New Mexico Health Equity Partnership News

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Network Engagement

The New Mexico Health Equity Partnership Network

The New Mexico Health Equity Partnership (NMHEP) is committed to ensuring that community voice is part of decision making processes across issue areas. We work with rural, frontier, urban, and border
communities and first nations to create access to affordable transportation, fresh food, clean environments, safe places, health care, quality education, and fair wages for all New Mexicans. This way all children and families can live healthy and quality lives in safe and thriving communities no matter where they are located in New Mexico. 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 health equity movement making lasting positive change for all New Mexicans!

Welcome New Doña Ana Communities United Staff

The Doña Ana Communities United (DACU)’s staff has blossomed to five people! Please join me in welcoming our new arrivals:

- **Parisa Shirazi** is a Border Servant Corps (BSC) volunteer who will be with the team full time for one year. As DACU’s Outreach Coordinator, Parisa will be working on all DACU projects. Already she has proven invaluable in conducting time bank outreach. Parisa recently graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee and she grew up outside Chicago. DACU is extremely excited to be collaborating with Kari Lenander and her team at BSC to host Parisa: check out [http://www.border servantcorps.org](http://www.border servantcorps.org) to learn more about Border Servant Corps.

- **Leslie Mosso** is pursuing her bachelor’s degree in Public Health at NMSU. She will be with DACU for about 20 hours per week this semester through her field experience. Leslie’s focus will be the participatory mapping project. She hails from Phoenix and has worked at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. Thank you to Sue Forster-Cox for making this wonderful opportunity possible for all of us.

- **Chelsea Morales** and **Rosario Sanchez** are Public Health students at Doña Ana Community College (DACC). They will be with us about eight hours per week this semester during their service learning experience. Chelsea grew up in Grants and Rosario is from Deming. Thank you to Amy Collins and Becky Corran at DACC for enabling DACU to work again with their fabulous students.

A warm welcome to these four wonderful women!

Policy & Advocacy
Health Matters NM Land Use Policy Forum

"Friends and Colleagues, You are cordially invited to join Health Matters NM for a Discussion about Land Use Policy in a casual setting! This event is free and open to the public, as well as land use policy experts, planners, designers, elected officials, and community members who are interested in impacting land use policy at the state and local level!"

WHEN: Wednesday, September 14, 2-5 PM
WHERE: Ponderosa Brewing Company - 1761 Bellamah Avenue NW Albuquerque, NM 87104

Non-alcoholic drinks and snacks provided. Space is limited, so RSVP soon! For more information call James M. Aranda at (505) 235-3317. For future Health Matters NM events, view our site at healthmattersnm.org
Viva El Voto Registers Its 200th New Voter in McKinley County

Its election season and the stakes couldn’t be higher this year for our families. Registering new voters and getting out the vote is one organizing tool that immigrant families in McKinley, Lea, Chaves, Roosevelt and Curry County are utilizing to ensure their voices are heard well beyond this election cycle.

Viva el Voto is the campaign these members of New Mexico’s statewide racial justice and civil rights organization, Somos Un Pueblo Unido, are currently in the middle of across the state. And in McKinley County, the local Somos affiliate, Somos Gallup, is celebrating its 200th newly registered voter.

“We live in one of the poorest counties in the state,” said Marlene Sanchez, high school student and longtime member of Somos Gallup. “Through our campaign we are meeting new allies, strengthening our base of members and ensuring all voters in McKinley County have a voice.”

For more information, please call Somos Un Pueblo Unido at 505-424-7832 or 575-622-4486 or go to www.somosunpueblounido.org. And don’t forget to follow them on Facebook and Twitter!

Submitted by Emmanuelle "Neza" Leal Santillan, Communications Coordinator, Somos Un Pueblo Unido
Capacity Building

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 by Friday, September 23, 2016 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.

Save the Date

Planning and Design of Community- Focused Convenings
October 19, 2016
With the New Mexico Health Equity Partnership Team – Jinelle Scully, David Gaussoin, and Jessica Jensen

During this webinar participants will explore how to effectively design community-focused gatherings that are aligned with project values, facilitate peer learning, and promote cross-stakeholder collaboration.

**Audience:** This webinar is intended for non-profit staff, funders, government agencies, and community coalitions interested in planning and designing conferences for:

- Authentic dialog around critical issues;
- Community engagement and trust building;
- Learning, ideation and innovation;
- Consensus building, collaboration and coordination; and
- Building leadership capacity.

**Attendees will learn how to:**

- Create engaging and accessible gathering spaces;
- Lift up the strengths of staff, planning committee members, partners, and community;
- Engage in authentic dialog around critical issues;
- Design conference sessions that push attendees to “think out of the box” and identify innovative solutions; and
- Bridge partnerships with community groups.

**Registration:**
The webinar will be hosted on October 19, 2016

Oct 19, 2016 10:00 AM (GMT-6:00) Mountain Time (US and Canada)
Please register here

For more information please contact Jinelle Scully at jscully@nmhep.org

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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 HUBs 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, September 15, 2016**
  Nonprofit Leadership: Executive Director Learning Circle with Roy Bowen - Working with Funders
- **Wednesday, September 21, 2016**
  Nonprofit Community Discussion: Walking Our Talk in the Workplace (EVENT IS SOLD OUT)
  With the New Mexico Health Equity Partnership team
- **Thursday, October 20, 2016**
  Nonprofit Leadership: Executive Director Learning Circle with Roy Bowen - The Care and Feeding of Board Members
- **Thursday, November 17, 2016**
  Nonprofit Leadership: Executive Director Learning Circle with Roy Bowen - Topic to be confirmed
- **Thursday, December 15, 2016**
  Nonprofit Executive Director Learning Circle
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 NMHEP newsletter.

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**Save the date - September 21, 2016**

**You are invited to:**

*Dineh Food System and Water Security Stakeholders Gathering*

**Theme:**

*Nizhónígo Kééh bii nhíl naunísh*  
*(Working Together in Harmony)*

**Nahat’a – South – Dineh planning**

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**Event location / time:**

*Rehoboth-McKinley Hospital*  
901 Red Rock Drive (next to the GIMC or Indian Hospital), Gallup, NM.  
**North 3rd Floor - Solarium Conference Room, 10:AM - 4:PM**

Lunch will be provided in Celebration of Harvest

This Gathering is for a convening of Dineh activists, grassroots organizations, leaders, Navajo, state, federal governmental food programs, water organizations, farmers and ranchers to continue Nahat’a – Planning for Collaboration of Food and Water Security. Stakeholders will produce a “Declaration of Unity” as a statement of commitment for all to collaborate and partner by sharing resources, avoiding duplications of services, and practicing Kééh to find ways to work together for the common good.  
Dineh Traditional Food System and historical perspectives/concepts will be shared to promote Dineh bii’iinal Lifeways that are so essential to the future of our people.  
(Please RSVP for LUNCH count).

*Sponsors: Dine’ Food Sovereignty Alliance – COPE/Community Outreach, Patient Empowerment  
Contacts: gloriabegay2004@yahoo.com 505-933-0378, or Hazel James, 505-635-8629 / hjames@nmhep.org*

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*Ahe’hee!*

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**NMHEP September Updates**

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**Calendar**

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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 Eatery will be there with their $5 NACHO BAR!

Bring your lunch, your class, your pals, 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@sfcc.edu or call (505)428-1467.

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

For Hispanic Heritage Month, we choose Al Otro Lado, which follows Magdiel, an aspiring corrido composer from the drug capital of Mexico, as he faces two difficult choices to better his life: to traffic drugs or to cross the border illegally into the United States. An Official Selection of the Tribeca Film Festival.

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

To celebrate Indigenous People’s Day, join us for the story of Thomas and Tamara, who are track stars at their rural New Mexico High School. Like many teenagers, they are torn between the lure of brighter futures elsewhere and the ties that bind them to home. For these teens, however, home is an impoverished town on the Navajo reservation, and leaving means separating from family, tradition and the land that has been theirs for generations. Silo Sierra’s Up Heartbreak Hill is a moving look at a new generation of Americans struggling to be both Native and modern.

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

When’s it right to kill in the heat of war? It is right to refuse in honor of the upcoming Veteran’s Day, right? U.S. soldiers today, some who killed and some who said 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 military values and military orders.

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

In honor of Disability Awareness Month, join us for Best Kept Secret, in which Janet Mino, a 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 her severely autistic minority students. Once they graduate and leave the safety of this nurturing place, their options for living independently will be few. Mino must help them find the means to support themselves before they “age out” of the system.

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

For Black History Month, All the Difference weaves together five years of stories about two promising young men as they navigate their lives in low-income, high-risk communities in Chicago. Statistics predict they will drop out of high school, both graduate and go on to college in spite of all the odds. The film explores the factors in their lives (parents and grandparents, teachers, role models and community support) that made all the difference in their lives. An example of prioritizing education as a tool to secure a place in the middle class. The film is part of American Graduates: Let’s Make It Happen, a national public media initiative made possible by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB).

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**March 7, 2017: Señorita Extravagada**

Because it’s 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 Extravagada: Someone is killing the young women of Juárez, Mexico. Since 1993, over 270 young women have been raped and murdered in a chillingly consistent and brazen manner. Authorities ignore pleas for justice from the victims’ families and the crimes go unpunished. Kios News disturbingly, evidence of government complicity remains uninvestigated as the killings continue to this day. Crafting a film that is both a poetic meditation and a mystery, Señorita Extravagada is a haunting investigation into an unspeakable crime wave amid the disorders and confusion of one of the biggest border towns in the world.

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

Patricia Guillem’s Nostalgia for the Light is a remarkable meditation on memory, history and eternity. Chile’s remote Atacama Desert, 10,000 feet above sea level, provides stunningly clear views of the heavens. But it also holds secrets from the past in its arid soil: human remains, from pre-Columbian mummies to the bones of political prisoners “disappeared” during the Pinochet dictatorship. In this otherworldly place, earthly and celestial worlds meet. Archaeologists dig for ancient civilizations, women search for their loved ones and astronomers scan the skies for new galaxies.

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**May 2, 2017: Ping Pong**

May is Older American’s Month, so, as some call it: “Old age, extreme edition!” 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, 81, who has been given a week to live, and Les, 91, a weightlifter and poet, are going for the gold, Hope, 74, from Germany, has used table tennis to paddle her way out of dementia. And Texan Bob, 86, is playing for the first time, Ping Pong is a wonderfully unusual story of hope, respect, friendship, ambition, love—and sheer human tenacity in the face of aging and mortality.

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**This event is a collaboration with POV, PBS’ award-winning nonfiction film series. Check out the POV website:**

http://www.pbs.org/point/
September 28, & October 19, 2016

Discussion: Walking Our Talk in the Workplace (SOLD OUT)

October 24, 2016

NMHEP Webinars, Planning and Design of Community- Focused Convenings

November 12, 2016

Doña Ana Communities United - Policy Advocacy Day

November 14, 2016

McKinley Community Collaborative for Health Equity - Policy Advocacy Day

San Miguel County HIA Team - Policy Advocacy Day

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