

## **McKinley Community Health Alliance**

“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.”

### **Health Alliance Monthly Meeting**

**February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**11:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.**

**Zoom Online Conference**

### **MINUTES**

The monthly meeting of the McKinley Community Health Alliance convened on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 11am online via the Zoom online conferencing platform.

The following people/entities were present:

Christopher Hudson (he#him#his)—MCHA Coordinator  
Anna Rondon—New Mexico Social Justice Equity Institute/MCHA Core Team  
Bill Bright—Gallup Solar  
Camie Nelson—New Mexico Department of Health  
Christina Hernandez—McKinley County SNAPS-SA  
Eirena Begay—MCHA Housing Justice Community Organizer  
Janice Peterson—Somos Gallup/MCHA Core Team  
Jill Draven—Sexual Assault Services of NW NM  
Kimberly Martin— Sexual Assault Services of NW NM  
Kris Pikarrt—Gallup Community Health  
Mallery Chino—New Mexico Department of Health  
Meeksee Tsoaddle-Yatsayte—Navajo Nations Missing Persons Update/Missing & Murdered Dine Relatives  
Misti Dickens—BeWellnm  
Randy Benally—UNM Health Sciences  
Regina Gonzalez—Blue Cross Blue Shield of NM  
Tierra Johnson—New Mexico Legal Aid  
Tyrell Morgan—Youth Shelter & Family Services  
Zunneh-Bah Jim— New Mexico Social Justice Equity Institute  
Elizabeth Heron—Gallup Community Health  
Maria Calderon-Rose—McKinley County DWI Program  
Colin Moore—ATD Fourth World  
Julia Platero—Blue Cross Blue Shield of NM  
Alycia Burnside—ATD Fourth World  
Helen Tso—UNM Health Sciences  
Colleen Roan—McKinley County Early Childhood Ed. Coalition  
Debra Martinez—Gallup Behavioral Health  
Jayme Yancy—New Mexico Social Justice Equity Institute  
Connie Liu—Community Physician/ McKinley Citizens Health Advocacy Committee  
Lynn Anner-Bolieu—McKinley Citizen's Recycling Council  
Ray Daw—Community Member/NM DOH contractor  
Sindy Sacoman— SBS Evaluation & Program Development Specialists, LLC  
Anita Muneta—MCHA Housing Justice Team/MCHA Core Team

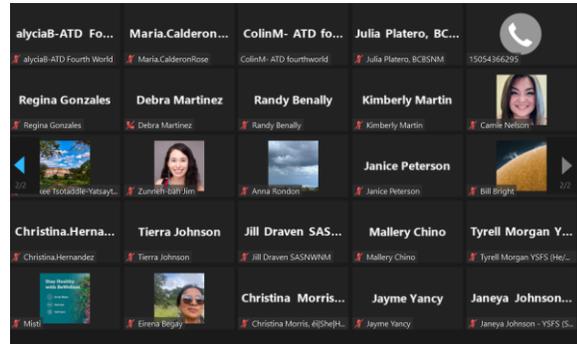
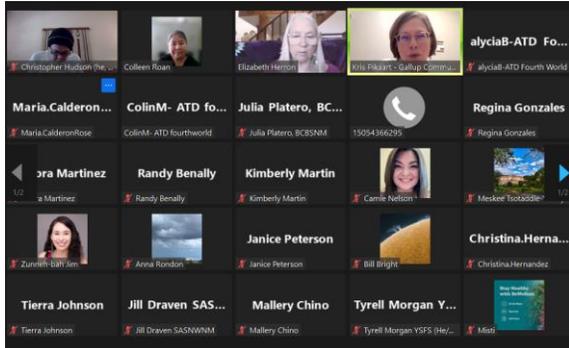
The monthly meeting of the McKinley Community Health Alliance convened this month to hold space for Kris Pikaart and Elizabeth Herron from Gallup Community Health to hear about recent developments at the care clinic. We also spent time on legislation updates our McKinley community have made as community health priorities during this year's 2024 legislative session (Jan.16th-Feb.15th). Finally, we held space for our regular partners updates & community announcements, openly made by those present and in the chat log.

Notes by Colleen Roan—McKinley County Early Childhood Ed. Coalition  
Thank You! - Ahéhee' - Gracias – Elahkwa

2/14/24 Notes MCHA

I. Welcome & Brief Introductions · Moment of Silence · Reading of the Mission Statement · Meeting Agreements & Roles (below) (15mins) Introductions

Screenshots of attendees



Presentation 11:28

II. Gallup Community Health—Kris Pikaart, Chief Operating Officers of GCH with Elizabeth Heron, Gallup Community Health Board member · <https://www.gallupcommunityhealth.org>

1. Gallup Community Health – provides service regardless of ability to pay, uninsured or underinsured, have a sliding scale fee. Presently have 16-17 providers.
2. About to move to what used to be RMCHCS College Clinic, although not connected to RMCH
3. City supporting medication treatments for substance abuse, need more people in area to do the work. Receiving referrals from GIMC and other sources.
4. Will create an in-house behavioral health program – the need is huge and will build into services. Working with the state and about next week able to do sexual assault exams.
5. Will be in the new facility by 26<sup>th</sup> of the month. Excited about a new model for integrative health care where new services are developed on site and work together as a team. Looking to add community members to our board.
6. Currently need help in painting the new location for move in – RMCH College Clinic
  - a. Can students help? I.e. National Honor Society – contact [eirene.begay@gmail.com](mailto:eirene.begay@gmail.com)

III. NM Legislature Updates: NM Legislative Session 2024 (Jan. 16-Feb. 15) McKinley Community Legislation Priorities

• NM County & Tribal Health Council Funding- House Bill 67

<https://www.nmhealthcouncils.org/advocacy>

1. Legislators are currently in a 30–day session – main goal is to pass the budget. Policy that doesn't concern the budget will be reviewed in the 60-day session next year.
2. \$3 million was awarded to health councils. \$70,000- for each health council awarded for this upcoming year only. May impact our health council profile. Nonrecurring funding impacts sustainability for the group. Asked for \$6.6 million for health councils but received \$3 million. Thank you to Valeria for all her advocacy and boots on the ground efforts. With health councils we get to prioritize our own community needs. Thanks to Wanda Johnson who represented the bill and helped to push efforts forward.
3. There are 42 health councils, 9 Tribal Health Councils, and the remaining are County Health Councils.

- Paid Family Medical Leave (PFML) Act o <https://nmpfml.org/>
  1. Presenter - Janice Peterson shared update on Paid Family Medical Leave, passed committees and is waiting to be heard on House Floor. Still some time to contact San Juan, McKinley, and Cibola County Representatives for support to push effort forward for communities.

- Alcohol Harms Alleviation Funding

Sindy Sacoman, Evaluator, Dir., Tribal Behavioral Health Association  
 Bill itself passed in the Health and Human Services Committee but died in Tax Committee. On Wed. the Tax Committee introduced 2 alcohol bills and rolled into Friday with no vote. Only our bill asked to be voted on. We had 26 supporting public comments on that day. Bill would add .25 cents per drink, which would raise 250 million dollars for alcohol treatment, people are still ok with the increase. This year there were 5 alcohol bills, note that taxes haven't increased in 30 years. Had a long list of programs to fund including Early Childhood Home Visiting.

Sindy Sacoman 11:57 AM  
 sindysacoman@gmail.com 505-818-8021

IV. Updates: (30 mins~5mins each)

Regional Health Advocacy Committee (MRHAC)-formally Community Health Action Group —  
 Connie Liu, OBGYN, MD, Community Advocate McKinley Collaborative for Health Equity—  
 Slides:

McKinley Regional Health  
 Advocacy Committee

An Update  
 2/14/24

Happy Valentine's Day

Advocating for transparency.

Updates

- Name of the group: McKinley Regional Health Advocacy Committee (MRHAC)
- Our goal is to be a liaison between the Board of Trustees and the community

Things for you to know

- We met with the RMCH CEO in December. He has been working hard to increase transparency.
  - Note monthly updates after Board Meetings –
    - [I-CEO Monthly Video Messages \(rmch.org\)](https://www.rmch.org/)
    - You can find these on the RMCH Website, "About Us" = I-CEO Monthly Video Messages
- We made some recommendations for talking to the community, including an invitation to the future MCHA meetings, reaching out to Navajo Nation, and to Zuni Pueblo.

Upcoming Projects

- CEO Patten reached out and asked us to meet, he would like our input on an assessment of medical staff.
- We want to be an active liaison between the community and the hospital. Do you have ideas or questions?

Working to ensure the community has a voice with the hospital. Not yet ready to have a conversation about opening labor and delivery.

Anna Rondon, MHCE/NMSJEI

Working on the Paid Medical Leave Act – McKinley team did a great job and with other legislation that impacts our community. A local business testified, and we are picking up momentum due to outreach. Currently planning on the uranium film festival as part of harm reduction. Women of 3-mile island will be coming out as well as women who experienced the Church Rock spill in 1979. Would like to write a statement opposing the Oscars since they failed to recognize the millions of people the radiation nuclear energy and war has impacted. Partnering with U of A indigenous resilience and writing a grant with Karletta chief to address social injustice. Asked to serve on NM rural health association and connected to national rural health associations and just became co-chair of building equity and alignment that provides grant funding to communities.

Zunnebah – or Jaime see brochures.

Gallup Behavioral Health Updates—

Meetings for tribal health providers started during the pandemic, and the purpose was to bridge conversation between tribal providers and state. Main concern is inability to apply for grants and can't compete with health centers at this time. Bring in trainings and talk about billing and build capacity with Medicaid and MCOs. All meetings through zoom. Hopefully have first in person meeting and conference. Currently have 14 members. Most trainings are free, some for pay. The group meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month.

Debra Martinez, City of Gallup

Book club. Hopefully have a conference in July. A training coming up, and looking to hire a traditional specialist. Completed 50 surveys and once data compiled will share. Still doing Narcan training.

NW New Mexico Campaign Against Racism—Colleen Roan, McKinley Early Childhood Education Coalition

March 1<sup>st</sup> Presentation to Tribal Behavioral Health Collaborative on Doctrines of Discovery with Kelsey Kreel. NWNM Campaign Against Racism moving forward, although several members dropped off due to life changing experiences. If anyone would like to attend upcoming meetings, leave contact info in chat.

Updates—Christopher Hudson, MCHA V. Announcements (~15mins)

VI. Adjourn

## Zoom Chat Log

11:06:57 From Meskee Tsotaddle-Yatsayte to Everyone:

Ya'ah'teeh Abinii.. HAPPY SHI'HEART DAY!!

11:08:49 From Elvira Somos Gallup to Everyone:

Hi ,good morning, only to said Happy Valentines  Day. I going to be in a zoom in Legislation now.bill 303

11:14:21 From Regina Gonzales to Everyone:

My introduction: Hello all. My name is Regina Gonzales with Blue Cross Blue Shield of NM. I am a Transition of Care Coordinator. I assist with transition from inpatient care to home. regina\_gonzales@bcbsnm.com. 505-816-3166

11:18:35 From Janice Peterson to Everyone:

Good morning. janicejeanpeterson@gmail.com

11:18:44 From alyciaB-ATD Fourth World to Everyone:

aburnside@atdfourthworld-usa.org

11:19:08 From Julia Platero, BCBSNM to Everyone:

Good morning. Julia Platero, Community Outreach Specialist & Tribal Liaison, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Mexico, Julia\_Platero@bcbsnm.com.

11:19:18 From Kris Pikaart - Gallup Community Health to Everyone:

Good morning! Kris Pikaart from Gallup Community Health.

kris@gallupcommunityhealth.org

11:19:28 From ColinM- ATD fourthworld to Everyone:

Good morning, Colin, Cmoore@atdfourthworld-usa.org

11:20:23 From Maria.CalderonRose to Everyone:

Maria Calderon-Rose McKinley County DWI Program, Prevention Specialist. maria.calderonrose@co.mckimley.nm.us

11:21:08 From Randy Benally to Everyone:

Randy Benally, Tribal Community Specialist, UNM, HSC CTSC.

RanBenally@salud.unm.edu

11:21:14 From Elizabeth Herron to Everyone:

Elizabeth Herron from Gallup Community Health.

elizabeth@gallupcommunityhealth.org Happy Big Heart Day!

11:23:34 From Bill Bright to Everyone:

www.gallupsolar.org Bringing small solar powered fridges for medicines & veggies to elders on the Rez.

11:24:38 From Tyrell Morgan YSFS (He/Him/His) to Everyone:

Tyrell Morgan - Youth Shelters & Family Services Service Coordinator McKinley/Cibola Counties Email: tmorgan@youthshelters.org

11:24:49 From Christina.Hernandez to Everyone:

Christina Hernandez SNAPS SA Coordinator Christina.hernandez@co.mckinley.nm.us

11:25:06 From Meskee Tsotaddle-Yatsayte to Everyone:

Meskee Tsotaddle-Yatsayte- MMIWR Advocate NNMPU1@gmail.com ( navajommdr.org ) / Victim Witness Advocate- Pueblo of Zuni Tribal Prosecutor's Office- Meskee.Tsotaddle-Yatsayte@ashiwi.org

11:25:25 From Jayme Yancy to Everyone:

Jayme Yancy, New Mexico Social Justice & Equity Institute, jayme.yancy@gmail.com

11:25:45 From Christina Morris, She|Her to Everyone:  
Christina Morris, NMDOH/Health Promotion Specialist, SJC/MCK.  
christina.morris@doh.nm.gov

11:27:22 From Christina Morris, She|Her to Everyone:  
I can only stay up to 12:00 pm today. Sorry can't volunteer today.

11:30:19 From Anna Rondon to Everyone:  
Anna Rondon, NM Social Justice and Equity Institute

11:36:05 From Eirena Begay to Everyone:  
For help with move, can student orgs like Natl honor society help?

11:39:20 From Eirena Begay to Everyone:  
Replying to "For help with move, ..."  
My email : eirena.begay@gmail.com

11:57:59 From Sindy Sacoman to Everyone:  
sindysacoman@gmail.com 505-818-8021

12:05:03 From alyciaB-ATD Fourth World to Everyone:  
Replying to "sindysacoman@gmail..."  
  
aburnside@atdfourthworld-usa.org

12:08:04 From Sindy Sacoman to Everyone:  
Replying to "sindysacoman@gmail.c..."  
  
@alyciaB-ATD Fourth World 

12:08:52 From Eirena Begay to Everyone:  
Replying to "sindysacoman@gmail.c..."  
Hi, my email is eirena.begay@gmail.com

12:10:28 From Bill Bright to Everyone:  
Replying to "sindysacoman@gmail.c..."  
  
brightideas98@gmal.com

12:10:41 From Connie Liu (she/her) - MRHAC to Everyone:  
cliu00@gmail.com

12:11:23 From Connie Liu (she/her) - MRHAC to Everyone:  
Updates from the CEO: [https://www.rmch.org/getpage.php?name=I-CEO\\_Monthly\\_Video\\_Messages&sub=About%20Us](https://www.rmch.org/getpage.php?name=I-CEO_Monthly_Video_Messages&sub=About%20Us)

12:14:08 From Regina Gonzales to Everyone:  
firstwebombednewmexico.com/screenings

12:16:29 From Zunneh-bah Jim to Everyone:  
zunnehbah@gmail.com

12:16:30 From Jayme Yancy to Everyone:  
jayme.yancy@gmail.com

12:17:06 From Jayme Yancy to Everyone:  
<https://www.nmsocialjustice.org/>

12:17:33 From Zunneh-bah Jim to Everyone:  
<https://uraniumfilmfestival.org/en/usa-2024>

12:17:57 From Jayme Yancy to Everyone:  
March 7th-8th

12:18:34 From Jayme Yancy to Everyone:

I sent it to you Chris :)

12:21:52 From Sindy Sacoman to Everyone:

The bookclub is great- lots of participation and great discussion

12:25:17 From Anna Rondon to Christopher Hudson (he, him, his)(Direct Message):

Is HA going to donate

12:28:29 From Colleen Roan to Everyone:

Colleen Roan - mceccgroup21@gmail.com - email if you would like more information on the NWNM Campaign Against Racism. Thanks.

12:29:44 From Connie Liu (she/her) - MRHAC to Everyone:

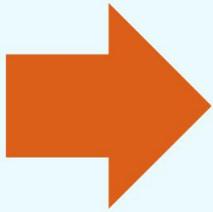
thank you Chris!



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## McKinley County Residents

# Family Centered Benefits Program



## We Can Help You

- Find out which benefits you may be eligible for
- Access benefits such as healthcare, food and assistance with utilities
- If you have applied and are having trouble getting benefits

## Benefits:

**Medicaid**  
Health Coverage

**EITC**  
Earned Income Tax Credit

**SNAP**  
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

**WIC**  
Women, Infants and Children up to 5 (breast pump, formula, etc)

**LiHEAP**  
Low Income Energy Assistance (Cooling & Heating assistance)



## Contact for an Appointment

✉ Zunneh-bah Jim, Community Health Worker

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📍 jayme.yancy@gmail.com

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