

McKinley Community Health Alliance

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Health Alliance Monthly Meeting

July 8th, 2026

11:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.

Zoom Online Conference

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The monthly meeting of the McKinley Community Health Alliance convened on Wednesday, July 8th, 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
Ahedabah June—Gallup Community Health
Alexis Lucero—Gallup Community Health
Bonnie Vallo—Blue Cross Blue Shield New Mexico
Brittany Yazzie—MCHA Core Team
Chris Kenny—Gallup/McKinley Community Member
Diana Good—New Mexico Department of Health
Gerilyn Antonio—New Mexico Alliance of Health Councils
Jodie Henderson (she/her)—Youth Shelter & Family Services
Joseph Hill—New Mexico Alliance of Health Councils
Karen John—Anchorum Foundation Fellow with NM Community Foundation
Ken Collins—Hozho Center for Personal Enhancement
Leyabah Tsosie—New Mexico Department of Health, Office of Alcohol Misuse Prevention
Meskee Tsotaddle-Yatsayte—Four Corners Detox Recover Center, Street Outreach Worker
& CCHW/Navajo Nations Missing Persons Update/Missing & Murdered Dine Relatives
Randell ‘Randy’ Benally—UNM Health Sciences, UNM SW CACTI
Susan Brown—New Mexico Alliance of Health Councils
Theresa Yazzie—GIMC/Crownpoint HIS/OEH
Tiona Grant—Utah Navajo Health System Inc.
Tius James—Gallup Community Health
Toney Johnson—New Mexico Department of Health, Office of the Tribal Liaison
Tyrell Morgan—Youth Shelter & Family Services
Valeria Alcorn—New Mexico Alliance of Health Councils
Wilhelmina Yazzie—Community Advocate on Educational Equity, Governing Board
Member of Six Directions Indigenous school, and Tribal Law Advocate
Colleen Roan—McKinley County Early Childhood Ed. Coalition/MCHA Core Team
Sandra Freeland—MCHA Core Team/ Indigenous Cultural Advisors Consulting
Guillermina “Gigi” Osoria—Health Action New Mexico
Anna Rondon—New Mexico Social Justice & Equity Institute
Eirena Begay—MCHA Housing Justice Community Organizer
Janeya Johnson—Youth Shelter & Family Services
Donnica Dunlap—NM Public Education Department Contractor
Cynthia Killough #she/ella—UNM Health Sciences, UNM SW CACTI
Zunneh-bah Jim—MCHA Core Team, and Missing & Murdered Dine Relatives Coalition

Jill Jim—Sexual Assault Services of NW New Mexico

The monthly meeting of the McKinley Community Health Alliance convened this month to welcome Guillermina ‘Gigi’ Osoria, with Health Action New Mexico to present on upcoming Health Insurance 101 Community Workshops. After the presentation, we held space for our regular community partners updates & announcements, openly made by those present and in the chat log.

Notes by Britany Yazzie, MCHA Core Team Member
Thank You! - Ahéhee’ - Gracias – Elahkwa

NOTES:

MCHA Meeting

Health Action Insurance 101-- Guillermina Osoria, Health Action New Mexico

- Certified Community Health Care Worker
- Health Action NM
- Outreach to educate community of NM on how to use Health Care System
- Medicaid, Medicare, Tricare, BWellNM
- Requirements for these benefits are going to change for current recipients
- Estimated to lose 30,000 recipients
- Want to do workshops
 - Get info on what is the peoples experience
 - Enough providers?
 - Do they have pharmacies locally?
 - Issues accessing services
- 1.5 hr. workshops
 - Food/lunch provided
 - Swag giveaways
 - \$30 gift card
 - Virtual and in person
- Gathering stories to do a documentary stories
- Creating SNAP network
 - Help people find organizations that provide volunteer hours to use for their reporting
- Guillermina@healthactionnm.org 505-595-1397

NM Social Justice & Equity Institute Updates -- Anna Rondon

- Native Organizers Alliance
- 7 Generation Native American Survey
- NM Aging Services are looking for a part-time Elder to work 20 hour week

McKinley Housing Justice Updates -- Eirena Begay

- At the tail end off grant funding
- Help city counselor Sierra, JP and Michael with NM law of poverty "Know Your Rights"
 - Inform residents
 - Know their rights
 - Unhoused relatives in this hot weather
 - Howard Johnson residents potluck style to help navigate them and give closure. Need is still there. Work still needs to be done.

MCHA Updates -- Christopher Hudson

- Letter of support requirements for Internship
- Core Team member meeting upcoming
- Please request for letter of support before core team meeting
- Share a meal
- Suicide Prevention workshop

Gallup Community Health Updates -- Ahedabah June

- "Got Shots "
 - Free immunizations for kids - ALL SUMMER
 - June 15-Aug 28th M-F 8am-5pm
- " WALK WITH A DOC " - Free event
 - August 1, 2026 (Sat)
 - Gallup Sports Complex - 925 Park Ave, Gallup Nm 87301
 - 5k/Fun run begins: 9:00 AM
 - On-site Registration: 7:30 AM
 - Meet local providers / Resource Fair
 - Walk with a Doc

August 7th Re-Opening of Hozho Center

Gallup Behavioral Health Updates -- Debra Martinez

Save the Date NMTBHPA Conference August 6 9-5pm and 7th 9-5 pm

Zoom Chat Log

2026-07-08 11:05:30 From Chris Kenny to Everyone:

Hello, everyone 😊

2026-07-08 11:07:10 From Toney Johnson to Everyone:

Hi everyone Happy Wednesday 😊 happy July!

2026-07-08 11:08:12 From Meskee Tsotaddle-Yatsayte to Everyone:

Meskee Lynn Tsotaddle- Santa Fe Recovery Center-Gallup/ Street Outreach Worker.

2026-07-08 11:11:54 From Joseph Hill to Everyone:
Hello everyone!

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

Upcoming Events/Resources: click here

2026-07-08 11:12:44 From Brittany Yazzie to Everyone:
Brittany Yazzie MCHA Core Team Member

2026-07-08 11:12:46 From Gerilyn, NMAHC Tribal Liaison to Everyone:
Gerilyn Antonio with NMAHC, happy Wednesday 🌻 🌻
gerilyn@nmhealthcouncils.org

2026-07-08 11:12:57 From Valeria "Val" Alarcón to Everyone:
Happy Wednesday Dream Team! 🌈 Valeria Alarcón, Executive Director at the NM Alliance of Health Councils in service and support of McKinley and all 33 Counties and 10 Tribal Health Councils.

2026-07-08 11:13:26 From Ahedabah June to Everyone:
Ahedabah June - Community Health Worker with Gallup Community Health.

2026-07-08 11:13:30 From Wilhelmina Yazzie (she/her/asdzaan) to Everyone:
Ya'at'eeh relatives. Wilhelmina Yazzie, Community/Parent Advocate. Ahe'hee'.

2026-07-08 11:13:38 From Diana Good: She/her to Everyone:
Diana Good with NM Dept. of Health. diana.good@doh.nm.gov 505-222-6514.
Mostly here with you guys in the background as I'm multitasking and digging out from vacay email build up :).

2026-07-08 11:13:54 From Alexis Lucero to Everyone:
Alexis Lucero CHW GCH - alexis@gallupcommunityhealth.org

2026-07-08 11:14:23 From Tius James GCH to Everyone:
Tius James, CHW - Gallup Community Health tius@gallupcommunityhealth.org

2026-07-08 11:14:24 From Ken Collins to Everyone:
Good morning, Ken Collins, Executive Director Hozho Center for Personal Enhancement 233 West Coal Avenue, Gallup, ken@hozho-center.org, Office: 505-870-1483

2026-07-08 11:14:25 From Toney Johnson, NMDOH to Everyone:
Toney Johnson, NM Department of Health, Navajo Nation member, Tribal Alcohol Coordinator/Primary Care Clinic Manager, toney.johnson@doh.nm.gov, ABQ/Santa Fe, NM/Pinedale, NM; Happy to be on. Thanks everyone 😊

2026-07-08 11:14:57 From Susan Brown to Everyone:

Susan Brown. MPH student with NMSU. Doing an internship with NMAHC. Thank you for letting me observe! Caminadora86@msn.com

2026-07-08 11:15:26 From Guillermina Osoria to Everyone:

Greetings, Everyone! Happy Wednesday to all 🌈! Gigi in the house 🥰 with Health Action New Mexico!

2026-07-08 11:15:43 From Karen John to Everyone:

Hello! Karen John, Anchorum Fellow at the New Mexico Community Foundation.
*New email - kjohn@nmcf.org and new phone 505-356-4115

2026-07-08 11:18:00 From Jodie Henderson to Everyone:

Jodie Henderson Service Coordinator with Youth Shelters and Family Services

2026-07-08 11:19:17 From Colleen Roan to Everyone:

Good morning all, Colleen Roan, Coordinator - McKinley County Early Childhood Coalition - mceccgroup21@gmail.com

2026-07-08 11:19:53 From Randy Benally to Everyone:

Randy Benally, Community Engagement Liaison, UNM SW CACTI,
Ranbenally@salud.unm.edu

2026-07-08 11:20:22 From Tyrell Morgan - YSFS to Everyone:

Tyrell Morgan -Service Coordinator/HMIS Lead
Youth Shelters & Family Services
tmorgan@youthshelters.org

2026-07-08 11:22:38 From Sandra Freeland to Everyone:

Sandra Freeland, MCHA core team member, 505-870-4587, sfree@ica-nm.com

2026-07-08 11:22:52 From Tiona Grant (UNHS) to Everyone:

Good Morning! Tiona Grant, Victim Services Administrative Specialist, Utah Navajo Health System Inc. Location: 111 South 1st Street Gallup, NM 87301 tgrant@unhsinc.org

2026-07-08 11:23:19 From Leyabah Tsosie, DOH to Everyone:

Yá'át'ééh! Leyabah Tsosie, Tribal Coordinator for NM Department of Health, Office of Alcohol Misuse Prevention. leyabah.tsosie@doh.nm.gov Thank you for having me! 🥰

2026-07-08 11:27:00 From Ahedabah June to Everyone:

Replying to "Happy Wednesday Dream Team! 🌈 Valeria Alarcón, Ex...":
Good morning! I believe we met through the Con Alma conference? unsure. But nice to see you again!

2026-07-08 11:29:29 From Valeria "Val" Alarcón to Everyone:

Guillermina! LLAMAME! 🙏 We gotta set up your radio interview! Vamos a date was VOZ por el radio

2026-07-08 11:30:13 From McKinley Community Health Alliance to Everyone:

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2026-07-08 11:34:04 From GUILLERMINA OSORIA CCHW S3 to Everyone:

Replying to "Guillermina! LLAMame! 🙏 We gotta set up your ra...":

Yes, please 813-404-3587 guillermina@healthactionnm.org. IDHCC Whittier Food Hub next dates are July 17, July 31, Aug 7, and Aug 21. 2:00 to 6:00 pm. We are at Whittier Elementary in the International District.

2026-07-08 11:36:32 From TAYazzie to Everyone:

Theresa Yazzie

2026-07-08 11:44:47 From Ken Collins to Everyone:

The Hozho Center is in the early stages of organizing our grand opening for our new office at 233 West Coal Avenue in Gallup. We are looking at Friday August 7th during the Ceremonial. 10 AM to 12:30 PM at our office and then go to Gamerco for the Open House at the Hozho Center Recovery Home from 1 PM to 4 PM where food and refreshments will be provided.

2026-07-08 11:54:43 From Brittany Yazzie to Everyone:

What does it stand for? The acronym?

2026-07-08 11:55:03 From McKinley Community Health Alliance to Everyone:

BeWell NM

2026-07-08 11:55:42 From McKinley Community Health Alliance to Everyone:

<https://bewellnm.com/>

2026-07-08 11:56:25 From Colleen Roan to Everyone:

How does an org become/register as a volunteer site/org?

2026-07-08 11:57:51 From Eirena Begay to Everyone:

Circling back, about the renewal process for ebt/snap, I thought it has always been every six months?

2026-07-08 11:59:05 From Ken Collins to Everyone:

The address at the recovery home is 309 South Chino Loop, Gamerco, 87317

2026-07-08 12:01:18 From McKinley Community Health Alliance to Everyone:

healthalliance.org

2026-07-08 12:01:38 From McKinley Community Health Alliance to Everyone:
healthalliance@mckinleyhealthalliance.org

2026-07-08 12:02:43 From Eirena Begay to Everyone:
From my own experience and helping others, I know writing a letter to document income or work hours is acceptable.

2026-07-08 12:04:47 From Eirena Begay to Everyone:
And what about individuals with disabilities? How are the requirements translating for them with work or service hours?

2026-07-08 12:04:53 From Toney Johnson, NMDOH to Everyone:
<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/medicaid-community-engagement-requirement-certain-individuals-interim-final-rule-comment-period-cms> Medicaid Community Engagement Requirement for Certain Individuals Interim Final Rule with Comment Period

2026-07-08 12:05:29 From Bonnie Vallo, BCBSNM to Everyone:
<https://www.hca.nm.gov/Medicaidchanges/>

2026-07-08 12:05:37 From Toney Johnson, NMDOH to Everyone:
There are exceptions as well folks :)

2026-07-08 12:05:43 From Toney Johnson, NMDOH to Everyone:
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2026-07-08 12:06:50 From Eirena Begay to Everyone:
Replying to "Screenshot2026_07_08_120542.jpg":
Thank you Toney.

2026-07-08 12:07:59 From Ken Collins to Everyone:
How about attendant care for people with disabilities?

2026-07-08 12:09:50 From Ken Collins to Everyone:
If people with disabilities can't receive in-home care they will be faced with nursing home care. You can serve three people in the community for the cost of one person in a nursing home.

2026-07-08 12:14:03 From GUILLERMINA OSORIA CCHW S3 to Everyone:
guillermina@healthactionnm.org 505-595-1397

2026-07-08 12:14:54 From GUILLERMINA OSORIA CCHW S3 to Everyone:
Replying to "Screenshot2026_07_08_120542.jpg":
Awesome !

2026-07-08 12:15:08 From Eirena Begay to Everyone:

I have a couple of flyers to share . One is a Know Your Rights training for mobile home tenants which is a collaborative training with city councilor, Sierra Yazzie Asamoa-Tutu and NM Law & Poverty.

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2026-07-08 12:15:42 From GUILLERMINA OSORIA CCHW S3 to Everyone:

Thank you everyone!

2026-07-08 12:16:55 From Eirena Begay to Everyone:

And the second flyer is a Dinner & Dialogue, closing out the space with Howard Johnson residents in a good way. It is a potluck style gathering. The more help and participation, the merrier.

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2026-07-08 12:17:04 From Valeria "Val" Alarcón to Everyone:

Hi team! Gotta run off to another HC meeting. HERE's wishing you all a beautiful rest of your day and week! ❤️

2026-07-08 12:23:52 From Anna Rondon to Everyone:

Awww ahexee

2026-07-08 12:24:03 From Anna Rondon to Everyone:

Absolutely

2026-07-08 12:25:53 From Eirena Begay to Everyone:

Additionally to Anna's share, city of Gallup community members are coordinating a campaign to raise awareness for the data center that was planned for the city and our neighboring homelands of Diné Bi'kéyah. A petition for a moratorium ia being circulated.

2026-07-08 12:26:27 From Anna Rondon to Everyone:

Ahexee, Eirena.

2026-07-08 12:28:47 From McKinley Community Health Alliance to Everyone:

Suicide Prevention Training - MCHA Lunch & Learn CH Workshop (07.13.2026).jpg

2026-07-08 12:29:01 From McKinley Community Health Alliance to Everyone:

Suicide Prevention Training - MCHA Lunch & Learn CH Workshop (07.13.2026).pdf

2026-07-08 12:30:19 From Zunneh-bah Jim to Everyone:

Awesome, thank you Eirena! 🙌👏

2026-07-08 12:30:57 From Eirena Begay to Everyone:

Replying to "Awesome, thank you Eirena! 🙌👏":

Thank you! 😊

2026-07-08 12:32:30 From Eirena Begay to Everyone:

My contact information is eirena.begay@mckinleyhealthalliance.org and my phone is (480) 628-5356.

2026-07-08 12:35:56 From Guillermina Osoria to Everyone:
guillermina@healthactionnm.org 505-595-1397 to set up Health Insurance 101 workshops

2026-07-08 12:36:00 From Meskee Tsotaddle-Yatsayte to Everyone:
Thank you for reading my email Chris and Eirena.

2026-07-08 12:36:20 From Anna Rondon to Everyone:
Great to see you Meskee

2026-07-08 12:36:28 From McKinley Community Health Alliance to Everyone:
core_team@mckinleyhealthalliance.org

2026-07-08 12:36:54 From McKinley Community Health Alliance to Everyone:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/123BciZu95JBtZb0Lbf6MCa30WVss06EcKc0lFvKvPII/edit?usp=sharing>

2026-07-08 12:37:39 From Eirena Begay to Everyone:
Replying to "Ahexee, Eirena.":
Thank you! 😊

2026-07-08 12:42:21 From Eirena Begay to Everyone:
Can you drop the flyer so we can share?

2026-07-08 12:42:23 From McKinley Community Health Alliance to Everyone:
bit.ly/4y7N7Z7

2026-07-08 12:42:36 From Ahedabah June to Everyone:
Gallup Community Health updates:

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2026-07-08 12:42:53 From Ahedabah June to Everyone:
Walk with a Doc Event Flyer.png

2026-07-08 12:42:57 From Anna Rondon to Everyone:
Great job Chris!

2026-07-08 12:43:19 From Eirena Begay to Everyone:
Replying to "https://docs.google.com/document/d/123BciZu95JBtZb...":
This google doc requires permission. I did request access.

2026-07-08 12:43:20 From Guillermina Osoria to Everyone:
Awesome work, Chris!!!

2026-07-08 12:43:46 From Toney Johnson, NMDOH to Everyone:
Just sharing 😊 local events and items; have to jump off thanks everyone.
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Screenshot2026_07_08_122107.jpg, Screenshot2026_07_08_122230.jpg

2026-07-08 12:44:45 From Toney Johnson, NMDOH to Everyone:
NMDOH Office of Alcohol Misuse Prevention (OAMP)
OAMP Packet: <https://heyzine.com/flip-book/3ac3ebe126.html>; thanks everyone.

2026-07-08 12:45:06 From McKinley Community Health Alliance to Everyone:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/123BciZu95JBtZb0Lbf6MCa30WVss06EcKc0lFvKvPII/edit?usp=sharing>

2026-07-08 12:45:14 From Toney Johnson, NMDOH to Everyone:
NMDOH Data Info sheets: <https://heyzine.com/flip-book/c56d45352c.html>;

2026-07-08 12:45:47 From Debra Martinez to Everyone:
Save the Date! NMTBHPA Annual Conference 2026.pdf

2026-07-08 12:47:20 From McKinley Community Health Alliance to Everyone:
healthalliance@mckinleyhealthalliance.org

2026-07-08 12:47:37 From McKinley Community Health Alliance to Everyone:
list/serve to share info to alliance

2026-07-08 12:47:58 From Ken Collins to Everyone:
I have to go. Thank you. Please keep me in the loop.

2026-07-08 12:48:50 From Debra Martinez to Everyone:
Replying to "Save the Date! NMTBHPA Annual Conference 2026.pdf":
Through our PARD grant we will be hosting a track on Alcohol.

2026-07-08 12:48:52 From Bonnie Vallo, BCBSNM to Everyone:
thank you!

2026-07-08 12:49:38 From Zunneh-bah Jim to Everyone:

Thank you everyone! Take care!

2026-07-08 12:49:49 From Tiona Grant (UNHS) to Everyone:

Replying to "Walk with a Doc Event Flyer.png":

Ceremonial JMI is at 7:30am same date at Ellis Tanner. Just letting you know.

2026-07-08 12:49:56 From Eirena Begay to Everyone:

Thank you everyone.

2026-07-08 12:50:02 From Karen John to Everyone:

Thank you! Have a great day