



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, January 5, 2023

12:00 PM

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:08pm by Chair, Philip Gursky.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

III. BUSINESS

[16754-22](#) Approval of Minutes from the Los Alamos County Health Council meeting on December 1, 2022

Presenters: Philip Gursky

A motion was made by Morrie Pongratz, seconded by Cameron Counters, to approve the meeting minutes of December 1, 2022, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

I move that the Board approve the Minutes for December 1, 2022

[16755-22](#) Elect New LACHC Chair

Philip Gursky opened the floor for nominations for Chair.

A nomination to elect Philip Gursky as Chair was made by Morrie Pongratz.

A nomination to elect Lori Padilla as Chair was made by Carie Fanning.

A motion was made by Carie Fanning, seconded by Morrie Pongratz, to elect Lori Padilla as Chair of the Los Alamos County Health Council. The motion passed by roll call vote 7-3 in favor of Lori Padilla as Chair.

Philip Gursky opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair.

A nomination to elect Philip Gursky as Vice-Chair was made by Lyn Haval.

The motion passed by roll call vote 7-0 in favor of Philip Gursky as Vice-Chair.

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[16756-22](#) Discuss continuation of Sub-Committees/ Ad-hoc Committees

Philip Gursky summarized discussion from the December 1, 2022, and a discussion to review current Sub-Committee/Ad Hoc Committees followed. Staff Liaison Katherine Hudspeth clarified that subcommittees are not permanent, whereas ad hoc committees

are on-going. LACHC is an advisory committee to the Los Alamos County Council, and subcommittees fall under the LACHC Board. LACHC will continue the discussion at the next meeting to decide if any existing committees could be sunset.

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16794-22

Discussion and consideration of support for the New Mexico Alliance of County Health Councils proposed increase in funding.

Presenters: Philip Gursky

Philip Gursky shared that the NM Alliance of Health Councils has invited LACHC to support a bill to restore funding and increase the annual funding to \$125,000 for all Health & Tribal Health Councils.

Morrie Pongratz moved, seconded by Cameron Counters, that the Los Alamos County Health Council approve the support for increased funding for the County and Tribal Health Councils, and recommends that the Los Alamos County Council support and advocate for the increased funding for the County and Tribal Health Councils. The motion passed unanimously

I move that the Los Alamos Health Council approves the support for increased funding for the County and Tribal Health Councils and recommends that the County Council support and advocated for the increased funding for the County and Tribal Health Councils.

IV. BOARD/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

16757-22

LACHC Comprehensive Health Plan/Equity Subcommittee Update

Cameron Counters provided an update shared an update to include on-going work of the Comprehensive Health Plan. The CHP subcommittee is soliciting volunteers to review documents. Also, CHP is exploring a viable centralized resource list, a closed-loop system, within Los Alamos County.

16758-22

AdHoc Committee Updates

Basic Needs and Older Adult Network Ad Hoc Committee meeting notes for December 2022, were included as attachments to the agenda.

16759-22

Chairman's Report

Presenters: Philip Gursky

Philip Gursky stated it has been a pleasure to serve the LACHC as Chair and welcomed Lori Padilla aboard as Chair. He will continue as Vice-Chair of LACHC and participate on CHP subcommittee.

16760-22

Staff Report

Katherine Hudspeth shared the 2023 Legislative Conference will be January 17-19, 2023, she and Eloisa Sanchez will be attending. The Social Services Division will welcome a new manager, Jessica Strong, on February 6, 2023. LACHC Board member interviews are being scheduled now. Members terming out January 5, 2023, are encouraged to reapply. Katherine thanked board members for their service, it is greatly appreciated.

V. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

County Councilor Keith Lepsch shared that two new Councilors have been elected, Suzie Havemann and Theresa Cull. County Council elected Denise Derkacs as Chair and Theresa Cull as Vice-Chair. Board, Commissions, and Committee liaisons will be assigned at a future County Council meeting this month.

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VI. PREVIEW OF NEXT MEETING

The next Los Alamos County Health Council will be February 2, 2023. Staff will share information from the 2023 Legislative Session, Sub-Committee/Ad Hoc Committees discussion will continue, LACHC Fact Sheet review & update to meet NM DOH funding deliverables, and draft work plans will be discussed.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

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