

McKinley Community Health Alliance

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Health Alliance Monthly Meeting

August 12th, 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, August 12th, 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
Charles Goodmacher—DO GOOD LLC, Healthy Climate New Mexico
Chenoa Bah Stilwell Jensen— Office for Community Health, UNM Health Sciences Center
Cynthia Killough #she/ella—UNM Health Sciences, UNM SW CACTI
Debra Martinez—Gallup Behavioral Health
Gerilyn Antonio—New Mexico Alliance of Health Councils
Janeya Johnson—Youth Shelter & Family Services
Jennelle Mitchell—New Mexico Department of Health, McKinley Health Promotions
Meskee Tsotaddle-Yatsayte—Four Corners Detox Recover Center, Street Outreach Worker
& CCHW/Navajo Nations Missing Persons Update/Missing & Murdered Dine Relatives
Nicole Begay—Gallup Community Health
Patricia Largo— Family and Consumer Science Agent with NMSU McKinley County
Cooperative Extension
Randell ‘Randy’ Benally—UNM Health Sciences, UNM SW CACTI
Savannah Watson—City of Gallup Behavioral Health Department
Theresa Yazzie—GIMC/Crownpoint HIS/OEH
Trevor Quiner MD—UNM Maternal Fetal Medicine
Tyrell Morgan—Youth Shelter & Family Services
Colleen Roan—McKinley County Early Childhood Ed. Coalition/MCHA Core Team
Valeria Alcorn—New Mexico Alliance of Health Councils
Ariana Bitsui— Health Educator with New Mexico Department of Health
Guillermina “Gigi” Osoria—Health Action New Mexico
Connie Liu—McKinley Community Physician (OBGYN), Gallup Community Health
Paul Charlton—Community Physician (GIMC Emergency Department), Healthy Climate
New Mexico
Anita Muneta—MCHA Core Team/Housing Justice Team/Health Profile Team
Eirena Begay—MCHA Housing Justice Community Organizer
Lisa Sahai

The monthly meeting of the McKinley Community Health Alliance convened this month to welcome Dr. Trevor Quiner, OBGYN with UNM Health Sciences Center, to present on the Rural Health Transformation Program. Following Dr. Quiner's presentation we held agenda space for Charles Goodmacher, with DO GOOD LLC and Health Climate New Mexico, to

provide an organization overview and special invitation to Healthy Climate NM. Lastly, we held space for our regular partners updates & community announcements, openly made by those present and in the chat log.

Notes by Gerilyn Antonio, NM Alliance of Health Councils
Thank You! - Ahéhee' - Gracias – Elahkwa

NOTES:

MCKINLEY COMMUNITY HEALTH ALLIANCE MONTHLY MEETING NOTE
AGENDA
AUGUST 12, 2026

I. Welcome & Brief Introductions

- Moment of Silence
- Reading of the Mission Statement
- Meeting Agreements & Roles (below) (15mins)

II. Rural Health Transformation Program- Dr. Trevor Quiner, OBGYN, UNM Health Sciences Center

- Introduction: Maternal Fetal Medicine Provider at UNM. Been in NM for 8 years. Finishing fellowship at UNM, stayed as a faculty member. Focus is pregnancy and access to prenatal care. Provide ultrasounds, consulting patients who have complications weekly in Gallup and in Albuquerque serving patients from Gallup, Navajo Nation, and other IHS facilities & birthing hospitals, reaching out to Zuni, Fort Defiance, Crownpoint. Families rely on care they can receive in Gallup.
- NM Hospital Birthing Landscape: NM 5th Largest state by area. 11 counties meet March of Dimes criteria for Maternity Care Desert. 14 counties have no non federal birthing facilities+42%. L&Ds in at least 2 areas frequently close and divert patients to metro hospitals. Outside of IHS, CNMs only practice at 3 rural hospitals: Taos, Espanola, and Silver City. Community movies cover the state of birthing hospital access.
 - MCHA focuses on institutional racism and this is essential to accessing birthcare.
- Regional Disparities in Maternal Mortality related to heavy bleeding, ER admittance, and NM carries the highest burden for these complications. This is related to our systems forced on us throughout the years.
- Rurality and Distance to Care: Pregnant individuals in rural areas are at higher risk.
- Grant Challenges: UNM has research teams to address these challenges. Work with different disciplines to work with the community to address access to birth care/ rural perinatal access. Now finishing first year with researchers.
- The goal is to focus on what are the reasons communities are losing services, impact, how it can be prevented and fixed, and desires and needs of the communities. Objectives
 - Listen and learn from the community
 - Build on what's already working here
 - Start with a focus on Gallup/ McKinley County as a vital hub for surrounding communities and vulnerable to the loss of birth services.
 - Priority: Research that leads to action, informs policy, and drives real change.
 - Working with the Changing Women Initiative and Gallup Community Health Center.
- Perinatal Health ECHO: Gathering places of all professions who take care of pregnant people and their families. Recent sessions were on loss of birth care in Gallup and other communities to highlight community voices.
- Rural Health Transformation Program: Providing NM with \$211 million for the next 5 years. Building a Maternal Health Network to understand communities' desires and needs, the barriers to having prenatal,

birth, and postpartum care and work with the State, TPNs, and other hospitals/ UNM, birth centers, and home birth providers and CBOs to build solutions that emphasize NM strengths.

- **Please reach out with any stories:** PerinatalECHO@salud.unm.edu
- **TQuiner@salud.unm.edu - please email anytime!**
- **Action Items: Hear recommendations from McKinley Community Health Alliance on how to do this the right way**
 - Colleen Roan: Request to meet with McKinley ECECD, group of early childhood programs and work with ECED Department and Family Connects. Talking about CARA Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act and being more aware. Extending invitation to share information with early childhood folks.
 - Christopher Hudson: Reach out to Breastfeeding Coalition. Congenital syphilis outbreak is an issue as well. Maternal health is not the best in McKinley compared to the rest of the state. Also updating the CHIP to update from Unsheltered and Access to Health Care Services.
 - Gerilyn Antonio: 1115 Waiver - need to integrate for this work. Legislation passed last year with Addressing Forced Sterilization that will be led by the NM Indian Affairs Department.

III. Healthy Climate New Mexico- Charles Goodmacher, DO Good LLC

- Informal discussion with legislators on August 18th, 2026 in Gallup NM. Next week. Opportunities to make public comments to the legislature officially. Also invitation to share the Catalyzing Conversations and talk about Healthy Climate proposals for policy and informal conversation with legislators.
- Uranium mining happening, however, from advocates, this is not something very viable - Christopher Hudson. There is also the anti AI data center work happening.
- **Action Items: Attend the August 18th, 2026 Catalyzing Conversation with your Legislators and Healthy Climate New Mexico I 5:00 pm in Gallup NM. Register to info@healthyclimatenm.org**



IV. Community Partners Updates: (~5minutes+ each)

- Gallup Behavioral Health Updates—Debra Martinez, City of Gallup Behavioral Health
 - Continuing to provide AHA American Heart Association services on Thursdays weekly.
 - Presenting to LHHS committee next week
- New Mexico Social Justice & Equity Institute/MCHE Updates—Anna Rondon and/or Joyce Hudson , NMSJEI/MCHE
 - No recent updates at this time
 - They have a great meeting work space for workshops or training.
- New Mexico Department of Health, Health Promotion/Gallup Office Updates—Jennelle Mitchell and/or Ophelia Hudson, NM Department of Health

- Outreach and community education regarding MOUD. Attend overdose response training and try to get space reserved at UNM Gallup for harm reduction training in the future.
- Contract update from Diana was sent to Chris via email
- Did a vital records mobile event at Ford Canyon, technical difficulties with that. Had to transition to the office, issued 29 birth certificates to communities.
- Working with the City to find other locations where vital records events can be hosted.
- Continue to offer technical assistance to the Health Council(s).
- McKinley Community Health Alliance Updates—Christopher Hudson, MCHA
 - Eirena, Housing Justice Project: Funding hiatus at this time. Completed a Know Your Rights training for the community and collaborated with partners for mobile tenants.
 - Chenoa Bah, HERO: Eirena is becoming a Project Coordinator NW Region Hero from UNM working on homelessness and how to address the circle and continuum of care with our relatives. OCH, support new regional hero once they get picked until HR gets their process done.
 - Collected corn pollen with Totah Behavioral Health Services and harvest season.
 - Public and community health internships that are live and available
 - Sept, Oct, and Nov - 12 hours/ week (\$2,500 / monthly)
 - Take public and community health sessions, help with minutes, and get to know partners, work on community health profile in partnership with NMDOH. Also doing interviewing to provide community narratives for the profile.
 - <https://mckinleyhealthalliance.org/paid-internships-2026>
- MCHA Strategic Planning+ Core Team Work Sessions (Next on August 28th, 2026, NMSJEI Office, Rio West Mall, Gallup, NM—Last Friday, 10am~3pm, Monthly through October 2026) (In Person w/Lunch provided or Zoom)

V. Announcements (~15mins)

- Community Collaborative Forum, NM Alliance of Health Councils. Aug. 20th Community Collaborative Forum (virtual), we'll have candidates running for NM Governor/ LT. Governor, answer community questions: <https://www.nmhealthcouncils.org/ccf>
- Flyer: Showing the movie Shuffle downtown near Coal Street Venue on August 28th.
- LHHS at Courthouse all next week August 18th - 21st, 2026. Shoutout to the Health Council!

VI. Adjourn

Zoom Chat Log

2026-08-12 11:04:40 From Cynthia M Killough to Everyone:
BRB!

2026-08-12 11:11:46 From Debra Martinez to Everyone:
Debra Martinez, City of Gallup

2026-08-12 11:12:02 From Cynthia M Killough to Everyone:
Cynthia Killough, UNM SW CACTI Senior Program Manager and Senior Community Engagement Liaison, ckillo@salud.unm.edu

2026-08-12 11:12:14 From Patricia Largo to Everyone:

Patricia Largo, Family and Consumer Science Agent, NMSU McKinley County Cooperative Extension Service, plargo@nmsu.edu

2026-08-12 11:12:45 From Brittany Yazzie to Everyone:
Brittany Yazzie MCHA Core Team Member

2026-08-12 11:12:52 From Charles Goodmacher/DO GOOD LLC to Everyone:
Charles Goodmacher, DoinGoodConsultant@gmail.com on for Healthy Climate New Mexico. Membership is free for all public health (and medical) professionals!
HealthyClimateNM.org

2026-08-12 11:13:08 From Valeria "Val" Alarcón to Everyone:
Happy Wednesday everyone 🌈 Valeria Alarcon, Executive Director at the NM Alliance of Health Councils, in support of all 33 Counties and currently 10 Tribal Health Councils. WE would LOVE to invite you all to our upcoming Aug. 20th Community Collaborative Forum: <https://www.nmhealthcouncils.org/ccf>

2026-08-12 11:13:14 From Gerilyn, NMAHC Tribal Liaison to Everyone:
Gerilyn Antonio, NMAHC Tribal Liaison, gerilyn@nmhealthcouncils.org 🌻

2026-08-12 11:13:16 From Meskee Lynn Tsotaddle to Everyone:
Meskee Lynn Tsotaddle - Four Corners Detox Recovery Center - Street Outreach Worker/CCHW. 505-405-9440 mtsotaddle@fcdrecovery.org

2026-08-12 11:13:40 From Nicole Begay to Everyone:
Nicole Begay, Gallup Community Health
Population Health Director
Nicole@gallupcommunityhealth.org

2026-08-12 11:13:49 From Meskee Lynn Tsotaddle to Everyone:
Apologies tech difficulties. My microphone isn't working.

2026-08-12 11:13:54 From Trevor E Quiner to Everyone:
Trevor Quiner MD, UNM Maternal Fetal Medicine
TQuiner@salud.unm.edu

2026-08-12 11:14:58 From Chenoa Bah to Everyone:
brb

2026-08-12 11:16:19 From Jennelle.Mitchell (DOH) to Everyone:
Jennelle Mitchell, Health Promotion Specialist for McKinley/Cibola County, NMDOH, jennelle.mitchell@doh.nm.gov

2026-08-12 11:17:24 From Chenoa Bah to Everyone:

Chenoa Bah Stilwell-Jensen, Native American Health Extension Regional Officer,
Office for Community Health, UNM Health Sciences Center, 505-264-5466,
cstilwellhensen@salud.unm.edu

2026-08-12 11:19:54 From Janeya Johnson - YSFS to Everyone:
Janeya Johnson - Landlord Liaison Youth Shelters & Family Services
(jjohnson@youthshelters.org)

2026-08-12 11:20:11 From McKinley Community Health Alliance to Everyone:
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2026-08-12 11:20:13 From TAYazzie to Everyone:
Theresa Yazzie, District Injury Prevention Specialist, NAIHS/Crownpoint/Gallup
OEH.

2026-08-12 11:20:29 From Randall Benally to Everyone:
Randy Benally, UNM SW CACTI, Community Engagement Liaison,
Ranbenally@salud.unm.edu

2026-08-12 11:25:21 From Colleen Roan to Everyone:
Colleen Roan, Coordinator-McKinley County Early Childhood Coalition.
mceccgroup21@gmail.com

2026-08-12 11:39:56 From Connie Liu to Everyone:
Sorry to hop on late, Connie Liu OBGYN Gallup community health

2026-08-12 11:41:00 From Paul Charlton to Everyone:
Joining late, this is Paul Charlton from both the GIMC Emergency Department and
Healthy Climate New Mexico organization

2026-08-12 11:47:23 From Trevor E Quiner to Everyone:
Please reach out with any stories:
PerinatalECHO@salud.unm.edu

2026-08-12 11:49:18 From Trevor E Quiner to Everyone:
TQuiner@salud.unm.edu - please email anytime!

2026-08-12 11:50:13 From Patricia Largo to Everyone:
It is now 11:50am

2026-08-12 11:51:13 From Debra Martinez to Everyone:
Good afternoon,

2026-08-12 11:52:00 From Gerilyn, NMAHC Tribal Liaison to Everyone:
Replying to "TQuiner@salud.unm.edu - please email anytime!":
Dr. Quiner would love to chat about your work and connecting with other health councils in the state. gerilyn@nmhealthcouncils.org

2026-08-12 11:55:55 From Charles Goodmacher/DO GOOD LLC to Everyone:
HealthyClimatenm.org to check us out and learn what else we're doing.. including an August 20 Tribal Heat and Wildfire Smoke Preparedness Tabletop Exercise
Join us for a collaborative scenario exercise on August 20, 2026, from 9:30 am - 2:30 pm at the Santo Domingo Community Center to help tribal communities prepare for extreme heat and smoke events.
Anyone with a current active role in tribal emergency preparedness and planning is welcome to join this event including Tribal Emergency Managers, Tribal Police, Fire Departments, EMTs and other first responders, Community Health Workers.
Seats for this event are limited.
For questions please email info@healthycliatenm.org.

2026-08-12 11:56:01 From Gerilyn, NMAHC Tribal Liaison to Everyone:
How do we register? Thank you for the info

2026-08-12 11:56:46 From Charles Goodmacher/DO GOOD LLC to Everyone:
Register to info@healthyclimatenm.org

2026-08-12 11:57:52 From Debra Martinez to Everyone:
We are short staffed today so I need to leave early. We are continuing to provide the Stress Reduction Clinics on Thursdays from 4:00-6:00 at the Octavia Fellin Public Library. Our AHA Coalition will be presenting on Thursday at 3:00pm to the Legislative Health and Human Service Committee. Have a great day.

2026-08-12 11:57:57 From Charles Goodmacher/DO GOOD LLC to Everyone:
Public Comments need NOT be on a topic on their agenda. You likely will have two minutes, but prepare for 90 seconds. Better to state your main points concisely than to get cut off before finishing a comment.
IF they have a sign-in at the Committee meeting, do sign in and clearly indicate you want to make public comment – this is true if you do Zoom or in-person. In-person as you know, is much more effective, but every comment counts!
Times for public comment at the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee meeting at the McKinley County Courthouse
11:45 Tuesday, just before lunch
2:15 Wednesday, before they recess
11:45 Thursday, just before lunch
Noon, Friday, just before they adjourn and head home (likely fewer legislators present)

2026-08-12 11:59:29 From Cynthia M Killough to Everyone:

So sorry- I'm being pulled to another meeting. I'll try to come back to finish the meeting if I can.

2026-08-12 11:59:32 From Eirena Begay to Everyone:

For speakers: Not sure if it's just me, but sound is in and out. My area is experiencing an outage so that may be a factor.

2026-08-12 12:00:12 From Patricia Largo to Everyone:

Verizon appears to be out right now in Gallup.

2026-08-12 12:00:17 From McKinley Community Health Alliance to Everyone:

Replying to "For speakers: Not sure if it's just me, but sound ...":
no issues on our end

2026-08-12 12:00:31 From Charles Goodmacher/DO GOOD LLC to Everyone:

Some of the policy proposals HCNM is discussing

(1) Medicaid provision of indoor air cleaning devices for New Mexicans with diagnosed

respiratory conditions.

(2) Proposal For a Heat Officer and a Heat Office

(3) Worker Heat Safety

(4) Public Health and Climate Program

(5) Extreme Weather Resilience Fund

(6) Air Quality Monitors on School Grounds (and our Project Claro)...

2026-08-12 12:01:34 From Connie Liu to Everyone:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Agendas/LHHSageAug18.26.pdf>

2026-08-12 12:02:19 From Patricia Largo to Everyone:

Thank you!

2026-08-12 12:03:16 From Valeria "Val" Alarcón to Everyone:

Gotta run to Chavez HC. In support of this advocacy effort with Healthy Climate NM!

 We are also eager to invite you all to the Aug. 20th Community Collaborative Forum (virtual), we'll have candidates running for NM Governor/ LT. Governor, answer community questions: <https://www.nmhealthcouncils.org/ccf>

2026-08-12 12:04:10 From Connie Liu to Everyone:

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2026-08-12 12:04:20 From Connie Liu to Everyone:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/19UZYKnyF7/?mibextid=wwXIfr>

2026-08-12 12:04:37 From Connie Liu to Everyone:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/19TNxZPU18/?mibextid=wwXIfr>

2026-08-12 12:05:24 From Paul Charlton to Everyone:
Paul Charlton: paul.w.charlton@gmail.com, cell 509-859-2511

2026-08-12 12:05:48 From Paul Charlton to Everyone:
Thanks everyone for the work being done!

2026-08-12 12:06:01 From Charles Goodmacher/DO GOOD LLC to Everyone:
Thanks - I find listening helpful ... want to hear what's going on out there...

2026-08-12 12:06:37 From Nicole Begay to Everyone:
American Heart Association?

2026-08-12 12:06:43 From ariana.bitsui@doh.nm.gov to Everyone:
American Heart Association?

2026-08-12 12:20:56 From McKinley Community Health Alliance to Everyone:
MCHA Paid Internship Fall 2026 Job Announcement.pdf, MCHA Paid Internship Fall 2026_FY27.pdf

2026-08-12 12:21:19 From McKinley Community Health Alliance to Everyone:
<https://mckinleyhealthalliance.org/paid-internships-2026>

2026-08-12 12:26:38 From Charles Goodmacher/DO GOOD LLC to Everyone:
Again - thank you very much! Stay cool!

2026-08-12 12:28:39 From Gerilyn, NMAHC Tribal Liaison to Everyone:
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Community Collaborative Forum (virtual), we'll have candidates running for NM Governor/
LT. Governor, answer community questions: <https://www.nmhealthcouncils.org/ccf>

2026-08-12 12:29:45 From Colleen Roan to Everyone:
SHUFFLE flier.png

2026-08-12 12:31:40 From Connie Liu to Everyone:
Bye!