



County of Los Alamos

BCC Meeting Minutes

Los Alamos County Health Council

1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Lori Padilla, Chair; Philip Gursky, Vice - Chair; Jenn Bartram; Cameron Counters; Carie Fanning; Caron Inglis; Maxine McReynolds; Gisel Martinez; Jeremy Martinez; Abbie Nelson; Morrie Pongratz; and Joyce Richins, Members

Thursday, December 7, 2023

12:00 PM

Hybrid- Municipal Building, Room 330 &
Zoom

Members of the Public can, also, join this meeting via Zoom:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84228000435>

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 12:00 pm.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

III. BUSINESS

18106-23 Approval of Minutes from the Los Alamos County Health Council Meeting on November 2, 2023

Presenters: Lori Padilla

The motion to approve the Minutes for the November 2, 2023 meeting was made by Morrie Pongratz, and seconded by Phil Gursky. All were in favor, none opposed.

I move that the Board approve the Minutes for November 2, 2023

18141-23 Presentation: by Kristine Coblenz, LAPS Prevention Support Specialist and Student Officers

Presentation: by Kristine Coblenz, LAPS Prevention Support Specialist and Student Officers of the Natural Helpers Club; with discussion of key trends and challenges afterwards. The CHC will work with the Natural Helpers for future survey needs of Los Alamos High School students towards community health needs

18142-23 Discussion: Updates on the CHC priorities list

Presenters: Lori Padilla and Jessica Strong

Lori shared an update on several of the items on the CHC priorities list, including the planning taking place for a possible regional resource fair for Grandparents and Kin Raising Kids. She also shared that the group has upcoming meetings with representatives from ALTSD and the LANL foundation. Jessica also shared that she is working to pull together a small group interested in looking into the CARA regulations more closely. Abbie Nelson gave an update that there is a new Autism Therapist in town to assist with assessments

18143-23 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Presenters: Lori Padilla

Morrie Pongratz made a motion to re-nominate Lori Padilla as Chair, for an annual term beginning at the February 2024 CHC Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Jeramay Martinez. All members voted in favor; none objected.

Phil Gursky nominated Abbie Nelson for the role of Vice-Chair for an annual term beginning at the February 2024 CHC Board meeting. Abbie accepted the nomination. Phil moved to close the nominations, and Morrie Pongratz seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, none objected.

I move that the LACHC Board approve the outcome of the votes in selecting a new chair and vice-chair of the Los Alamos County Health Council, and those roles to be effective at the February 2024 LACHC Board meeting.

IV. BOARD/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

18107-23 LACHC Comprehensive Health Plan/Equity Subcommittee Update- Cameron Counters & Emily Piltch

LACHC Comprehensive Health Plan/Equity Subcommittee Update- Cameron Counters & Emily Piltch The CHP is being worked on, with expected completion date on late January 2024. Emily will present the CHP report to Council in early February 2024. That will be followed by a community-wide scoping survey in Spring 2024. Emily continues to help check on vaccine availability throughout the community.

18108-23 Chairman's Report

Presenters: Lori Padilla

In Lori's report, she highlighted the amazing work that Phil Gursky has done in his years of work on the County Health Council. The CHC celebrated Phil's work, now that he will rotate off the CHC.

18109-23 Staff Report

Presenters: Jessica Strong

Jessica's report highlighted the success of the Youth Summit, which took place on November 14, 2023. With more than 100 high school students in attendance, and having given out more than 110 boxes of Narcan to attendees, the feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and we're looking forward to another Summit next year!

CHC meetings will continue in 2024 on the 1st Thursday of each month, with the exception of the January meeting (which occurs during the holiday break for many people), and the July meeting (where the meeting falls on July 4th!) Jessica will send out the calendar and zoom link for all members.

V. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

VI. PREVIEW OF NEXT MEETING

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

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