

Los Alamos County Health Council



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1. Please provide a general overview of the initiatives the health council plans on achieving this year and how these may relate to prior health council initiatives that have already begun.

Los Alamos County Health Council plans on Advocating to Los Alamos County Council to develop a multi-year MOU with Rio Arriba County and the City of Espanola to reserve space and allocate funding directly to secure inpatient beds at Darrin's Place for Los Alamos County Residents. If County Council approves initiative, the Health Council will assist in drafting/developing the MOU.

In FY20, the LACHC requested the deliverable be changed to consider the submission of the final gap analysis report as our proposed deliverable. As the LACHC we stated the final gap analysis report will help guide the future work of the health council moving forward.

2. Please explain why the health council has chosen this particular initiative. Is it evidence-based? Is it a best practice?

By selecting this as an initiative/deliverable for the Health Council, it would touch on 3 of the 7 identified gaps within the Gap Analysis completed by Los Alamos County.

- Problems with Access to Health Care services, Inadequate numbers of Healthcare Workforce, Issues with non-acceptance of Medicaid & some Commercial Health Insurance
- Culture of Alcohol Acceptance & Drug Use: Substance Use
- Mental Health: High Stress/Anxiety in general population and Unmet Need for New Residents

3. Please provide detailed steps on the activities to occur each month from the start of the initiative until it is completed.

LACHC Chair and Coordinator would schedule and have a meeting to discuss collaboration/merger with Rio Arriba Health, Human Services Director - Lauren Reichelt, City of Espanola's Mayor, Javier Sanchez and Chief Growth Officer, Jeff Lymburner for Darrin's Place and Los Alamos County.

After initial meeting with Rio Arriba, a presentation will be provided to the entire LACHC to discuss and prepare key facts and presentation to be presented to Los Alamos County Council. We will request Rio Arriba Health and Human Services Director, Lauren Reichelt and Chief Growth Officer, Jeff Lymburner be present to answer any questions the LACHC Boardmembers may have.

LACHC Chair would then provide a presentation and recommendation to Los Alamos County Council, approved and recommended by the Los Alamos County Health Council, to support and allow the Los Alamos County Health Council to develop a multi-year MOU between Los Alamos County, Rio Arriba County and the City of Espanola to reserve space and allocate funding directly to secure inpatient beds at Darrin's Place for Los Alamos County Residents.

If County Council approves initiative and recommendation, the Los Alamos County Health Council will assist in drafting/developing the MOU. For Los Alamos County Council to consider and execute.

4. Who are the partners, subcommittee members, health council members, stakeholders, champions etc. who will be involved in the process of completing deliverable 5 in the health council Scope of Work (SOW)?

All health council members will be involved in this process of completing this deliverable and Scope of Work. We will be in contact with Rio Arriba Health, Human Services Director - Lauren Reichelt, City of Espanola's Mayor, Javier Sanchez and Chief Growth Officer, Jeff Lymburner as partners for this collaboration. Along with Los Alamos County Council as key stakeholders to ensure success with this initiative.

5. Briefly explain the organizational structure and role of the health council and its members (Refer to Health Council bylaws).

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.

Since the Los Alamos County Health Council is considered a recognized board by Los Alamos County Boards and Commissions, LACHC does not have its own set of bylaws, but follows the Los Alamos County Orientation Manual for Members of Boards and Commissions. (A copy of this manual can be provided in electronic form upon request).

6. Please explain how the Health Council will measure short term/long term successes in the coming year.

Los Alamos County Health Council will measure short term success by successfully executing a MOU with Rio Arriba, City of Espanola, and Darrin's Place to secure inpatient beds for Los Alamos County Residents.

Los Alamos County Health Council will measure long term success by seeing an increase and availability to Los Alamos County Residents and Los Alamos County Inmates having direct access to inpatient behavioral health and substance abuse treatments.