

Los Alamos County Health Council

FY 23 Health Council Proposal

Please note, if the submitted proposal of activities is approved, the expectation is the activities identified within this document are to be completed by the end of fiscal year submission deadline. Any changes outside of what is proposed **MUST** be requested and approved by the Northeast Region Health Promotion Program Manager prior to implementation. Payment will not be made for activities/strategies that are not proposed below without prior approval.

Health Council Coordinator Signature_____ Date_____

Please be as detailed as possible when answering the following questions.

FY23 HEALTH COUNCIL PROPOSAL

1. Explain the organizational structure and role of the health council and its members (Refer to Health Council bylaws).

The Los Alamos County Health Council (LACHC) became a formal Board via Los Alamos County Council resolution in December of 2019. The LACHC consists of fifteen (15) members who are selected to represent a broad spectrum of diverse community interests and are appointed by County Council to serve two (2) year terms.

The LACHC is tasked with developing recommendations to the County re: comprehensive health planning, coordination of health resources, and identification of needs, services, projects and programs that can affect community health.

The Health Council is directed to 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 politics 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.

2. Briefly describe the health council priority(ies).

LACHC's primary priority is to develop a 5-7 year comprehensive health plan for the Los Alamos County community to include more specific goals and priorities to ensure that all residents have equitable access to quality health and human support services.

The second priority is to establish a process for identifying outcomes and measures as a standard practice for the LACHC.

These two priorities were selected as a result of a self-assessment conducted by health council members, Social Services Division staff, and community partners in early 2022. These priorities form the basis of the LACHC's FY23 Capacity Building Action Plan.

3. Provide a general overview of the initiatives the health council plans on achieving this year and how they will address health council priority(ies).

The LACHC proposes to build on progress from last year's proposal to continue the process of developing a comprehensive health plan for Los Alamos County.

4. Explain why the health council has chosen this particular initiative. Is it evidence-based? Is it a best practice? Please provide sources of data.

A comprehensive health plan is required of HB 137, the County and Tribal Health Council Act, and of the Los Alamos County resolution to establish the LACHC. Los Alamos County is in a position to utilize existing data sets and the results from recent community surveys combined with information gathered from a broad range of community stakeholders, partnering agencies, and providers to make a more thorough analysis of the local and regional health and human services landscape. Only recently have health councils who are participating in the CDC's Vaccine Equity and Community Rebuilding Project (Kellogg grant) been funded at a level to be able to undertake such a rigorous and comprehensive planning process.

5. Provide detailed steps on the activities to occur each month from the start of the initiative until it is completed.

Summary of activities completed from the FY22 LACHC proposal:

- Subcommittee established to create process for comprehensive health planning – framework for development of the plan presented to Los Alamos County Council in December of 2022
- Created detailed work plan using project management software to guide and track tasks
- Job description and scope of work developed for hiring a Health Equity and Comprehensive Health Plan position; advertised, recruited and interviews completed
- Subcommittee met monthly during FY22 and invested numerous hours in the process between meetings
- Subcommittee members assisted with completing all FY22 deliverables of the CDC Vaccine Equity and Community Rebuilding Project (Kellogg grant)
- Submitted questions to the Los Alamos County Community Services Department Integrated Master Plan survey re: health and human service usage and priorities
- FY23 Capacity Action Plan (goals and priorities) developed and reviewed and approved by LACHC membership
- Developed list of key stakeholders and process for stakeholder interviews
- Began stakeholder interviews which included training community volunteers and student interns to be interviewers and scribes

Proposed FY23 Activities:

- Establish website for housing LACHC information and health planning process and documentation
- Finalize hire of Health Equity and Comprehensive Health Plan position
- Continue to conduct stakeholder interviews, begin facilitating focus groups to gather community input
- Summarize existing data – compile information on the overall health status of Los Alamos County residents, available services and resources, quality and accessibility of resources, rates of utilization, as well as notable gaps
- Analyze existing survey data and determine if an additional survey is needed
- Note barriers to accessing services to include the reasons and who is most affected
- Identify the potential community impacts of limited health and well-being
- Define the return on investment and value of creating an equitable and accessible continuum of care for all residents
- Compile and analyze all information and data above
- Draft preliminary plan and recommendations for review
- Conduct public meetings to receive feedback on draft plan and amend accordingly to incorporate input
- Submit to the LACHC membership for review, feedback, and approval
- Present draft to Los Alamos County Council and incorporate feedback as needed
- Conduct public hearing of final draft
- Submit to LACHC membership and Los Alamos County Council members for final approval

6. 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)?

LACHC Comprehensive Health Plan Subcommittee: Cameron Counters (Chair), Robert Dryja, Rachel Light, Philip Gursky, Kristine Coblentz

Los Alamos County Health Council Board Members

Los Alamos County Council Board Liaison, Keith Lepsch

Los Alamos County Non-Profit Organizations, Community Partners, and Residents

Los Alamos Public Schools

Los Alamos Medical Center

Los Alamos County Community Services Director, Cory Styron

New Mexico DOH Health Promotion Coordinator, Audie Nadler

New Mexico DOH Health Promotion Specialist, Candice Wilhite-Quiroga

100% New Mexico, Dominic Cappello and Katherine Ortega Courtney

7. Explain how the health council will measure short term and long term successes in the coming year.

LACHC will measure short term and long term successes by tracking levels of engagement as well as progress and completion of activities in the project management software workplan and the Capacity Action Plan template both of which outline detailed steps to achieving the proposed activities above. LACHC will engage in a continuous process of reflection and gathering of stakeholder feedback throughout FY23 to adjust activities as needed.