New Mexico Health Equity Partnership News

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Network Engagement

The New Mexico Health Equity Partnership (NMHEP), an initiative of the Santa Fe Community Foundation, focuses on building the organizational and community infrastructure necessary to improve the
living conditions in our communities. We do this by connecting people, community groups and decision makers as well as each other as we are more powerful as a collective than as individuals. We build infrastructure through trainings, coaching and by sharing tools that allow both residents and community groups to hold policymakers accountable. We help elevate the community’s voice so residents can be the drivers of change.

We believe every New Mexican should have the opportunity to lead a healthy life, to live in neighborhoods where our children and families can thrive and to be able to have a say in the decisions that impact their communities and their lives. Too many New Mexicans live in neighborhoods where the air is dangerous to breath, water is dangerous to drink, the quality of education is poor, there is no healthy food nearby, and people live in isolation from one another. We believe everyone should have the same opportunities to lead a healthier life. A healthier life could mean many things including a living wage, life affirming education, affordable housing and convenient transportation, to name a few.

We hope you will take a moment to read our newsletter and learn how community partners, across the state are working to create a healthier New Mexico. Please consider joining the NMHEP as a network member to be part of a larger movement making lasting positive change for all New Mexicans!

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Doña Ana Communities United - Networking for Our Future

You can help us advance health equity in Doña Ana County! We are galvanizing supporters from across the country to champion two projects:

- Participatory mapping with underserved residents and decision makers
- Our time bank

There are multiple ways to get involved!

1. Donate an innovative service for our online auction. See the list of possibilities below for inspiration. Services can be provided in-person or virtually, so everyone can participate!
2. Participate in the online auction by bidding on others' services…more information coming soon!
3. Attend our networking event on December 8th from 11AM to 1PM at Peace Lutheran Church in Las Cruces. Purchase your tickets online or in person for $15 each.

The event will include a light lunch, speed networking where attendees will share their creative ideas for improving the wellbeing of county residents, and final bidding on the auction of services.

Please contact Kari Bachman at 575-496-4330 for more information. We look forward to engaging with you in this exciting work!

**Services you could offer**

*These are just starting points: use your imagination!*

**Virtual services:**
1. Grant writing
2. Language practice via Skype
3. Copy editing
4. Translation of written documents
5. Fortune telling
6. Business advice
7. Personal counseling
8. Computer assistance
9. Set up a Facebook page
10. Write holiday cards
**In-person services:**
1. Dog washing
2. Walking buddy
3. Teach how to cook a recipe
4. Handyman services
5. Housecleaning
6. Car washing
7. Teach a skill
8. A ride to the airport
9. A haircut
10. Dance lessons

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**Join us for a new event...**

**Networking for Our Future**

- Share creative ideas to improve the wellbeing of all county residents...
- Build connections to a variety of new people through speed networking...
- Participate in an auction of innovative services!

**December 8, 2016**
11 AM to 1 PM
Peace Lutheran Church (1701 Missouri Ave.)

$15 per person
Includes light lunch and stimulating conversation!

Please contact Kari Bachman by 12/1 to RSVP or to donate a service:
dacukori@gmail.com / 575-496-4330

A PASO DEL NORTE FOUNDATION CHALLENGE FUND EVENT
Policy & Advocacy

An Exciting Policy Advocacy Day
Hosted by Doña Ana Communities United

On October 24th, Doña Ana Communities United hosted a Policy Advocacy Day at Las Cruces City Hall. A wide range of individuals came together from all over the state of New Mexico. It began with a great discussion on social equity and the common good. Afterward, the participants from the Social Equity Mapping project had an open discussion with local level decision makers. Four individuals from the Community of Hope presented their concerns found within their campus, while one youth from Juvenile Citation Program expressed the concerns he has about his neighborhood. After lunch, the group went on a walking tour that focused on the built environment of Las Cruces. During this walk, they discussed the relationship between equity and the built environment of a community. From the conversations to the new connections made, we can say that the day was quite a success!

Submitted by Parisa Shirazi, Outreach Coordinator, Doña Ana Communities United;
Photos by Robert Yee
Video on the day from KRWG-FM: Local Group Helps Bring Different Communities Together Through Civic Action
Over the past year, HEP members have been on a journey to develop policy recommendations under a Health in All Policies (HiAP) framework. HiAP is an approach which takes into account how community health is affected by policies across sectors and seeks to improve community health and ensure equity across populations. Our Partnership’s understanding of HiAP has been informed by the completion of 10 Health Impact Assessments (HIA) and three which are actively in progress. Through the HIA process, partners have collected and utilized data and community narratives to make recommendations to inform proposed policies and demonstrate the effects on community health.

In fall 2015, 16 community leaders affiliated with HEP traveled to Los Angeles to participate in the Policy Link Equity Summit. Community leaders engaged in follow up conversations about issues that mattered most to them. In spring/summer 2016, four HEP partners hosted action-oriented small group gatherings to strengthen critical relationships, participate in advocacy training, and move to action on specific issues. In June 2016, 64 representatives from across the state - engaged in HEP activities, ranging from HIAs to the Equity Summit delegation to small group gatherings - came together at the Statewide Health Equity Gathering to make policy recommendations based on their lived experiences. Participants were asked to identify issues that advanced racial equity; were rooted in community strengths; and were informed by ongoing evidence-based work. The dialogue
was graphically recorded by artist, Erica Bota with Think Link Graphics.

As a follow up to the Statewide Gathering held in June, on November 30, HEP network members will join together to strengthen relationships and trust among partners; deepen our knowledge of priority issue areas; build our skills to map allies and decision makers on priority issues; and confirm ways to support each other’s efforts moving forward. We look forward to this exciting event!

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**Capacity Building**

**Planning and Design of Community Focused Gatherings**

On October 19, HEP partnered with Conveners.org to co-host a webinar on effectively planning and designing community focused gatherings that are strength-based.

HEP breaks down silos by working to create critical connections among groups working towards social change. One way we do this is through convening! HEP’s approach to convening is aligned and reflective of our core values, which have been developed over time as a result of the HEP team’s experiences and learning.

Through the webinar, we explored challenges with convening such as inaccessible meeting locations; activities that aren’t engaging; some participants not sharing the floor; deficit focused framing; and having difficult conversations. We followed this with a discussion of promising approaches to convening which have led to: 1) Community engagement and trust building; 2) Authentic dialogue around critical issues; 3) Learning, inspiration, and innovation; 4) Collaboration and coordination; and 5) Strengthened leadership.

We would like to thank Yolanda Cruz and Ron Hale for sharing their experiences convening the health councils, as well as our partners at the Notah Begay Foundation III and Tewa Women United for participating in the dialogue and sharing effective strategies for making gatherings more community-focused.

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**NMHEP's Health Impact Assessment Services**

The NMHEP has trained communities and organizations across New Mexico on how to use Health Impact Assessment to elevate community voice as part of decision making and to ensure community health is prioritized.

Interested in Health Impact Assessment?

Please take a moment to read an overview of our menu of Health Impact Assessment services and complete the survey so we can assess continued community interest in Health Impact Assessment and how NMHEP, through our, Health Impact Assessment services may best support your social justice and community health efforts in the future.

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**Partner Capacity Building Opportunities and Events**

Santa Fe Community Foundation - The NMHEP’s institutional home, the Santa Fe Community Foundation
(SFCF), is committed to supporting nonprofits in achieving their missions with excellence. The SFCF’s Philanthropy HUB has been designed as a learning and gathering place for the philanthropic sector. The HUB’s programs strive to: 1) deepen philanthropic practice; 2) build nonprofit capacity; 3) provide support for professional advisers; and 4) provide platforms for learning about social issues in community. Upcoming trainings and presentations include:

- Thursday, November 17, 2016
  Nonprofit Leadership: Executive Director Learning Circle with Roy Bowen - Making Your Systems Sing: Infrastructure and Back Shop Tools
- Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at 9:00 AM
  Consultant Cafe
  A peer gathering for nonprofit consultants
- Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 5:30 PM
  Santa Fe Community Foundation Open House
  A community celebration
- Thursday, December 15, 2016
  Nonprofit Executive Director Learning Circle
  A year-end gathering

If you are a NMHEP network member and you have an upcoming training, workshop, or other capacity building opportunity open to community members and organizations, please send information about it to David Gaussoin and the NMHEP team can include it in an upcoming newsletter.

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**A Great Job Opportunity from the Bernalilo County Community Health Council**

The Bernalillo County Community Health Council is anticipating new funding to expand the prevention activities of our Bernalillo County Opioid Accountability Initiative and we are looking for a new full-time employee to help guide those efforts. ([Click HERE for job description](https://www.bernalillocounty.org/health/department-community-health/careers))(Click HERE for job description)

The Opioid Accountability Initiative is a large multi-sectoral collective impact strategy to align the activities of government, non-profit, business, and community leaders to strengthen the prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and law enforcement/criminal justice systems in Bernalillo County in order to reduce incidence of opioid overdose deaths. This position will focus specifically on the prevention component of the initiative.

This is **NOT** a direct service position, but does require some familiarity with gaps in the current prevention systems, as well as an understanding of the institutions, organizations and leadership that play a role in these systems, and how policies can impact the effective functioning of those systems. Our preference is that the person we hire live and work in Bernalillo County with a personal investment in improving the health of our community.

We recognize the drawback of not being able to offer healthcare insurance at this time. As a new (and very small) non-profit, we are looking at ways that we can address this in the future. However, in the meantime we feel that working with community leaders across multiple sectors to help reduce the deaths from opioid overdose and create a system that prevents opioid abuse and saves lives will be an incredible experience for the right person.

Please submit a resume with 3 references listed, and a letter of interest that will serve as a writing sample to Marsha at mcavila.bcchc@comcast.net. Let us know in the letter your background and why you are interested in this position.
Applications are due by Wednesday, November 23rd. Please submit any questions by email (no phone calls, please).

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**CAMPUS CROSSROADS**

Monthly Film Series about Intersections of Identity and Community.

This event is a collaboration with POV, PBS’ award-winning nonfiction film series.

**FREE!**

First Tuesdays of each month, from 11:30am-1:30pm, in Room 223.

The East Wing Eater will be there with their $5 NACHO BAR!

Bring your lunch, your class, your pats, your fam, and kick back between classes at the Campus Crossroad’s Monthly Film Series. The Center for Diversity and Integrated Learning will provide corresponding curriculum and lesson plans (including critical thinking questions, activities, and information about historical context, etc.). If you’d like this material in advance, email thecenter@sfccc.edu or call (505)428-1467.

**September 6, 2016: El Otro Lado**

For National Hispanic Month, we choose El Otro Lado, which follows Jocelyn, an aspiring comic book creator from the drug capital of America, as she faces two difficult choices to better her life (flee drug dealers or cross the border legally into the United States). An Official Selection of the Tribeca Film Festival.

**October 4, 2016: Up Heartbreak Hill**

To celebrate Indigenous Revises Day, join us for the story of Teresa and Nieves, who are the first two of their rural New Mexico high school. In many communities, they are born between the line of origin and somewhere else and they live by their home. For these teens, however, home is an impoverished town on the Navajo reservation, and loving means separating from family, tradition and the land that has been theirs for generations. Errol Morris’ Up Heartbreak Hill is a moving look at a new generation of Americans struggling to live, both Hurt and in love.

**November 1, 2016: Soldiers of Conscience**

When’s a right to kill in the midst of war. Is it right to refuse in honor of the upcoming Veteran’s Day. Eight U.S. soldiers today, some who killed and some who did no, reveal their inner moral dilemma in Soldiers of Conscience, made with official permission of the U.S. Army, the film transcends politics to explore the tension between spiritual values and military orders.

**December 6, 2016: Best Kept Secret**

In honor of Disability Awareness Month, join us for Best Kept Secret in which Ariel Hink, an instructor who has taught a class of young men for four years is on an urgent mission. She races against the clock as graduation approaches for four severely autistic minority students. Once they graduate and leave the security of this nurturing place, their options for living independently will be few. She must help them find the means to support themselves before they “fugue out” of the system.

**February 7, 2017: All the Difference**

For Black History Month, All the Difference weaves together five years of stories about two Princeton young men as they navigate their lives in urban, suburban, and rural environments in Chicago. Statistics predict they will drop out of high school, both graduate and go on to college in some of all the odds. This film explores the factors that led to their parents and grandparents’ success, and more importantly, who made the difference an example of princeton education as a place to secure a place in the middle class. The film is part of American Graduate: Let’s Make It Happen, a national public media initiative made possible by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB).

**March 7, 2017: Señorita Extraviada**

Because sometimes women’s history month reminds us that not all women are represented in history books, and there’s still so much more work to be done, join us for Señorita Extraviada. Someone is killing the young women of Juárez, Mexico. Since 1993, over 700 young women have been raped and murdered, a chillingly consistent and brutal manner. Authorities have no place for justice from the victims’ families and the crimes go unsolved. Most disturbingly, victims of government complicity keep women weaponized as the killings continue to this day. Capturing a film that is both a poetic meditation and a mystery, Señorita Extraviada’s haunting investigation into an unpredictable crime wave end the disasters and corruption of one of the biggest border towns in the world.

**April 3, 2017: Nostalgia for the Light**

Pulitzer-prize winner for the use of a remarkable technique on memory, history and eternity, Chiles’s memoir, The Absolute Desert, 10,000 feet above sea level, provides stunningly clear views of the heavens. But it also holds secrets from the past in the cold soil; human remains, from pre-Columbian peoples to the bones of political prisoners “disappeared” during the Pinochet dictatorship. In this otherworldly place, earthly and celestial events meld; anthropologists dig for ancient challenges, women search for lost loved ones and archaeologists scan the sites for new galaxies.

**May 2, 2017: Ping Pong**

May 2, Oldies American’s birthday, or at least call it “Odd age, extreme callout”! Take eight players with 703 years between them compete in the Over 80 World Table Tennis Championships in China’s Inner Mongolia. British players Terry, 91, who has been given a week to live, and Lee, 91, a weightlifter and painter for 50 years to the Tokyo Olympics, plays the male table tennis to provide him with his way out of dementia. Andy Tan, 88, is playing for the first time. Ping Pong is a wonderfully usual story of hope, legacy, mentorship, competition, love—and sheer human resiliency in the face of aging and mortality.

This event is a collaboration with

POV, PBS’ award-winning nonfiction film series. Check out the POV website: http://www.pbs.org/pov/

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November 30, 2016
Action-Oriented Small Group Gathering - NMHEP

December 8, 2016
Networking for Our Future - DACU

December 9, 2016
13th Annual Health Policy Forum - NMPHA

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