08:19 From Debra Martinez to Everyone:  
once second.

11:09:49 From Brent J. Crowe- The Community Pantry- Gallup NM to Everyone:  
Brent J Crowe-programs@thecommunitypantry.org

11:10:18 From Cynthia Killough, UNM Health Sciences, she/ella to Everyone:  
Hello everyone and Happy New Year! Cynthia Killough, Community Engagement Liaison, UNM Health Sciences, Clinical and Translational Sciences Center, ckillo@salud.unm.edu

11:10:20 From Elizabeth Herron to Everyone:  
Elizabeth Herron representing Gallup Community Health. Email: eherron52@yahoo.com

11:14:53 From Debra Martinez to Everyone:  
Debra L. Martinez, City of Gallup Behavioral Health. On a call be on in a few. My apologies.

11:18:16 From Diana Good to Everyone:  
Diana Good: She/her, NW/Metro Regions Health Promotion Coord. , NM Dept. of Health.

11:18:47 From ophelia hudson to Everyone:  
I will be jumping off the call at noon due to another meeting. Thank you all for the work you do. 😊

11:24:11 From Misti BeWellnm to Everyone:  
BeWellnm - mdickens@nmhix.com

11:41:22 From Brandi Lucero, UNMCCC to Everyone:  
Hi Everyone, I apologize for being late. I'm Brandi and I would with UNM Cancer Comprehensive Center. I am the new contact / Program Specialist with the Office of Community Outreach and Engagement. . A Previous rep from our team was Simone, who might have met.

11:43:36 From Diana Good to Everyone:  
brb

11:44:16 From ophelia hudson to Everyone:  
Ophelia Hudson, NMDOH, NW Health Promotion Manager. Email is ophelia.hudson@doh.nm.gov

11:49:50 From Diana Good to Everyone:  
back

11:53:09 From Diana Good to Everyone:  
<https://www.spo.state.nm.us/>

11:59:59 From Misti BeWellnm to Everyone:  
505-382-6875 - Misti - beWellnm

12:02:30 From Debra Martinez to Everyone:  
Sorry I'm back.

12:07:36 From Diana Good to Everyone:  
The community health improvement plan follows the priorities and is due June. 30th.

12:12:31 From Christina Morris she/her to Everyone:  
<https://www.propublica.org/article/gallup-mckinley-schools-native-student-discipline>

12:22:12 From Diana Good to Everyone:  
Superintendents are hired staff in my experience

12:22:39 From Colleen Roan to Everyone:  
Am interested in attending the forum

12:30:58 From Diana Good to Everyone:  
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12:31:26 From Diana Good to Everyone:  
from NMDOH directly

12:31:36 From rachellemorris to Everyone:  
This is for Debra, I have a question in regards to the alcohol/substance update, I am wondering what they are planning to help individuals who have alcohol/substance abuse. The issue is that they send patients to NCI but they are released the next day back out into the streets, but the root issue is not being resolved?

12:32:58 From Elizabeth Herron to Everyone:  
For Deborah: I'd like more information on the historical trauma trainings.

12:34:15 From rachellemorris to Everyone:  
Thank you Debra, that is understandable

12:36:51 From Debra Martinez to Everyone:  
I'm sending Chris the flyers and links for the training and meetings. The trainings are gear towards counselors but anyone is more than welcome to join in.

12:37:16 From Debra Martinez to Christopher Hudson (he, him, his)(Direct Message):  
Who is doing the minutes?

12:41:51 From Debra Martinez to Everyone:  
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12:42:59 From Debra Martinez to Everyone:  
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12:46:11 From Rebecca Riley to Everyone:  
That's great to hear Elizabeth!

12:47:47 From Rebecca Riley to Everyone:  
Thank you Chris!

12:48:15 From Elizabeth Herron to Everyone:  
Thank you to everyone for their great service.

12:48:16 From Cynthia Killough, UNM Health Sciences, she/ella to Everyone:  
Thank you!

12:49:21 From Debra Martinez to Everyone:  
Elizabeth can I get your email so we can include you all in the Grant we received on Trauma.

12:49:44 From Elizabeth Herron to Everyone:  
eherron52@yahoo.com