



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; Cameron Counters; Carie Fanning; Caron Inglis; Maxine McReynolds; Gisel Martinez; Abbie Nelson; and Morrie Pongratz, Members

Thursday, February 2, 2023

12:00 PM

SSD Office or via zoom
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I. CALL TO ORDER

The Los Alamos County Health Council meeting of February 2, 2023, was called to order at 12:03 pm.

Present: Lori Padilla, Chair; Philip Gursky, Vice-Chair; Members Cameron Counters, Carie Fanning, Caron Inglis, Maxine McReynolds, Gisel Martinez, Abbie Nelson, and Morrie Pongratz

Absent: Maxine McReynolds

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Panelist introductions:

Marilyn Bennett, New Vistas/Center for Independent Living, and serves Los Alamos
Candice Wilhite-Quiroga, NMDOH Health Promotion Specialist for NE Region
Rachel Mohr-Richards, new JJAB Executive Director
Sarah Hoffman, community member interested in special needs & medically fragile populations.

III. BUSINESS

17010-23

Approval of Minutes from the Los Alamos County Health Council meeting on January 5, 2023

Presenters: Lori Padilla

A motion was made by Morrie Pongratz, seconded by Philip Gursky, to approve the January 5, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

I move that the Board approve the Minutes for January 5, 2023

17011-23

FY24 Work Plan

Lori Padilla and Katherine Hudspeth opened the floor for discussion directing members to areas that need updating. All board members were encouraged to send suggestions by email to Lori, Katherine, or new Social Services Manager Jessica Strong with concerns, edits, or additions to incorporate for review at the next meeting, March 2, 2023. No action was taken.

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17014-23

LACHC 2023 Fact Sheet

Katherine Hudspeth shared a Kellogg Grant funding deliverable includes an annual update to LACHC's Fact Sheet. Additions include language for capacity building and health council priorities. LACHC seeks Fact Sheet approval prior to presenting for Los Alamos County Council approval, for submittal to NM DOH. Chair Padilla opened the floor for discussion.

A motion was made by Morrie Pongratz, seconded by Abbie Nelson, to accept edits, changing the words ad hoc committees to collaborators, and other changes as discussed to the LACHC 2023 Fact Sheet.

This item was tabled until Business Item 17012-23 was heard.

Chair Padilla clarified the motion on the table and called the roll. The motion passed unanimously.

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17012-23

Los Alamos Health Council Subcommittees

Lori and Katherine opened discussion regarding Health Council Subcommittees addressing compliance with Boards and Commissions Rules and Regulations. The Board will consider possible sunseting of the Youth and Resiliency and Older Adult Network subcommittees, while also maintaining communications between committees and LACHC as important conduit for improved community health. The Youth and Resiliency committee is no longer active, and the Older Adult Network committee now meets under the Los Alamos Retired and Senior Organization (LARSO) Advisory Board. Discussion will continue with possible action at the next meeting.

IV. BOARD/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

17013-23

Chairman's Report

Presenters: Lori Padilla

Chair Padilla addressed the mechanism for proposing items on the LACHC agenda falls under the Preview of Next Meeting item each month; Board members, organizations, and members of the public may propose items during meeting, or send email request directly to Lori Padilla, Katherine Hudspeth, or Jessica Strong no later than one week prior to meetings.

17019-23

AdHoc Committee Updates

BabyNet meeting notes for January 2023, were included as an attachment to the agenda.

Cam Counters, Chair Comprehensive Health Plan Committee, shared updates and said notes have been distributed.

Emily Piltch, Health Equity and Comprehensive Health Planning Coordinator shared an update from the Health Equity Advisory Group's first meeting. Health Equity focuses on all groups that may be experiencing disparities in the community. This advisory group meets monthly and fulfills a requirement for the Kellogg Grant.

17020-23

Staff Report

Presenters: Katherine Hudspeth

Katherine Hudspeth provided a Social Services Division update; Jessica Strong to start Monday, February 6th; and she will meet with LACHC Chair, Comprehensive Health Plan Coordinator and Chair prior to the next LACHC meeting. Point of information, the DWI Planning Council is working on the FY24 grant application and may be transitioning over to Municipal Courts from Social Services.

V. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

County Councilor Keith Lepsch shared he will continue to serve as 2023 County Council Liaison to LACHC. He will provide a monthly report back to County Council. He continues to promote opportunities vacant board positions and is available to discuss LACHC matters he may be able to assist with. Chair Padilla welcomed board members to send her an email to incorporate into summary report for Councilor Lepsch.

Katherine Hudspeth reminded the board there will be a Social Services update presented to County Council on February 28th to include the work of the LACHC and the Comprehensive Health Plan.

Community Services Director, Cory Styron shared about success with distribution of ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds. Katherine Hudspeth added Social Services processed Individual Assistance Grant applications initially budgeted for \$50,000, and due to the number of applicants, Los Alamos County was able to award \$186,000 to nearly 100 community members by way of \$2000 grants.

VI. PREVIEW OF NEXT MEETING

The next Los Alamos County Health Council meeting will be on March 2, 2023.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:31 pm.