



County of Los Alamos

BCC Meeting Minutes

Los Alamos County Health Council

1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

*Lori Padilla, Chair; , Abbie Nelson, Vice-Chair; Jenn Bartram; Jyl Dehaven; Lisa Hampton;
Leticia Luketich-Martinez; Gisel Martinez; Morrie Pongratz; Lindsay Smith; Celeste Raffin;
and Joyce Richins, Members*

Thursday, September 5, 2024

12:00 PM

Hybrid: Municipal Building, Room 110 &
Zoom

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The Los Alamos County Health Council meeting of September 5, 2024, was called to order at 12:06 pm.

Present 11 - Councilor Pongratz, Councilor Padilla, Councilor Nelson, Councilor Martinez, Councilor Bartram, Councilor Richins, Councilor Raffin, Councilor Hampton, Councilor Smith, Councilor Dehaven, and Councilor Luketich-Martinez

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

III. BOARDS/STAFF/MEMBERS COMMUNICATION

19139-24 Approval of Minutes from the Los Alamos County Health Council Meeting on August 1, 2024.
The motion to approve the Minutes for the September 5, 2024 meeting was made by Councilor Bartram, and seconded by Councilor DeHaven. All were in favor, none opposed.
I move that the Board approve the Minutes for August 1, 2024.

19140-24 Chairman's Report

Councilor Padilla gave the following updates:

- 1) Meeting with Jessica Strong, Social Services Division Manager to review materials related to the Opioid Settlement Funds (which were presented later in the meeting).
- 2) Attended a presentation about how other counties (including Taos) are using their Opioid Settlement Funds. Councilor Padilla shared about work being done by the LANL Foundation to help implement Family Resource Centers.
- 3) Shared about the new Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) that will be starting throughout the state, there are currently 7 sites designated to be pilots.

19141-24 Staff Report

Jessica Strong gave the following updates:

- 1) Proclamation from County Council at the 8/27/24 meeting recognizing September as Recovery Month and Suicide Prevention Month
- 2) Presented to County Council on 8/20/24 highlighting the Unite Us closed loop referral software that has now been implemented at Social Services
- 3) Provided updates that Ashlee was working on securing covid tests and masks with our NM DOH partners (and shared that Ashlee is now on maternity leave!), and we'll have more information about local availability of Covid vaccines soon
- 4) Presented about the opioid settlement funds, and how the Social Services Division plans to use the funds to support prevention, harm reduction, treatment and post-treatment support options in the County. Feedback was given towards changes to the presentation.

IV. OLD BUSINESS/COMMENTS/CONCERNS**V. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS****VI. NEW QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/CONCERS/PRESENTATIONS****19094-24 Opioid Settlement Funding Presentation and Possible Action**

Presenters: Jessica Strong

A motion was made by Councilor Pongratz to recommend that Jessica Strong present the plan with the noted modifications as discussed, to the County Council at the 9/24/2024 meeting. Councilor Bartram seconded the motion. 10 Councilors voted in favor, with 1 abstention.

VII. PREVIEW OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held on October 3, 2024.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:29 pm.

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