

Luna County Health Equity Committee Minutes

Date/Time: Thursday May 25, 2023 9:00-11:00am



Attendees: Pauli Galin, Rick Sherman, Sherry McDaniel, Charmaine Sias, Cynthia Miller, Izmenia Porras, Luis Ortega, Alexandria Garcia, Diana Bell, Mary Mackey, Marcela Armendariz, Hermelinda Casillas, Laura Parra, Ariana Saludaes, Anadely Martinez, Jessica Olivas, Joanna Vasquez, Sherri Rhoten, Christine Milo, Kayleigh Martinez, Blanca Miller, Selena Munoz, Mikaela Delgado, Yossie Nieblas, April Ghoston, Arlette Herмосillo, Jennifer Jones, Edith Vazquez, Lljaira Jimenez, Cristina Gutierrez, Ivette Legarda, Brenda Alvarado Cecilia Alexander, Maritza Sanchez, Sharon Notah, Travis Leyva

Item/Topic	Discussion Summary	Follow – Up Action	Target Date
<p>Welcome and Introductions</p>	<p>Pauli Galin welcomed everyone to the Root Cause Analysis meeting and introductions were made in person and via zoom. Pauli mentioned this month Health Council and Health Equity meetings were going to be combined.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>History and Purpose of Community Health Improvement Plan Process- Mary Mackey DOH</p> 	<p>Mary Mackey from the NMDOH created a presentation for the planning process of the Root Causes of Luna County which was used to identify the issues in the community. Mary gave an update on the history of the CHIP Process, explaining that one of the deliverables is working on a Community Health Improvement Plan. By Identifying the needs and short- and long-term goals. This process began in September of 2022. Mary went over the timeline of work with NMDOH and the Health Council. Mary mentioned that the data that was requested was presented by an epidemiologist at NMDOH at our Data Review Meeting. Mary mentioned that the priorities that were chosen were Mental Health and Substance Use. Mary went over some statistics for Luna County regarding substance use alcohol related deaths, drug over dose, alcohol related chronic disease rates and tobacco use these were some regarding substance use. Mary then mentioned some statistics regarding mental health including suicide rate for Luna County, mental distress, adult depression, phone calls or texts by genders. Mary mentioned the importance of calling 988 if you or anyone you know is experiencing mental distress. Mary mentions there was a survey in 2021 that was sent out by the Health Council to get feedback on identifying needs that may be missing. Mary</p>	<p>Submit CHIP Action Plan with short-term and long-term goals.</p>	<p>06/22/2023</p>

	<p>mentions the importance of working together with all agencies so no work or services are being duplicated. Mary went over the next steps which are to formulate a plan to work on these issues and come up with short term and long-term goals. Christine Milo asked when the data that was provided will be updated, Edith mentioned that youth data from 2020 just got uploaded this year. This information is uploaded every 2 years.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Root Cause Analysis Working Session- Mary/Edith/Izmenia • Identifying causes/resources • Formulating short/long-term goals • Q&A 	<p>Mary, Izmenia and Edith directed those in attendance to different note pad stickies on the walls and requested everyone input regarding resources, long term and short-term goals for substance use and mental health. Edith explained there will be groups to be able to discuss and come up with answers or resources we may not be aware of. The questions were also posted online for those in attendance via zoom. As well as resources that were identified in Luna County with room to add other agencies that may be missing. There was a questionnaire that was sent out to all Health Council members prior to the meeting and those answers were recorded and provided to those in attendance. This interactive activity was a way to get responses from those who may not have had a chance to submit this online. Mary thanked everyone for their input during the activity. Jennifer Jones the state representative mentioned what great work everyone is doing and let everyone know that she is the voice for us. She mentioned she has a open door policy and was thankful for the invite. Pauli asked if Jennifer has an office, Jennifer does not have an office she is a volunteer citizen legislator, she passed out her business cards. Pauli asked what the timeline is for the goals to be shared with the Health Council. Mary let her know that the deliverables are due July 5, 2023. Mary let her know at the next health council meeting in June the information will be shared.</p>	<p>Submit CHIP Action Plan with short term and long-term goals.</p>	<p>06/22/2023</p>
<p>Announcements Adjourn</p>	<p>Laura from NM Café announced they are going to be having their opening house in Las Cruces. They are an organization trying to bring leaders together to share ideas and address similar issues. Alexandra Garcia announced the Mental Health Awareness event going on in Columbus there will be a free movie in the park, free food and vendors. Ariana from Colores United announced the opening of Unidos which is a coffee and sweets shop in Deming. Her staff is being trained in the history of our community</p>		

	<p>for any visitors passing through. Kayleigh Martinez works with Behavioral Health and mentioned she is trained in Mental Health First Aid for anyone interested please reach out. Sherri from NAMI NM announces she is going to be hosting classes at Colores in June on Mondays and Tuesdays, flyers with more information will be sent out. Edith Vazquez announced DWI is going to be hosting 2 teen pool parties for the youth partnered with JJCS one on June 9 and the other June 30, 2023. Also a Mental Health First Aid with CATS on June 20 there will be a registration sent out and the allowed capacity will be 15 people. Edith also announced a collaboration with Office of Border Health there will be a Harm Reduction Certification training and that will be taking place in July. Edith also announced that Starmax is hosting summer events for kids as well. Marcela from Al-anon discussed services provided for those having alcohol drinking issues, they provide sessions for wives, kids and other family going through this. It is offered in English and Spanish. Brenda from NMDOH mentioned the topic of drop boxes and trying to purchase some and distribute in the community. Edith elaborated the importance of sharp containers in our community. Anadely announced their first photography contest with JJCS and distributed flyers. Sharon Notah from Western Sky Community Care wanted to thank the health council for the invitation and allowing her to be a part of this important conversation. Sharon is going to be sharing the presentation regarding their health equity targeted areas.</p>		
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Next meeting details: TBA

Date, time, Location	Any additional people who should be involved	Topics to be addressed
06/22/2023	DOH	CHIP Goals