



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; Gisel Martinez; Morrie Pongratz; Lindsay Smith; Celeste Raffin; and Joyce Richins, Members

Thursday, November 2, 2023

12:00 PM

Hybrid- Municipal Building, Room 330 &
Zoom

Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84228000435>

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Los Alamos County Health Council meeting of November 5, 2023, was called to order at 12:08 pm.

Present 9 -

Councilor Gursky, Councilor Inglis, Councilor Padilla, Councilor Counters, Councilor Nelson, Councilor Bartram, Councilor Gisel Martinez, Councilor Jeramay Martinez, and Councilor Pongratz

Absent 2 -

Councilor McReynolds, Councilor Richins

II. PUBLIC COMMENT & INTRODUCTIONS

Members and attendees introduced themselves.

III. BUSINESS

[17927-23](#) Approval of Minutes from the Los Alamos County Health Council Meeting on October 5, 2023

Presenters: Lori Padilla

A motion was made by Phil Gursky, seconded by Morris Pongratz to approve the October 5, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

I move that the Board approve the Minutes for August 3, 2023

[17937-23](#) CARA Presentation by Jeramay Martinez

Councilor Jeramay Martinez led a presentation on the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA). Discussion among CHC members followed, including what possible next steps the CHC can take. A small group will meet to discuss these potential next steps

[17939-23](#) Updates on Topics Presented on Los Alamos County Health Council Flowchart

Presenters: Lori Padilla

Lori Padilla presented on an updated process for Health Council members, and members of the general public, to bring issues for the Health Council to look into in more depth. Lori showed examples of how previously discussed topics would flow through in this new process. The discussion focused on timing (issues should be brought to the CHC Chair and SSD Staff liaison two weeks prior to the next CHC meeting). Then, using Jeramay's CARA presentation as an example, the CHC walked through the process: Jeramay had presented this issue as a potential item for the CHC to discuss and shared relevant information with the CHC Chair; and then Jeramay was invited to make a full presentation to the CHC. Follow-up steps will be noted in the spreadsheet and kept updated for all members to access. The discussion also touched on local resources, such as at Las Cumbres and the Grandparents and Kin Raising Children group at Family Strengths Network.

17938-23**Vaccine Information and Outreach in Los Alamos County**

Presenters: Lori Padilla

Emily Piltch shared the work she has compiled to gather and update related to vaccine availability (including Covid, RSV, and flu, for adults, children, older adults, and persons who are homebound). This information is being updated on a weekly basis, and can be found on the new County website at <https://www.losalamosnm.us/Health-and-Public-Safety/Community-Health/Vaccine-Availability>

IV. BOARD/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**17928-23****LACHC Comprehensive Health Plan/Equity Subcommittee Update- Cameron Counters & Emily Piltch**

1. The subcommittee meeting in October was cancelled.
2. A few announcements on opportunities for the general public to provide their perspectives to the CHP development process:
 - There will be 3 community forums -all structured similarly- to share with the public an overview of what we've learned so far, AND it will provide opportunity for additional input to be shared.

Wednesday, November 8th 6-7:30 PM, White Rock Library
Wednesday, November 15th 6-7:30, Fuller Lodge

Thursday, December 7th 6-7:30, zoom only (link forthcoming)

Food will be provided and hopefully childcare as well, stay tuned. We'll be getting a press release out and would appreciate help in spreading the word- keep an eye out the week of October 16th.

· A brief questionnaire is live on the CHP website- it's another opportunity for community member input. <https://www.losalamosnm.us/government/departments/community_services/socialservices/county_health_council/comprehensive_health_plan>

17929-23**Chairman's Report**

Presenters: Lori Padilla

Lori shared an update from the 9/19/23 presentation that she and Jessica Strong gave to County Council at their work session. It was a really fantastic opportunity to share the CHC's work with them, and they seem eager to continue to help the CHC carry out its work and mission, to improve health in the community.

17930-23**Staff Report**

Presenters: Jessica Strong

Jessica continued the update that Lori started. She shared that part of the success in building a good, strong relationship with County Council has included having Councilors attend recent SSD events, including the virtual Opioid Overdose and Prevention training on 9/27, the Mental Health Matters event at SALA on 9/28, the Meet-and-Greet Therapist event on 10/10, and the Betty Ehart kitchen re-opening on 10/30.

Jessica also shared details on upcoming SSD events, including the Youth Summit event: "How to Save a Life" that is being designed and led by LAPS high school students, to take place on 11/14 at SALA from 5:00-8:00pm. SSD has been working on additional collaborations with the libraries, with more details to be shared soon.

Jessica, Lori, and Keith held an interview with a potential new member for the CHC, and all three felt strongly that the person would be an excellent addition to the CHC. The recommendation will go to Council for inclusion on the consent agenda at their 11/14 meeting. If passed, the person will receive official notification, and may be able to join us at the December meeting.

Finally, Jessica will work with Jenn Bartram and the Older Adults Network at LARSO to find supporting data on older adults that may be living in poverty in Los Alamos County.

V. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Keith Lepsch gave updates from several other Boards and Commissions, including updates on the Urban trail. There was some discussion about the possible zoning and planning uses for various locations in White Rock. There was also some discussion about the limitations of the anti-donation clause.

VI. PREVIEW OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held on December 7, 2023.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 pm.

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