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## **FY22 Work Plan for Los Alamos County Boards and Commissions**

**(Fiscal Year 2021: July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022)**

**Board and Commission Name: Los Alamos County Health Council**

**Date prepared: 05/18/2021**

**Date approved by Council: June 29, 2021**

**Prepared by: LACHC**

**This work plan will be accomplished in the following time frame: July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022**

**Chairperson: Philip Gursky**

**Members and Terms:**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Start/End Dates</b>	<b>Term</b>
Catharyn Crall Carie Fanning Kristine Coblenz Desaree Jimenez Philip Gursky Jordan Redmond	01/07/2020-06/30/2022	1 year
Lisa Zuhn Morris Pongratz Lori Padilla Cameron Counter Lyn (Lynia) Haval Robert Dryja Richard Skolnik Carrie Manore Rachel Light	03/30/2021-01/6/2023	2 year

**Department Director: Cory Styron, Community Services Director**

**Work plan developed in collaboration with Department Director. (Y/N?) Y**

**Staff Liaison: Donna Casados**

**Administrative Support provided by: Eloisa Sanchez**

**Council Liaison: David Reagor**

**Reviewed by Council Liaison? Yes**

**1.0 Provide a brief Summary of your Board or Commission’s activities over the past twelve months. Please describe your Board or Commission’s accomplishments and identify constraints. List any “lessons learned” and identify the greatest challenges faced by the Board or Commission.**

- Onboarding of New Health Council board members appointed by County Council; board is currently full.
- Completed all objectives required for DOH Grant Funding for FY21 (this is funding that is allocated to local Health Councils for completing of various deliverables such as coordinating monthly meetings, attending specified trainings hosted by DOH specific to health councils and their roles, creating a factsheet, and completing the objective (health initiative) the health councils chose to focus their efforts on.
- Still researching avenues and platforms for virtual colocation for resources and events. Completed objective of securing beds for Los Alamos County Residents in an inpatient behavioral health and substance abuse issues through Darrin’s Place in Espanola.

**2.0 Describe the future work plans for this Board or Commission using the following items and showing the relationship to those items: *(Please remember that Council approval of this work plan does not constitute official Council approval of proposed projects, assignments, or anticipated recommendations included in this work plan that have budget implications.)***

- A. Last year, the County Health Council reviewed the Health Services Gap Analysis that was completed in March of 2020 and the Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey that was completed in 2019. As a result, the FY22 Work Plan focuses on addressing the health priorities.

Health Services Gap Analysis reviews low-income housing needs, access to care, food insecurity, etc. The CHC identified five areas with gaps:

- Problems with access to health care services, inadequate numbers of healthcare workforce, issues with non-acceptance of Medicaid and some commercial health insurance
- Lack of affordable and acceptable housing stock
- Culture of alcohol acceptance and drug/substance use
- Mental health; high stress and anxiety in general population and unmet needs for new residents
- Silent and sizable “near poor” population with high stigma about poverty/lack of awareness of resources.

The first step for the Board is working with 211, a national organization that serves as a resource for databases for health and human services issues. Through this collaboration, the health resources within the community may be better accessed by those in need.

The Board is also discussing the best community platform to utilize and to house on-line access to the health resources within Los Alamos.

- B. The Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey (YRRS) analyzes the behavior exhibited by high school students in the County to determine the type and level of risky behaviors. The report compares the County findings to statewide and national results.

This year, 2021, is the first year that the role of intervention and prevention is assumed by the Health Council. The CHC will review not only, the existing county programs to identify in-place programs that address the concerns identified in the YRRS, but also to implement programs that emphasizes prevention not currently in place.

<b>2.1 List any special projects or assignments given to this Board or Commission by Council or the Department director:</b>
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As part of the Grant Funding requirements LACHC must meet certain deliverables within a Scope of Work for Fiscal Year 2022: (Deliverables not yet provided by NMDOH)

<b>2.2 List the guiding documents/plans (with approval or revision dates listed) used by this Board or Commission.</b>
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Incorporated County of Los Alamos Resolution No. 19-28

<b>2.3 Other projects/assignments proposed by the Board or Commission: <i>(Any projects or activities proposed in this section should be discussed with the Council Liaison prior to listing it in this work plan.)</i> To assist with Council review of the work plans, please list the B&amp;C's proposed projects or assignments in priority order. :</b>
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Los Alamos County Health Council would like to develop a virtual platform that would be available for organizations within Los Alamos County to advertise their events and programs offered, but also have an accessible resource directory available to community members who are seeking out services

<b>3.0 Identify any interfaces for the goals/tasks in this work plan with County Departments and other Boards and Commissions. Specify the coordination required.</b>
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Los Alamos County Health Council will be working on developing a comprehensive health plan for Los Alamos County that encompasses next 5-7 years.

Dependent on Virtual Platform selected, LACHC will work through Los Alamos County Social Services Division to work with and coordinate with County IT Department and Procurement.

**4.0 List any special public information or involvement meetings or efforts to be conducted by this Board or Commission:**

- As noted in Section 3.0 – the Board may collaborate with other entities to develop programs, networks, partnerships and coalitions as necessary to improve health.
- As noted in Section 3.0 – the Board will facilitate communication among local jurisdictions, state agencies and other entities

**5.0 List the current AdHoc/subcommittees for this Board or Commission.**

LACHC AdHoc Committees and LACHC Liaisons:

BabyNet: Carie Fanning

Special Needs: Rachel Light

Youth Resiliency: Kristine Coblenz

Basic Needs: Lisa Zuhn

Older Adult Network: Lyn Haval

**5.1 For subcommittees with members that are not members of the parent board or commission: List the subcommittee members and their terms.**

**Explain how sub- committee members are selected or appointed.**

**Provide a description of each subcommittee’s charter or purpose.**

**Describe the expected duration for the subcommittee and their work plan(s) demonstrating how they support the Board or Commission:**

**Attachment A: Provide a copy of your Board or Commission’s “Purpose” and “Duties and Responsibilities” from Resolution No. 19-28.**

**Attachment B: Using the chart below, place an X in the column on the right if the Council Goal is related to the work of the Environmental Sustainability Board**

**Incorporated County of Los Alamos Resolution No. 19-28**

**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 Goals and Priority Areas**

Enhancing quality of life, economic vitality, environmental sustainability, and racial equity and inclusivity are overarching goals that will be components of all our efforts as we coordinate with Los Alamos National Laboratory and regional partners and plan for appropriate levels of County services.	
Enhancing Communication	
Enhancing communication with the public to promote transparency and strengthen trust in County government.	X
Increasing the Amount and Types of Housing Options	
This includes increasing the variety of housing options for all segments of the community, from affordable to new options for those interested in downsizing or moving closer to central areas of the community, and pursuing opportunities for utilization of vacant spaces to address these needs.	
Protecting, Maintaining, and Improving Our Open Spaces, Recreational, and Cultural Amenities	
Los Alamos County open spaces and cultural attractions are greatly valued by the community and provide opportunities for recreational and economic growth; appropriately allocating resources to ensure their health and sustainability is important to our citizens.	
Enhancing Support and Opportunities for the Local Business Environment	
This includes appropriately supporting existing businesses, growing new businesses, supporting technology start-ups and spin-offs, and identifying opportunities for utilizing vacant space as a part of these efforts.	
Supporting Social Services Improvement	
Behavioral, mental, and physical health and social services are important quality of life components; there are key areas where appropriate types and levels of County support could help address current needs	X
Improving Access to High Quality Broadband	
Enabling reliable high-speed broadband service throughout the county by determining appropriate investments (e.g., conduct a community needs analysis, evaluate technical options).	
Investing in Infrastructure	
Appropriately balancing maintenance of existing infrastructure with new investments in county utilities, roads, trails, expanded transit options, facilities and amenities, which will help improve environmental stewardship, sustainability, and quality of life, while allowing for sustainable growth.	