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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), 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 breathe, 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!

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

Join us for a new event...

Networking for Our Future



**Doña Ana
Communities
United**

- 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:*

dacukari@gmail.com / 575-496-4330



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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





NMHEP Action Oriented Small Group Gathering



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!

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.

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.

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.

A Great Job Opportunity from the Bernalillo 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)

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).

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.

September 6, 2016: *Al Otro Lado*
 To celebrate Indigenous People's Day, we chose *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.

October 4, 2016: *Up Heartbreak Hill*
 In honor of Disability Awareness Month, 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. Erica Scharf's *Up Heartbreak Hill* is a moving look at a new generation of Americans struggling to be both Native and modern.

November 1, 2016: *Soldiers of Conscience*
 When is it 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 said no, reveal their inner moral dilemmas 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 Janet Mino, 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 her severely autistic minority students. Once they graduate and leave the security 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.

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 - an example of prioritizing education as a tool 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 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. Most 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 Extraviada* is a haunting investigation into an unspeakable crime wave amid the disorders and corruption of one of the biggest border towns in the world.


April 3, 2017: *Nostalgia for the Light*
 Patricio Guzmán'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 quests meld: Archaeologists dig for ancient civilizations, women search for their loved ones and astronomers scan the skies for new galaxies.

May 2, 2017: *Ping Pong*
 May is Older American's Month, or, 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. Inge, 89, from Germany, has used table tennis to paddle her way out of dementia. And Texan Lisa, 85, is playing for the first time. *Ping Pong* is a wonderfully unusual story of hope, regret, friendship, ambition, love—and sheer human tenacity in the face of aging and mortality.



POV
Public Opinion Television

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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