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NEW MEXICO HEALTH EQUITY PARTNERSHIP





# **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 <u>network member</u> to be part of a larger health equity movement making lasting positive change for all New Mexicans!

#### The NMHEP launches a new website

The New Mexico Health Equity Partnership has been working with <u>Rinse Design</u>, to design and launch a new website for the partnership. In addition to featuring NMHEP's new branding, the new website features easier navigation, search by regions, google maps, and an interactive discussion board.

Please take a moment to bookmark the new site at - <a href="www.nmhep.org">www.nmhep.org</a>, as well as, check back for updates. Also if you have not done so yet, please sign up to receive our monthly newsletter here, and like our Facebook page here.

If you would like to share information on our <u>resources link</u> or <u>events calendar</u>, please submit information to <u>David Gaussoin</u>.

# **Policy & Advocacy**

## 2016 NMHEP Statewide Health Equity Gathering













Video by Matt Cross-Guillen (Health Matters NM) of the graphic illustrations made by Erica Bota (Think Link Graphics/New Stories), during the 2016 NMHEP Statewide Health Equity Gathering

The New Mexico Health Equity Partnership (NMHEP) envisions a New Mexico with healthy and thriving children, families and communities. NMHEP is a statewide network comprised of diverse community organizations and members committed to creating access to affordable transportation, fresh food, clean environments, safe places, health care, quality education, and fair wages for all New Mexicans. On June 16 and 17th, the NMHEP team, steering committee, core partners, members, and allies joined together at the Hotel Blue in Albuquerque, New Mexico for the 2016 Statewide Health Equity Gathering titled, Health Equity: A Unified Force for Policy in Action.

Sixty-four (64) participants experienced policy in action by:

- Creating a nurturing space where relationships could deepen;
- Connecting personal experiences to policy;
- Providing recommendations to the statewide policy agenda- Health in All Policies framework;
- Identifying decision makers tied to policy recommendations;
- Determining next steps to use policy recommendations to advance racial equity in New Mexico;
   and
- Recognizing stakeholders' roles and commitments to advance the statewide policy agenda- Health in All Policies.

The intention for the gathering was to mobilize partners to inform a statewide policy agenda and Health in All Policies Framework. We asked, "Why do we do what we do and how is it connected to policy?" With this in mind, building on the breadth of advocacy, research and lived experiences in the room, participants provided recommendations, rooted in community strengths, to inform a statewide policy agenda that would lead to a healthier and more just New Mexico.

The poem, below, written by Simone Poutnik with New Stories, illustrates our time together.

Let's stand up together

To not be silent or invisible forever

Let's be aware of our privilege and our power

Let's not get complacent by the hour

We are here to work for what we want

Not just fight what we are against

No success at work is worth a failure in health

Systemic change starts with us and our own wealth

We gotta trust ourselves and each other above
One family, redefined as anyone we love
Let's unite we can't divide the world into good and bad guys
We're all both in disguise

What does equity really mean to this floor
Let's put families' health at the core
Of each policy, let's decolonize our policy makers,
Let's revolutionize education, education is health
And our children are our wealth

Let's guarantee basic rights for all beings

Let's stop the othering and get back to real meaning

Support each other as one big coalition

So we can bring New Mexico and its people to fruition



### **Chainbreaker Collective Health Impact Assessment Update**

The Health Impact Assessment (HIA) has helped <u>Chainbreaker</u> launch a year-long campaign to highlight inequity, which we believe to be the "Elephant in the Room" in Santa Fe. Chainbreaker members are making the Elephant in the Room visible by wearing elephant costumes and holding signs and banners that visualize the findings from the HIA. The report findings have helped legitimize the stories of community members and have forced policymakers to acknowledge the growing segregation and disparities in our city. Chainbreaker will continue to use the HIA to increase the political literacy about equity among community members and policy makers alike while organizing people directly impacted by inequitable city policies to hold elected officials accountable.

Submitted by Tomás Rivera, Chainbreaker Collective



## **Capacity Building**

### Doña Ana Communities United is starting a time bank

Also known as service exchanges, time banks help community members exchange services. They are based on the principle of reciprocity: everyone has something to offer other members, and everyone can benefit from receiving assistance. In a time bank, it doesn't matter if you pick weeds in someone else's yard, teach them to swim, or drive them to the grocery store: each hour of donated time is worth the same. Time banks have been shown to increase social cohesion (in other words, they bring residents closer together) as well as improve health outcomes, since people are better able to access the services they need and receive social support for adoption and maintenance of healthy behaviors. You can learn more at hourworld.org, or you can read more about it in this <u>article</u>.

Submitted by Kari Bachman, Coordinator Doña Ana Communities United

### **Partner Capacity Building Opportunities and Events**

<u>Santa Fe Community Foundation</u> - 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:

- Wednesday, July 06, 2016
   <u>Communication: How to Build a Six-Month Communication Plan</u> with MediaDesk New Mexico
- Thursday, July 21, 2016
   Nonprofit Leadership: Executive Director Learning Circle with Roy Bowen
- Friday, July 29, 2016

Fundraising: 35 Ways to Maximize Online Fundraising with Allan Pressel

- Thursday, August 18, 2016
  - Nonprofit Leadership: Executive Director Learning Circle with Roy Bowen
- Thursday, August 25, 2016
   Nonprofit Finance: Annual Finance Reporting with Rhonda G. Williams, CPA

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 <u>David Gaussoin</u> and the NMHEP team can include it an upcoming NMHEP newsletter.

#### 7TH ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE NEGATIVE HEALTH EFFECTS ON THE PEOPLE OF NEW MEXICO FROM THE TRINITY TEST MEMORIALIZE THOSE THAT HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES TO CANCER AND HONOR THOSE WHO ARE LIVING WITH OR WHO HAVE SURVIVED CANCER



### **SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2016**

PROGRAM STARTS AT 8:00 PM
LUMINARIAS ON SALE FOR SUGGESTED DONATION OF
\$1.00 EACH STARTING AT 7:30 PM
Bishop Oscar Cantu will join us to lead us in prayer and bless

the cancer survivors and those living with cancer

TULAROSA LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD ON LA LUZ AVE. IN WEST TULAROSA

PLEASE COME AND SHARE IN THIS SOMBER TRIBUTE AND LEARN ABOUT OUR HEALTH SURVEY AND POSSIBLE COMPENSATION THROUGH THE RADIATION EXPOSURE COMPENSATION ACT.

For more information or to volunteer please contact Tina Cordova at 505-897-6787 tcordova@queston.net Kathy Tyler at 575-585-2896 fotyler@tularosa.net

## Calendar

### **DATE**

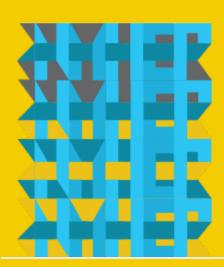
July or August 2016

TBD

#### **EVENT**

Policy/Advocacy Day in Bernalillo County

Small Group Gathering: Youth Leadership and Shared Learning – La Semilla Food Center, Southwest Organizing Project, Farm To Table, and the NMHEP



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