McKinley Community Health Alliance

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Health Alliance Monthly Meeting

May 13th, 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, May 13th, 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
Brittany Yazzie—MCHA Core Team
Cheryll Atine—Student Counseling Services, Navajo Technical University
Joyce Hudson—NM Social Justice Equity Institute
Cynthia Killough #she/ella—UNM Health Sciences, UNM SW CACTI
Karen John—Anchorum Foundation Fellow with NM Community Foundation
Mallory Chino—Indigenous Women Rising
Meskee Tsotaddle-Yatsayte—Four Corners Detox Recover Center, Street Outreach Worker & CCHW/Navajo Nations Missing Persons Update/Missing & Murdered Dine Relatives
Rachel Lorenzo—Indigenous Women Rising
Randell 'Randy' Benally—UNM Health Sciences, UNM SW CACTI
Tammy Parker—City of Gallup
Justin Lorenzo—Indigenous Women Rising
Diana Good—New Mexico Department of Health
Helen Tso— UNM Health Sciences Center NW Health Extension Regional Office
Olivia Muskett—UNM Comprehensive Cancer Care
Debra Martinez—Gallup Behavioral Health
Donnica Dunlap—NM Public Education Department Contractor
Kimberly Martin—Sexual Assault Services of NW New Mexico
Sandra Freeland—MCHA Core Team/ Indigenous Cultural Advisors Consulting
Anita Muneta—MCHA Core Team/Housing Justice Team/Health Profile Team
Meredith Greene— Socius Amica Consulting with NM Department of Transportation

The monthly meeting of the McKinley Community Health Alliance convened this month to welcome Mallory Chino, Rachael Lorenzo, and Justin Lorenzo with Indigenous Women Rising to present on Reproductive Sovereignty. Following we presented our 2026 MCHA Factsheet. We also received an update on the Gallup Hope Project, by Meredith Greene. Lastly, we held space for 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:

Reproductive Sovereignty presented by Rachael Lorenzo and Justin Lorenzo from Indigenous Rising

- IWR Values
    - Indigenous centered
    - Trust
    - Accountability connected to community
    - Transparency
    - Integrity
- History
    - Founded in 2014 by Rachael Lorenzo
    - Came from community that needed it
    - Rural area with hygiene poverty
- IWR Funds
    - Rain
        - Abortion support
            - Gas, child care, transportation
    - Emergence Fund
        - Birthing fund
        - Nutrition
        - Midwives
    - Moonpie Fund
        - Menstrual poverty
        - Contraceptives
        - 1 yr. supply of birth control OTC
- IWRISING.ORG
- Reproductive Justice?
    - Sister Strong
        - Women of color reproductive justice collective
        - The human right to maintain personal bodily autonomy
- Access NOT choice
- Analyze existing power systems
- Analyze intersecting oppressions
- Reproductive Justice vs. Sovereignty
- So why?
    - Land, community communal beliefs
    - Place based and relational
    - Basic needs
    - Governance outside of state and federal
    - Makes space for our community members with different beliefs and bridges generations
    - Honors the history of family creation before tribal enrollment
    - Future of creating communities that meet our needs and families

    - Centers local Indigenous people unique perspective on gender and gender roles
    - Continuum of our creation, emergence and migration stories present and future
    - Affirms political status
    - Allow us to use our traditional language.
- Contact info
  INFO@IWRISING.ORG
  Follow on IG
  @indigenouswomenrising
  @reproductivesovereignty

MCHA Fact Sheet 2026—Christopher Hudson

- Mission statement
- 2026 Project Priorities
    - BHRIA Senate Bill 3
    - MCHA Public Health Internship 2026 & McKinley County Health Profile
    - NM Country and Tribal Health Council State Funding
    - Native American Fund Zone Grant-Housing Justice Project

Gallup Hope Project—Meredith Greene

- Complete with phase one
    - Public transit means
    - Gallup and Navajo nation, Greyhound flex, A:shiwi pueblo of Zuni
- Phase two funding (June or July)
    - Walk study (Pedestrian safety)
- Transit facility
    - Looked at possible sites
- Will come back with update for phase 2
- Contact information:
    - Meredith Greene
    - Meredith@sociusamica.com
    - 8512-632-2523

NMSJEI—Joyce Hudson

- Volunteers to put food boxes together at Rio West Mall May 14, 2026
- Button making, coaster weaving May 15 2026 from 4-7:30

- https://nmsocialjustice.org/so/71Pt_WB_6?languageTag=en&cid=8a080f9a-e7ce-4e6d-859b-7ade01953154

MCHA Updates—Christopher Hudson

- Present in front of county commissioner by June
- Share fact sheet from today if possible

- Strategic planning meeting May 29,2026 10-3PM everyone is invited

Annoucement—Cynthia Killough

- Evidence for engagement workshop II
- May 28th, 2026
- Community voices needed
- Registration link:
    - https://hsc-unm.zoom.us/meeting/register/NXZVUc3rTxuFawnW287Vzg

Zoom Chat Log

2026-05-13 11:11:36 From Diana Good: She/her to Everyone:
Good Morning Everyone! Diana Good here with NM Dept. of Health, Health Promotion Coordinator. diana.good@doh.nm.gov and 505-222-6514

2026-05-13 11:14:16 From Brittany Yazzie to Everyone:
Brittany Yazzie MCHA Core Team Member

2026-05-13 11:14:43 From Cynthia M Killough to Everyone:
Good morning 🌻 Cynthia Killough, Senior Community Engagement Liaison & Senior Program Manager at UNM Health Sciences- SW CACTI; ckillo@salud.unm.edu

2026-05-13 11:15:39 From Karen John to Everyone:
Good morning, all! Karen John, Anchorum Fellow at the New Mexico Community Foundation, kjohn@newmexicofoundation.org, 505-427-3075.

2026-05-13 11:15:47 From Randall Benally to Everyone:
Randy Benally, Community Engagement Liaison at UNM HSC SW CACTI, RanBenally@salud.unm.edu

2026-05-13 11:16:32 From McKinley Community Health Alliance to Everyone:
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2026-05-13 11:17:19 From Donnica.Dunlap to Everyone:
Donnica Dunlap NMPED

2026-05-13 11:21:52 From McKinley Community Health Alliance to Everyone:
happy belated mothers days to all our mommies and matriarchs :D

2026-05-13 11:28:22 From Diana Good: She/her to Everyone:
Having control over our own bodies.

2026-05-13 11:28:30 From Brittany Yazzie to Everyone:
Equality?

2026-05-13 11:28:36 From Donnica.Dunlap to Everyone:
This is new for me ....This is awesome

2026-05-13 11:28:38 From Tammy Parker to Everyone:
HAving the same rights as men, wether to have sex/kids

2026-05-13 11:29:19 From Cynthia M Killough to Everyone:
Our bodies is where we live!

2026-05-13 11:29:20 From McKinley Community Health Alliance to Everyone:
antonomy

2026-05-13 11:31:46 From Diana Good: She/her to Everyone:
I would add religious systems in some cases.

2026-05-13 11:35:06 From Diana Good: She/her to Everyone:
Especially frustrating when the rules keep changing.

2026-05-13 11:54:04 From Diana Good: She/her to Everyone:
I am so sad that I have to hop off...I am always impressed by your framing and explaining!

2026-05-13 11:56:50 From Karen John to Everyone:
Thank you for the presentation. I have to join a different meeting now. ❤️‍🩹

2026-05-13 11:57:39 From Rachael Lorenzo to Everyone:
bit.ly/iwrworkshop

2026-05-13 11:59:13 From Joyce Hudson to Everyone:
Thank you. Really good information

2026-05-13 11:59:34 From Brittany Yazzie to Everyone:
Thank you so much for your presentation and all the work that you both do!

2026-05-13 11:59:54 From Rachael Lorenzo to Everyone:
Replying to "I would add religious systems in some cases.":
Oh wow yes thank you for that!

2026-05-13 12:05:04 From Mallery Chino to Everyone:
I have to log off. Thank you for allowing IWR to join this meeting. I appreciate you all 💙

2026-05-13 12:05:42 From Joyce Hudson to Everyone:
Please send a copy of the minutes

2026-05-13 12:10:15 From Brittany Yazzie to Everyone:
Do I take notes on this part of the meeting as well? Or was it just for the IWR presentation?

2026-05-13 12:21:44 From Rachael Lorenzo to Everyone:
I am so sorry I have to leave but thank you again for having us! Please email us if you have any further questions! info@iwrising.org <3

2026-05-13 12:26:15 From McKinley Community Health Alliance to Everyone:
Replying to "Do I take notes on this part of the meeting as wel...":
yes just short notes, if possible.

2026-05-13 12:33:23 From Meredith Greene to Everyone:
Meredith Greene
meredith@sociusamica.com
512-632-2523

2026-05-13 12:37:11 From Joyce Hudson to Everyone:
https://nmsocialjustice.org/so/71Pt_WB_6?languageTag=en&cid=8a080f9a-e7ce-4e6d-859b-7ade01953154

2026-05-13 12:44:14 From Cynthia M Killough to Everyone:
UNM Engage 2 Plus Workshop: 👉 Registration Link: https://hsc-unm.zoom.us/meeting/register/NXZVUc3rTxuFawnW287Vzg

2026-05-13 12:47:32 From Cynthia M Killough to Everyone:
Thank you!

2026-05-13 12:47:39 From Randall Benally to Everyone:
Thank you.