



Indian Affairs Committee

Access to Services on Tribal Lands



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of Health Councils **ALLIANCE**
mobilizing communities for health

New Mexico Alliance of Health Councils

NMAHC Mission

The mission of the New Mexico Alliance of Health Councils, as chartered in NM law and policy by HB 137, is:

“to improve the health of all New Mexicans by supporting and strengthening county and tribal health councils, advocating for health equity, and by providing a strong voice for community and public health.”

This is accomplished through planning, leading community collaboration among agencies, public policy work, and sustainable system development.



NMAHC
Team



Our Values

Collaboration



We commit to collaboration among health councils and key public health stakeholders.

Equity and Inclusion



We value equity and inclusion within our organization and in our work to better the health of New Mexicans, recognizing that diversity, equity and inclusion makes us stronger.

Respect



We practice a culture of respect and cultural humility, acknowledging all perspectives and recognizing that words and actions matter.

Collective Voice



We are committed to cultivating a collective voice on issues that benefit all health councils.

Building Access to Services: House Bill 137

2019 County and Tribal Health Councils Act

County and Tribal Health Councils are mandated with the following tasks:

- Identify ***community health needs/ priorities***
- Identify ***strategies and resources*** to address health priorities
- Monitor ***services and programs*** to identify gaps / reduce duplication
- ***Collaborate with other entities*** to develop programs, networks, partnerships, and coalitions
- Advise tribal leaders regarding ***policies*** that affect health
- Facilitate ***communication*** among tribal jurisdiction, state agencies, others

Tribal Health Councils

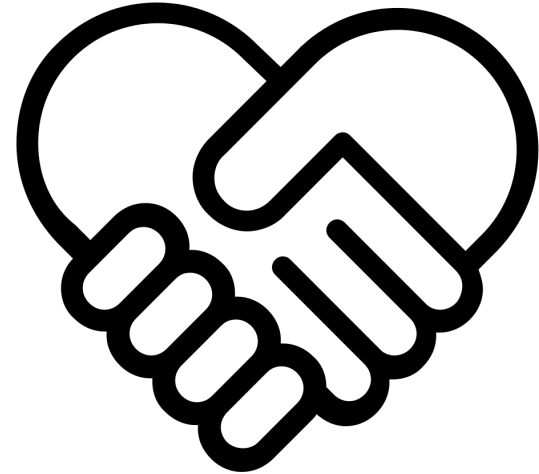
The Alliance is building authentic community relationships with New Mexico tribal communities, nations, and pueblos. There are 9 operating tribal health councils that include:

- **Pueblo of Acoma**
- **Cañoncito Band of Navajos**
- **Pueblo of Cochiti**
- **Pueblo of Nambe**
- **Pueblo of San Ildefonso**
- **Pueblo of Santa Clara**
- **Pueblo of Santo Domingo**
- **Pueblo of Tesuque**
- **Pueblo of Picuris**



Interested in a Partnership to bring access to services to: Tribes, Pueblos, and Nations

- **Mescalero Apache**
- **Pueblo of Zia**
- **Pueblo of Ohkay Owingeh**
- **Pueblo of Isleta**
- **Navajo Nation Agencies**
 - **Eastern Agency**
 - **Shiprock Agency**



**Goal is to partner with
2 tribal partners/ year**

Respecting Tribal Communities Priorities



Tribal - Centered Services

Health Council Structures Vary

- Health **care**, health **promotion**, and disease **prevention** education, services
- **Connect** with the community
- Become **essential** to the spectrum of Tribal community-oriented primary health care services
- Serve as great **advocates**
- **Live** in and come from the communities
- Customed to Native **language, traditions, and beliefs**
- **Understand** health -related disparities
- Have **cultural** and tribal **competence**



Tribal Health Council Priorities

COVID-19 Pandemic

Access to Care

**Alcohol Misuse and
Underage Drinking**

Diabetes

**Behavioral and Mental
Health**

**Healthy Food
and Nutrition**

**Substance
Abuse**

Suicide

Food Access

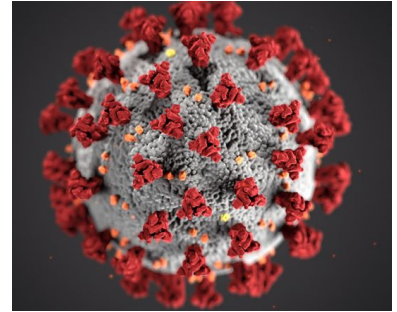
**Elder and
Child Abuse/
Neglect**

**Hypertension, Cancer, Cultural Engagement, Social and Economic Injustices,
Environmental Concerns**

IAC Work Plan Priorities

Impacts of COVID-19

- Coordinating and Hosting Vaccinations and Testing Events
 - 34 COVID-19 Vaccination Drive Thru Events
 - 24 COVID-19 Rapid and PCR Testing Events
- Essentials
 - 22 PPE Drive Thru Distribution Events
 - Food and Cleaning Supplies Drive Thru Distribution Event
 - Medication Pick Up
 - Transportation
- Functions
 - COVID-19 Prevention Education
 - Contact Tracing
 - Scheduling COVID-19 Vaccinations
 - Quarantine Housing Support
 - Following up with COVID-10 Monoclonal Antibody Treatment
 - Serving as an advisory to Tribal Leadership - Executive Orders
 - Cultural Reinforcement



Health Equity Committees

- ❖ **Advance health equity and prevent future inequities**
 - *Data, Connecting health systems, Community input, Impact policies and decision- making*
- ❖ **Define Health Equity through an Indigenous Lens**
- ❖ **Priorities**
 - COVID-19
 - Vaccine Equity
 - Access to Health Care Services
 - Health Disparities
 - Staffing (Vacancies; Limited)
 - Programs (Inactive)
 - Cultural and Indigenous Knowledge
 - Youth Empowerment
 - Data Justice and Sovereignty
 - Environmental Concerns (Water, Uranium Waste, and Fires)

Indian Affairs Committee Work Plan Priorities

- Broadband Access on Tribal Lands
- Preservation of Native American Languages
- Native American teacher retention
- Culturally Relevant Early Programs



Health Councils focus
on bringing
Health Equity into
Community Health

Supporting local communities
with funding

**PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY
FOR COMMUNITY VOICE TO BE
HEARD**

Stories from Health Councils



Pueblo of Acoma



**McKinley Community
Health Alliance**

Health Council Funding

History of Health Councils being underfunded

FY 2022:

~ \$9,400 per Health Council per year

FY 2023:

\$12, 952 per Health Council per year

Our Ask

Support access to services by funding

HB 137

County and Tribal Health Councils Act

Our Ask

DOH Budget Comprehensive Community Health Planning

- 1. Health Councils- \$ 125,000 per council (allowing funding for additional tribal partners)**
- 2. NM Alliance- \$ 800,000 to provide a strong backbone for health councils**

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DOH Budget

Comprehensive Community Health Planning

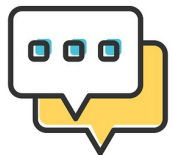
- 3. DOH Health Promotion Team- \$ 500,000
- 4. Community Improvement Process- \$ 150,000
- 5. Statewide referral system- \$ 1,000,000

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