

**INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS RESOLUTION NO. 19-28**

**A RESOLUTION CREATING THE INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS  
ALAMOS COUNTY HEALTH COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY AND  
TRIBAL HEALTH COUNCILS ACT**

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos ("County Council") wishes to address the health needs for the Incorporated County of Los Alamos ("County"); and

**WHEREAS**, County Council seeks to ensure community input for the planning of health services and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to ensure comprehensive community-based planning to identify and address local health needs and priorities; and

**WHEREAS**, the informal group, not a unit of County, identified as the Los Alamos County Community Health Council, a predecessor, has effectively contributed to improved health within the County since 1995, but now wishes that County establish its own Health Council as a unit of the local government.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Alamos County Health Council be created in accordance with the following:**

**Section 1: Health Council.** There is hereby created a Health Council which shall be known as the "Los Alamos County Health Council."

**Section 2: Composition, Terms of Office, and Compensation.** The Los Alamos County Health Council ("Health Council") shall consist of up to fifteen (15) members, appointed by County Council. The members of the Health Council shall be selected to represent a broad spectrum of interests and who represent diverse community interests, including individuals and public, private and nonprofit entities, which may include Los Alamos National Laboratory representation, health providers, parenting families, local school administrators, public health services, local non-profit organizations, income support services, and hospital administrators.

Members shall be appointed to staggered terms of two (2) years, and no member shall serve more than four (4) consecutive years. The Health Council shall annually select a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson by majority vote of its members.

**Section 3. Duties.** The Health Council shall develop recommendations to County regarding comprehensive health planning, coordination of health resources and identification of needs, services, projects and programs that can affect community health.

The Health Council shall prepare an annual Community Health Plan and report its Plan to County Council and to the State of New Mexico Department of Health. The Community Health Plan shall include:

- (1) a county health assessment and inventory of health resources;
- (2) identification of health priorities determined through independent, community-based planning processes; and
- (3) strategies and resources to address health priorities.

The Health Council shall monitor health and health care programs and services in order to identify potential gaps and to reduce potential duplication; collaborate with other entities to develop programs, networks, partnerships and coalitions as necessary to improve health; advise County Council regarding policies that affect health; facilitate communication among local jurisdictions, state agencies and other entities; and identify additional public and private resources to improve health in its respective jurisdiction.

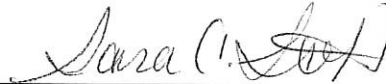
**Section 4.** The Health Council shall adhere to all applicable laws and guidelines governing County's boards and commissions.

**Section 5:** The Health Council shall prepare a written report on their activities at least twice per year. The report shall be provided to the Director of Community Services who shall present it to County Council.

**Section 6: Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption and remain in effect until amended or rescinded.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2019.

**COUNCIL OF THE INCORPORATED  
COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS**



**Sara C. Scott  
Council Chair**

**ATTEST:**



**Naomi D. Maestas  
Los Alamos County Clerk**

