



# New Mexico Health Equity Partnership Community Updates – February 2014

## PLACE MATTERS



## Health Impact Assessment



## Health Councils and Community



*Participants move dialogue to action at 2013 PLACE MATTERS, Health Impact Assessment and Health Councils and Community gatherings.*

[NMHEP](#) is a statewide collective impact strategy to address the root causes of poor health and advance health equity. NMHEP builds on the strengths, assets and skills of low-income communities and communities of color in NM to improve social, economic and environmental conditions where individuals have the possibility of living a healthy life. Local community partners identify priority issues, mobilize community members and implement effective community strategies to ensure health and equity are considered in policy and planning decision making across sectors. NMHEP and its national and state partners, [The Joint Center – Health Policy Institute](#), [Human Impact Partners](#), and [New Mexico Alliance of Health Councils](#) support local PLACE MATTERS teams, health councils and community partners through coordination of regional and statewide gatherings, trainings, and technical assistance. Interested in attending a future gathering or building partnerships with NMHEP and our local teams? Let us know. We look forward to mobilizing for health equity in New Mexico.

# New Mexico Health Equity Partnership News

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## Welcome David Gaussoin!

David Gaussoin recently joined the NMHEP team in the role of administrative assistant. He has a background in applied fine arts and arts education. David holds a BBA in Business Marketing from the Anderson School of Business, at the University of New Mexico.

David's previous experience includes teaching at the Institute of American Indian Arts and the Santa Fe Community College, as well as, producing and selling his own jewelry and fashion. David is a Native of Santa Fe, as well as, a member of the Navajo Nation and Picuris Pueblo. David is a strong advocate for the arts. He has worked with the Pueblo Opera Program, Avant Guard, and the Southwestern Association for Indian Arts. He enjoys traveling, learning about new cultures, and sharing with others his own cultural background.

Please join us in welcoming David to NMHEP. He can be reached @ [dgaussoin@nmhealthequitypartnership.org](mailto:dgaussoin@nmhealthequitypartnership.org).

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## NMHEP Advisory Council

NMHEP is honored to announce that the following individuals have accepted our invitation to serve on the NMHEP advisory council: Esther Abeyta, Jimmy Masters, Gary Williams, Ophelia Reeder, Olivia Roanhorse, Dolores Roybal, Dawn Sanchez, Ramon Padilla and Lisa Cacari-Stone.

The purpose of NMHEP's Advisory Council is to bring together diverse voices from throughout the state that will collectively serve as a resource to our team and offer guidance regarding the strategic direction of the partnership. The advisory council will meet quarterly. The NMHEP team will look to the advisory council to assist us in thinking through **big strategic questions** related to the following topics: 1) Sustainability of NMHEP beyond the grant cycle; 2) Evaluation; and 3) Strategic Planning.

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## Sustainability Plan

NMHEP is pleased to announce that we recently received approval from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to develop a sustainability plan. Primary objectives will be to:

- Assess NMHEP's current organizational strengths
- Forecast potential costs and revenue sources
- Identify products that might bolster NMHEP revenues
- Develop a business/sustainability plan going forward
- Outline specific milestones necessary to pursue the plan
- Begin implementation of the transition plan (current grant ends May 31, 2015)

Thank you to everyone who provided NMHEP recommendations regarding possible contractors to develop the plan. The request for proposals will be disseminated shortly.

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## Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Conference

NMHEP staff, local PLACE MATTERS coordinators and Mary Alice Scott of the Doña Ana County PLACE MATTERS team will present at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Conference on March 18, 2014. The presentation will describe the partnership, highlight best practices, discuss the necessary foundational work to develop statewide partnerships, and offer some insight into our early challenges and successes in the process.

# PLACE MATTERS Highlights

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## PLACE MATTERS Staff

NMHEP is honored to welcome several new PLACE MATTERS staff aboard. Contact information for each PLACE MATTERS team is listed below:

[Bernalillo County PLACE MATTERS](#), New Mexico Voices for Children

Coordinator: Jacque Garcia [jgarcia@bcplacematters.com](mailto:jgarcia@bcplacematters.com)

Community Engagement Specialist: To be determined

Doña Ana County PLACE MATTERS, Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico

Coordinator: Kristina St. Cyr [Kristina@cfsnm.org](mailto:Kristina@cfsnm.org)

Community Engagement Specialist: To be determined

McKinley Community PLACE MATTERS, Coalition for Healthy and Resilient Youth

Coordinator: Jordon Johnson, [johnson.jordon@gmail.com](mailto:johnson.jordon@gmail.com)

Community Engagement Specialist: Philmer Bluehouse

San Juan Community PLACE MATTERS, San Juan County Partnership

Coordinator: Pam Valencia [valenciap@sjcpartnership.org](mailto:valenciap@sjcpartnership.org)

Community Engagement Specialist: Amanda Evans

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## PLACE MATTERS Advisory Group

As per the grant submitted to the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in 2012, the PLACE MATTERS Advisory Group consists of the Statewide PLACE MATTERS Coordinator and the four local PLACE MATTERS coordinators. The three grant writers / institutional knowledge holders have also been invited to serve on the PLACE MATTERS Advisory Group. The PLACE MATTERS Advisory Group will convene its first quarterly meeting in February 2014.

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## PLACE MATTERS Gathering

Please save the date for the upcoming Statewide PLACE MATTERS / Health Impact Assessment gathering. The event will be held June 4-6, 2014 and hosted by the McKinley Community PLACE MATTERS team. The exact location is yet to be determined.

# Health Impact Assessment (HIA) Highlights

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## **Funding**

In December 2013, NMHEP awarded funding to two HIA teams in the north east region of New Mexico.

- Taos Community Foundation and its community partners will perform an HIA demonstrating the health impacts of the optional 15% set-a-side available from Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) funds.
  - New Mexico Highlands University Foundation, Inc. and its community partners will complete an HIA on the ICIP Hearing (Infrastructure Capital Improvement) decision to be determined in November 2014. More specifically, this HIA will systematically judge the potential health impacts of restorative justice community housing for formerly incarcerated individuals in San Miguel County.
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## **Training Opportunities**

### ***Recent***

On November 20 and 21, 2013, the McKinley Community PLACE MATTERS team in partnership with NMHEP and Human Impact Partners hosted a two-day HIA training. This training opportunity demonstrated the value of HIAs in informing policy and planning decisions that are not directly related to, but have the potential to impact human health. The HIA topic for this training focused on the health impacts of potential uranium mining in McKinley County.

### ***Upcoming***

In March 2014, Taos Community Foundation, New Mexico Highlands University Foundation, NMHEP and Human Impact Partners will host a two-day HIA training in Santa Fe. The purpose of the training is to familiarize participants with the process of developing an HIA. The HIA topic areas for this training will include the two HIA projects recently funded in the north east region of New Mexico.

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# Health Councils and Community

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## **Grounding our Work in Equity – South West Regional Health Councils and Community Gathering**

NMHEP, New Mexico Alliance of Health Councils and the New Mexico Department of Health will host a gathering for health councils and community groups in the southwest region of New Mexico. The gathering will be held on February 20 & 21, 2014 in Las Cruces, NM.

Day 1, February 20 is for community organizations, including health councils, to share with one another effective strategies, policies and practices designed to advance health equity in rural communities, low-income communities, and communities of color;

Day 2, February 21 will have a specific focus health councils.

### *Day 1*

*Thursday, February 20, 2014*

*10:30am to 5pm*

*Las Cruces, NM*

*No charge. Please [register here](#).*

### *Day 2*

*Friday, February 21, 2014*

*8am to 2:30pm*

*Las Cruces, NM*

*No charge. Please [register here](#).*

Both days are free and space is limited – so please register early. **Deadline to [register](#) is February 13, 2014.**

For additional information, contact [Yolanda Cruz](#).

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## **HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES – Statewide Health Councils and Community Gathering**

NMHEP, New Mexico Alliance of Health Councils and the New Mexico Department of Health will host a 1 day gathering for New Mexico health councils and community groups working to advance health equity. The event will provide an opportunity for participants to gain a shared understanding of Health in All Policies, a collaborative approach to improving health outcomes by incorporating health and equity considerations into policy and planning decision making processes across sectors. Participants will build their capacity to inform policy change, create healthier communities and advance equity.

*Monday, March 31, 2014*

*9am to 5pm*

*Embassy Suites, Albuquerque*

*No charge. Please [register here](#).*

*For more information, contact [Yolanda Cruz](#).*

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## **New Mexico Alliance of Health Councils Website**

The New Mexico Alliance of Health Councils recently launched its new website. Please visit it [here](#).

# Tentative 2014 Calendar of NMHEP Events

Date	Event	Point of Contact
February 20 & 21, 2014	SW Health Councils and Community Gathering – Las Cruces @ Hotel Encanto	Yolanda Cruz <a href="mailto:ycruz@nmhealthequitypartnership.org">ycruz@nmhealthequitypartnership.org</a>
March 3 & 4, 2014	NE HIA Training	Shash Yázhí <a href="mailto:syazhi@nmhealthequitypartnership.org">syazhi@nmhealthequitypartnership.org</a>
March 20 & 21, 2014	SE Health Councils and Community Gathering	Yolanda Cruz <a href="mailto:ycruz@nmhealthequitypartnership.org">ycruz@nmhealthequitypartnership.org</a>
March 31, 2014	Statewide Health Councils and Community Gathering	Yolanda Cruz <a href="mailto:ycruz@nmhealthequitypartnership.org">ycruz@nmhealthequitypartnership.org</a>
May 6, 2014	NW Health Councils and Community Gathering	Yolanda Cruz <a href="mailto:ycruz@nmhealthequitypartnership.org">ycruz@nmhealthequitypartnership.org</a>
May 15 & 16, 2014	Metro Health Councils and Community Gathering	Yolanda Cruz <a href="mailto:ycruz@nmhealthequitypartnership.org">ycruz@nmhealthequitypartnership.org</a>
June 4, 5, 6, 2014	Statewide PLACE MATTERS / HIA Gathering	María Gallegos <a href="mailto:mgallegos@nmhealthequitypartnership.org">mgallegos@nmhealthequitypartnership.org</a>
July or August 2014	SW HIA Training	Shash Yázhí <a href="mailto:syazhi@nmhealthequitypartnership.org">syazhi@nmhealthequitypartnership.org</a>
TBD	Metro HIA Training	Shash Yázhí <a href="mailto:syazhi@nmhealthequitypartnership.org">syazhi@nmhealthequitypartnership.org</a>