



County of Los Alamos

BCC Meeting Minutes

Los Alamos County Health Council

1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

*Lori Padilla, Chair; , Abbie Nelson, Vice-Chair; Jenn Bartram; Jyl Dehaven; Lisa Hampton;
Gisel Martinez; Morrie Pongratz; Lindsay Smith; Celeste Raffin; and Joyce Richins, Members*

Thursday, October 5, 2023

12:00 PM

Zoom:

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The Los Alamos County Health Council meeting of October 5, 2023, was called to order at 12:04 pm.

Present 8 -

Councilor Gursky, Councilor Inglis, Councilor Padilla, Councilor Counters, Councilor Nelson, Councilor Bartram, Councilor Nelson, and Councilor Martinez

Absent 4 -

Councilor Pongratz, Councilor Martinez, and Councilor McReynolds, Councilor Richins

II. PUBLIC COMMENT & INTRODUCTIONS

Members and attendees introduced themselves.

III. BUSINESS

17758-23

Approval of Minutes from the Los Alamos County Health Council Meeting on August 3, 2023

Presenters: Lori Padilla

A motion was made by Phil Gursky, seconded by Jenn Bartram to approve the August 3, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

I move that the Board approve the Minutes for August 3,2023

17867-23

Getting to know members- Presented by Lori Padilla

Lori Padilla asked Jeramay Martinez and Jenn Bartram to take 5 minutes to introduce

themselves and their interests.

17868-23

Updated process for Los Alamos County Health Council topics- Presented by Lori Padilla

Lori Padilla presented on an updated process for Health Council members, and members of the general public, to suggest issues for the Health Council to look into in more depth. Lori showed examples of how previously discussed topics would flow through in this new process, and Health Council members had a robust discussion to brainstorm several additional topics to consider.

Unfortunately, due to technical difficulties with zoom, the conversation and meeting were cut short, and the Council did not get to the Subcommittee and Staff updates.

IV. BOARD/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

17759-23

LACHC Comprehensive Health Plan/Equity Subcommittee Update- Cameron Counters & Emily Piltch

1. The subcommittee meeting in Sept. was cancelled.
2. Because there are no pending issues that need to be decided, and it is a county observed holiday, the October 9, 2023, CHP subcommittee meeting is also cancelled.
3. Status of scoping interviews data collection and analysis:
Currently in the analysis phase of the information we learned from interviews and focus groups with community members. A reminder that we're summarizing input based on the 5 social determinants of health. While we've wrapped up interviews and focus groups, we're certainly open to doing additional ones if there's compelling reason.
4. On sept. 19, following the LACHC presentation to the County Council by Lori Padilla and Jessica Strong, Emily presented a synopsis of the process being used to develop the Comprehensive Health Plan and the status of the project. The presentation PowerPoint is available at:
<https://losalamos.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6353173&GUID=D85947BA-ED35-45E3-BB32-459EC5536D88&Options=&Search=>>
5. A few announcements on opportunities for the general public to provide their perspectives to the CHP development process:
 - There will be 3 community forums -all structured similarly- to share with the public an overview of what we've learned so far, AND it will provide opportunity for additional input to be shared.

Wednesday, November 8th 6-7:30 PM, White Rock Library

Wednesday, November 15th 6-7:30, Fuller Lodge

Thursday, December 7th 6-7:30, zoom only (link forthcoming)

Food will be provided and hopefully childcare as well, stay tuned. We'll be getting a press release out and would appreciate help in spreading the

word- keep an eye out the week of October 16th.

- A brief questionnaire is live on the CHP website- it's another opportunity for community member input.
https://www.losalamosnm.us/government/departments/community_services/socialservices/county_health_council/comprehensive_health_plan
- 6. Community survey: We are exploring requirements of the County procurement process so that we will be able contract with a community survey provider to provide questionnaire design and survey administration services. We have also had exploratory conversations with a survey provider currently under contract with the County. We have developed a working draft version of a set of questions to include in the community questionnaire. The draft questions are derived from the topics and issues raised through the scoping interviews of health and wellbeing service providers. We will follow the same process to draft questions based on the community scoping interviews after the interviews have been analyzed.
- 7. Project timeline: The next major milestone is administration of the community survey which is targeted for late winter/early spring of 2024. Completion of the CHP is anticipated for late summer 2024.
- 8. Status of collection of CHP's from peer locales- We have some that we've collected over time - https://drive.google.com/drive/u/3/folders/1-mC7a5oVgFEm7Dlj-0yh6AGvd_2SdtCd Have glimpsed at some of the counties IDed as similar by University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute Health Rankings-Counties similar to Los Alamos, NM based on key demographic, social, and economic indicator. However, given Los Alamos's unique combination of community characteristics (e.g., education level x community size x rural location) we may need to do a search of communities that may be dissimilar to Los Alamos but share one or more unique characteristic with Los Alamos.

Health Equity Council Update:

1. At September meeting, Jeramay presented on the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA), we'll hopefully hear more from her within this CHC setting in the next couple of months.
2. The focus of discussion at the Health Equity meetings has been gathering topics that are of most importance to group members. At the October HEC meeting (the 18th) we'll be discussing and identifying synergies among topics that have been discussed. There are a lot of important topics that come up and we'll be adding those to the CHC decision model that Lori spoke about, and we'll also be looking for other strategies to work towards these priorities- including through next steps with the CHP.

17760-23

Chairman's Report

Presenters: Lori Padilla

Nothing to report.

17761-23

Staff Report

Presenters: Jessica Strong

Nothing to report.

V. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Nothing to report.

VI. PREVIEW OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held on November 2, 2023.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 pm.

[17762-23](#) Approval of Minutes from the Los Alamos County Health Council Meeting on September 7, 2023

I move that the Board approve the Minutes for September 7, 2023

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