

New Mexico Poison & Drug Information Center (NMPDIC) RPSP Expansion Request

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NMPDIC Expansion Request

- The New Mexico Poison Drug and Information Center (NMPDIC) is the state's poison center and is **nationally** accredited as a regional poison center.
- Program Mission
 - Provide expert, 24-hour assistance to all residents of New Mexico during possible poisoning emergencies
 - To train health care professionals in clinical toxicology
 - To expand research in toxicology and outreach regarding opioid toxicity
 - Provide public education outreach, targeting children and older adults.



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- As a result of COVID-19, the NMPDIC is continuing to experience an increasing complexity in calls which require a higher level of care and increased follow up from poison information specialists.
 - 20% increase in calls from hospitals
 - 8% increase in patients in the ICU,
 - 39% increase in cases involving multiple substances
- The center is increasingly involved statewide in preventing opioid-related fatalities, by participation on the New Mexico Governor's Advisory Panel on Overdose, educating pharmacists regarding naloxone, UNM Grand Challenge on Substance Abuse Disorders



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- COVID-19 hotline
 - Telephone line was activated on the same day that Governor Lujan Grisham declared a State of Emergency
 - Answer calls from general public using NMDOH guidelines and state orders.
 - 4-hour shifts everyday from 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
 - With recent surge in cases, the NMPDIC is playing a key role in calling patients who test positive to review isolation/quarantine guidelines
 - About 100 calls per day
 - 78,159 calls taken as of October 25th
 - An interprofessional effort
 - Pharmacist supervision provided by NMPDIC staff
 - COP student interns, COP student volunteers, Pharmacy students on clinical rotations, COP faculty volunteers, medical students, CON students, registered nurse volunteers, registered pharmacist volunteers



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- First detection of methanol poisoning from hand sanitizer
 - The methanol outbreak is an example of our intensive toxicosurveillance efforts.
 - First to report this to American Association of Poison Control Centers
 - FDA was able to initiate a widespread and expanding effort to stop importation of these products and remove them from the market.
 - Likely saved lives in New Mexico and in the US.



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- RPSF Funding Request: **\$244,888.00**
 - Previous budget cut have necessitated spending of reserve funds and we are now in the terminal phase of exhausting reserve funds.
 - The RPSF funding is the primary source of funding for the NMPDIC.
 - The Tobacco Settlement fund, which is a major source of revenue for the NMPDIC, has provided reduced revenue at the same time the State has initiated budget cuts to the RPSF.



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- Over the last 4 years, the NMPDIC has spent over \$234,000 in reserves
- In FY21, the RPSP funds 64.3% of this state-wide resource
- RPSP increase would fund 70.3% of the NMPDIC's operations
- Request covers
 - \$94,300 reduction from original FY21 RPSP
 - \$83,650 (salary + fringe) for increased costs of Medical Director and Associate Medical Directors (SOM Emergency Medicine faculty)
 - \$66,738 (salary + fringe) to move Health Educator (mandatory for accredited poison centers) from COP index back to the Poison Center payroll.
- Even with increase, NMPDIC will be in deficit spending in FY22 by over \$76,000

