



County of Los Alamos

BCC Meeting Minutes

Los Alamos County Health Council

1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Lisa Hampton, Chair; Jyl Dehaven, Vice-Chair; Leah Blackwell; Rollin Jones; Leticia Luketich-Martinez; Gisel Martinez; Heather Muck; Chris Pearson; Barbara Phelps; Celeste Raffin; Marna Riedel; Joyce Richins; and Leslie Wallstrom, Members

Thursday, August 7, 2025

12:00 PM

Hybrid: Municipal Building, Room 110 &
Zoom

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<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82011771382>

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm.

Present 10 - Councilor Richins, Councilor Raffin, Councilor Hampton, Councilor Dehaven, Councilor Luketich-Martinez, Councilor Blackwell, Councilor Jones, Councilor Muck, Councilor Phelps, and Councilor Wallstrom

Absent 3 - Councilor Martinez, Councilor Pearson, and Councilor Riedel

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

III. BOARDS/STAFF/MEMBERS COMMUNICATION

20479-25 Approval of Minutes from the Los Alamos County Health Council Meeting on June 5, 2025 .

Presenters: Lisa Hampton

Minutes approved as presented.

I move that the Board approve the Minutes for June 5, 2025.

20480-25 Member Introductions

Presenters: Lisa Hampton

Los Alamos County Health Council Members and Attendees Introductions

In Attendance:

Celeste Raffin

Barbara Phelps

Jessica Strong

Jeremy Martinez

Heather Muck

Joyce Richins

Leticia Luketich-Martinez

Tyler Jones

Leah Blackwell

Leslie Wallstrom

Crystal Archuleta

Jeremy Espinoza

Maire O'Neill

Sebastian Salazar

Elizabeth Ibanez

Valentina White

Eli Argo

Liz Martineau

Stephanie Gonzales

20481-25

Chair Report

Presenters: Lisa Hampton

Council Chair Lisa Hampton presented the list of health-related articles scheduled for publication in the local newspaper through the end of the year.

20482-25

Staff Update

Presenters: Jessica Strong

Report by Jessica Strong, Los Alamos County Social Services Manager

Jessica Strong provided a update during the Health Council meeting, covering recent developments, initiatives, and upcoming events. The following items were discussed:

In Memoriam: Jen Bartram

Jessica began her report by acknowledging the passing of former Health Council member Jen Bartram, recognizing her valuable contributions to community health. A celebration of life event will be held in her honor, with details to be shared with Council members and the

public.

Suicide Prevention Initiative

The County has launched a suicide prevention initiative aimed at addressing mental health concerns in the community.

The first training session under this initiative has been successfully held, with additional sessions planned.

This effort includes collaboration with local stakeholders and focuses on building awareness and response capacity.

Media Contributions and Outreach

Jessica highlighted recent contributions by staff and Health Council members through:

Newspaper articles

Radio and media appearances

Other public outreach efforts aimed at promoting health education and services.

Upcoming Events and Health Council Involvement

Annual Flu Clinic: Scheduled at Los Alamos Medical Center. There is potential for a Health Council presence to distribute information and promote local health initiatives.

Recovery-Related Event: Planned for September, tied to National Recovery Month.

Mental Health Awareness Events: Scheduled for October, aligning with national awareness campaigns.

Staffing Updates

Lori Padilla has been hired for the new part-time Mobile Outreach position.

A Program Specialist position will be opening soon to further support social services and community outreach initiatives.

Statewide Conference in Portales

Jessica shared insights from her participation in a statewide social services conference in Portales.

Key topics included:

Interstate compact support for service coordination across state lines.

Networking and sharing of best practices across counties.

Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM) Convening

A Sequential Intercept Mapping session was recently held in the County Council

chambers.

This mapping initiative focuses on the intersection of behavioral health and the criminal justice system.

The goal is to improve services, reduce recidivism, and support individuals with mental health or substance use challenges through strategic interventions at multiple intercept points.

Regional Behavioral Health Development

Jessica discussed the state's allocation of \$100 million for regional behavioral health development.

Planning is underway to leverage these funds for infrastructure, services, and collaborative supports across the region.

20483-25

County Council Liaison Update

Presenters: Randall Ryti

IV. OLD BUSINESS/COMMENTS/CONCERNS

V. NEW QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/CONCERS/PRESENTATIONS

20484-25

Discussion and possible vote to approve the Action Center Plan

Presenters: Lisa Hampton

Health Council Member Leslie Wallstrom moved to table the vote and to bring back a revised report to the September meeting, incorporating the recommendations provided by Health Council members and members of the public. The motion was seconded by Health Council Member Celeste Raffin and passed.

I move that the Board approve the Action Center Plan

VI. PREVIEW OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held on September 4, 2025.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

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