

# LOS ALAMOS COUNTY HEALTH COUNCIL FACT SHEET



<b>Mission</b>	Provide assessments, information, and recommendations regarding community health matters to the Los Alamos County Council and community members.
<b>Vision</b>	A community where all members can achieve health and wellness through knowledge of and equitable access to physical and behavioral health resources.
<b>Role</b>	Serves in an advisory role to Los Alamos County Council, and in an advocacy role for the health of the community.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- The LACHC works to identify existing resources as well as emerging gaps and needs in order to strengthen the network of available health supports for Los Alamos County
- The Health Equity Advisory Group meets monthly to ensure the concerns of all community members are considered
- The Comprehensive Health Plan Coordinator has interviewed more than 50 community members and organizational representatives, and is drafting the 2024 Comprehensive Health Report. This report will help the County develop and sustain equitable and accessible health resources for the next 5-7 years
- We are beginning to implement the technology to sustain a closed loop referral system, to better support clients in need and the service providers in the community

## CHALLENGES

- Coordinating the various health needs across a diverse population, with limited availability at some providers (especially mental health / behavioral health, and some specialists)
- Lack of legislative passage of House Bill 42, to create dedicated funding for the New Mexico Alliance of Health Councils, limits the funding available to health councils

# PRIORITY INTEREST AREAS:

- BabyNet: Supports the development of healthy, resilient, connected, and joyful families, expectant through early childhood.
- Older Adult Network: Focuses on services and resources for the County’s senior population.
- Special Needs: Meets regarding health issues and services specific to residents with disabilities
- Youth Resiliency: Focuses on developing resources and addressing the mental wellness and resiliency concerns of young people in our community

# COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chair: Lori Padilla	Jeramay Martinez
Jenn Bartram	Maxine McReynolds
Cameron Counters	Mary Abigail (Abbie) Nelson
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