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#### **NEW MEXICO HEALTH EQUITY PARTNERSHIP**





# **New Mexico Health Equity Partnership News**

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## **Network Engagement**

#### Join the NMHEP as a Network Member

The New Mexico Health Equity Partnership (NMHEP) is excited to invite diverse individuals and organizations who are in agreement with the <a href="NMHEP's mission and vision">NMHEP's mission and vision</a> and committed to partnership within and between organizations and community to advance health equity in New Mexico to sign up as a NMHEP network member. Benefits include opportunities to:

- Be part of a larger movement in New Mexico other to advance health equity;
- Attend the Statewide Health Equity Gathering and connect your local health equity efforts to the development of a Health in All Policies Framework and statewide policy agenda;
- Participate in the NMHEP's peer to peer learning community; and
- Learn about the NMHEP's events, volunteer opportunities, and efforts via our newsletter.

We are pleased to announce that 22 organizations and 10 individuals have already signed up as NMHEP network members. We encourage you and your organization to demonstrate your commitment to health equity in New Mexico by singing up as a network member via this <u>online</u> form.

Submitted by Jessica Eva Jensen, Grants & Capacity Building Strategist

### Nominations for the NMHEP Steering Committee

As the NMHEP deepens our partnerships and builds out our network, we are seeking nominations for Network Steering Committee members to support our efforts. The NMHEP's Network Steering Committee will consist of a small group of members, committed to supporting the NMHEP team and network carry out our mission, vision and goals during 2016. Responsibilities will include assistance with: 1) high level strategic guidance; 2) the development of the Health in All Policies Framework and Statewide Policy Agenda; 3) engaging and educating decision makers to ensure health and equity is considered in decision making processes; 4) and fundraising. Please send your nominations for the NMHEP Steering Committee to María Gallegos. Engagement & Policy Strategist by Friday, January 22, 2016.

# **Policy & Advocacy**

## **Upcoming Core Partner Education Policy/Advocacy Days**

This year the NMHEP team will be working in partnership with our four core partners to coordinate and host educational policy/advocacy days. Core community-based partners, located in Bernalillo, Dona Ana, McKinley and San Miguel counties, are working to improve health by addressing economic justice, environmental justice, land-use policies, and substance abuse treatment rather than incarceration. Previous policy/advocacy days have focused on the health impacts of uranium mining; educating how the Santolina Master Development would affect land, water, and health; civic engagement in Dona Ana county; and the Safe Passage Initiative, Complete Streets, and Predatory Lending in San Juan County.

Please keep an eye out for 2016 policy/advocacy days! NMHEP network members will be invited to attend policy/advocacy days to serve as a bigger base of support.

Submitted by Jinelle Scully, Creative Logistics & Operations Associate

# **Capacity Building**

# Our Work at McKinley Community PLACE MATTERS: What is on the Horizon

McKinley Community PLACE MATTERS work is expanding. We continue to work closely with the Red Water Pond Road Community and Multicultural Alliance for a Safe Environment regarding optional relocation of community members to Black Tree Mesa during the cleanup process of the Superfund sites. We have also begun to delve into working closely with low-wage workers and Somos Gallup to educate people in McKinley County about Wage Theft issues. Last month, we participated in a round table discussion on prevention of alcohol related harm with the New Mexico Department of Health, representatives from the Substance Abuse

and Mental Health Services Administration and local leaders. From this meeting, we anticipate leading conversations to address the legacy of community trauma related to alcohol related concerns in our region.

Submitted by Jordon Johnson, Executive Director of McKinley Community PLACE MATTERS

# Community Participation in Health Impact Assessments: A National Evaluation

Human Impact Partners is excited to be releasing its **Community Participation in Health Impact Assessments:** A National Evaluation in January. The first of its kind study describes the impact of community participation on civic agency – a community's capacity to act in its own self-interest – and the success of an HIA, along with how well the field of HIA is doing at encouraging community participation. The evaluation intends to inform the work of HIA practitioners, and is relevant to researchers and organizations intending to authentically engage community members in addressing policy, program, or planning solutions. We're hosting a webinar to share the evaluation's very exciting and insightful findings on January 28 from 2:00-3:30 Eastern/ 11:00-12:30 Pacific. Please register here for the webinar, and we'll follow-up with details soon.

Submitted by Holly Avey, PhD, MPH, Program Director, Research, Human Impact Partners







Photos from the two-day Health Impact Assessment Training held in Santa Fe, NM

## Health Impact Assessment Job

## **Posting**

The Santa Fe Indian Center and Emily Haozous with the UNM School of Nursing are conducting a Health Impact Assessment to look at the federal budget policies and their impact on Urban American Indian health. They have two part-time positions available for hire immediately:

The Program Coordinator position is available through UNM Jobs position posting #0833034 (unmjobs.unm.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=85791). This position will be responsible for organizing data collection and community meetings in the Santa Fe County area, manage databases, and act as lead contact for the project. The program coordinator will also collaborate with all stakeholders to ensure the health impact assessment is inclusive of key inputs, including community voices, state, county, tribal, and federal agencies, and other emerging agencies as appropriate. This position will require 1-2 days per week during 2016. Those with questions about this position should call Emily Haozous at <a href="mailto:ehaozous@salud.unm.edu">ehaozous@salud.unm.edu</a> or call (505) 272-8568.

The Research Assistant will assist the Program Coordinator and project lead with data collection, meeting facilitation, and data management, and participant recruitment. This is a part-time position available directly through the UNM College of Nursing. Those interested in this position should contact Emily Haozous directly

Submitted by Emily Haozous, PhD, RN, FAAN- UNM College of Nursing

or

## Calendar

### DATE

### **EVENT / POINT OF CONTACT**

January 13, 2015

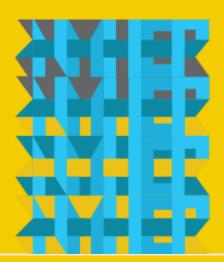
NMHEP Network Reception - Santa Fe, NM

<u>Jinelle Scully</u>

January 13 - 14, 2015

HIA Training, Santa Fe, NM

<u>Jessi Jensen</u>



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