

Basic Needs Subcommittee of
County Health Council
January 18, 2022

We switched over to using the county Zoom account and there was some mix-up with attendees. We will try additional reminders next month.

Deni Fell reported that the Comprehensive Health Plan along with the Equity component is proceeding nicely thanks to the work of Cam Counters, Katherine Hudspeth and others. She announced that there is a new COVID testing site in White Rock at Overlook Park, Monday-Friday from 8-3. It is in addition to the existing testing site at the old Smith's parking lot on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Susan Williams, from First Born, said that they are doing visits through Zoom or meeting outdoors. They are dealing with many unvaccinated families, since the kids are too young to receive shots. With the new variant, it is difficult to tell if they are just sick or actually have COVID. First Born is functioning at near capacity with 73 of 75 slots full, and more in progress. They have established a relationship with the Children's Clinic and are receiving referrals from them. She also reported that we will all be able to get free home tests and KN95 masks from the government.

Lyn Haval, with LA Cares, reported that they went back to a drive-thru model of distribution, since the COVID numbers have increased dramatically. They served 60 families in January. LA Cares is working with a small cadre of enthusiastic volunteers, mostly board members, who manage to sort, pack and distribute food on a monthly basis. The community of Los Alamos continues to be very generous with their support of LA Cares. Thank you to the residents of Los Alamos County!