

# Third Annual Health Policy Legislative Forum

# Thursday, November 30, 2006

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Dear Fellow Health Policy Advocate,

On behalf of the New Mexico Public Health Association (NMPHA) we are delighted to welcome you to our third annual Health Policy Legislative Forum. Based on the success of the first two years' events, NMPHA has once again convened this event to facilitate sharing of legislative interests among organizations working on health, public health, and environmental health and justice, and social justice-related issues.

For the third year in a row, interest in this event has been overwhelmingly positive! A quick look at the attendance list will reveal that we have a diverse group of participants representing a wide range of interests as well as all parts of the state. We also received great response from organizations to share their legislative priorities – 29 legislative issues were received.

The format of this year's Forum is a hybrid of the first two years. This is the first time that the Forum has been a full-day event and we are incorporating elements from previous events. We have returned to the panel discussions based on NMPHA's policy priority areas (environmental health and social justice, access to universal health care, and social determinants of health). And we are also incorporating the roundtable discussions that we used last year, which allowed for more sharing and discussion among participants. We also have added a panel discussion of legislators who will give us their predictions for the upcoming Session and are offering a half-day training session on Policy Advocacy. Whew! It's a busy day!

We appreciate the work that you do for all New Mexicans and we are honored that you have chosen to spend your day with us. Here's to all of our efforts to make New Mexico a healthier place to live and work!

Sincerely,

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#### 2007 New Mexico Public Health Association Health Policy Legislative Forum November 30, 2006 MCM Elegante Hotel, Crest Ballroom Agenda

	8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	Registration & Continental Breakfast
Morning Session	8:30 – 8: 45 a.m.	Welcome & Introductions
	8:45 – 9:30 a.m.	<ul> <li>Session 2007 Panel: Legislators' View of What Lies Ahead</li> <li>Senator Steve Komadina (District 9, Corrales)</li> <li>Senator Jerry Ortiz y Pino (District 12, Albuquerque)</li> </ul>
bession	9:30 – 11:45 a.m.	<ul> <li>Legislative Initiative Presentations</li> <li>Environmental Health and Social Justice</li> <li>Access to Universal Health Care</li> <li>Social Determinants of Health</li> </ul>
	11:45 a.m. – Noon	Wrap Up Discussion and Forum Closing
	11:30 – Noon	Registration for afternoon participants
	Noon – 12:20 p.m.	Box Lunch pickup
	12:20 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Keynote Address and Q&A Session Rachel DeGolia, Organizing and Operations Director, Universal Health Care Action Network (UHCAN)
	1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Transition to Training or Roundtables
Afternoon Sessio	1:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. NOTE: Ending time dependent on Group leaders	<ul> <li>Training and Roundtable Discussion Options</li> <li>Policy Advocacy 101 Atrium I, II <ul> <li>Facilitator: Cheryl Ferguson</li> </ul> </li> <li>Medicaid Roundtable Crest 1 A <ul> <li>Facilitator: Ruth Hoffman</li> <li>Health Insurance/Health Care Access Roundtable Mesa 201</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
n	There will be a break offered between 2:30 and 3:00 p.m.	<ul> <li>Facilitator: Jerry Montoya</li> <li>Public Health Infrastructure Roundtable Crest 2         <ul> <li>Facilitator: Kristine Suozzi</li> <li>Environmental Health and Justice Roundtable</li></ul></li></ul>
	••••••	<ul> <li>Facilitator: Mallery Downs</li> <li>Tax Reform and Social Justice Issues Roundtable Crest 1 B</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Facilitators: Ona Porter and Gerry Bradley</li> <li>Smoke Free Places/Tobacco Policy Issues Mesa 200         <ul> <li>Facilitator: Cynthia Serna</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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McKinley Community Health Alliance	Support the Navajo Nation's ban on uranium mining- Dine Natural Resources Protection Actby publicly opposing <i>any</i> uranium mining in Navajo communities Protect communities throughout New Mexico by requ that all contamination from past uranium mining be remediated before permits for new uranium mining will be issued.	24
Native American Independent Living Coalition	Native American Center for Independent Living in New Mexico. Centers for Independent Living are grassroots, non-profit, consumer-controlled organizations with a mission of empowering people with disabilities through the provision of advocacy and services. The proposed Center will initially have sites in San Felipe and Laguna Pueblos and serve those 2 communities plus 8 other Pueblos, expanding as additional funding becomes available.	25
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Lung Association	jurisdictions to enact stronger laws. Exempted in the statewide legislation are retail tobacco stores, cigar bars, private clubs and fraternal organizations, state licensed gaming facilities, 25% of hotel rooms, private homes not used for child care or health care, private limos for hire, and sites used in connection with American Indian cultural practices using tobacco.	
New Mexicans Concerned About Tobacco, American Cancer Society, American Heart Assn., American Lung Assn.	Increase in funding for NMDOH statewide tobacco use prevention and cessation program to at least \$10 million for FY08, and continue funding in the amount of \$500,000 to the Dept. of Indian Affairs for tobacco use prevention programs in tribal communities. The interim Tobacco Settlement Revenue Oversight Committee has recommended an increase for FY08 to \$11 million, including \$1 million specifically to enhance the capacity of the state cessation Quit Line to offer nicotine replacement therapy to a wider audience. They also recommended level funding of \$500,000 for tribal programs. This recommendation will be discussed by the Legislative Finance Committee, and any increase would be included in the state budget bill in 2007.	27
NM Coalition to Repeal the Death Penalty	The Catastrophic Crime and Family Restitution Program will include three bills that will: replace the death penalty with life without parole; protect the employment status of victims of crime; and provide expanded services to families who have lost a loved one to murder.	28
New Mexico Farmers Marketing Association	NM Farmers' Market Capacity Building & Rural Economic Development Program will increase the sustainability of our states' farmers' markets through technical assistance and management training, promotions, and developing new customer bases. Request \$150,000 appropriation.	29
New Mexico Farmers Marketing Association	NM Farmers' Market Nutrition Enhancement Program will provide low-income residents with food coupons to purchase fresh produce from farmers' markets, thereby improving the health of this nutritionally at-risk group while also supporting hundreds of family farmers in rural and urban counties. Appropriations request = \$250,000	30
NM Food and Agriculture Policy Council and NM Action for Healthy Kids	Healthy Kids/Healthy Economy: This request for \$1.44 million would provide more than 200,000 school children statewide with an addition of two servings of fresh fruits and vegetables in school meals weekly throughout the school year using New Mexico grown when available. This is economic development for New Mexico's farming families and provides healthy options for children.	31

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New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition	A special appropriation bill will be introduced by Senator Linda Lopez at the 2007 Legislative Session to increase adolescent pregnancy prevention state general fund dollars to the NM Department of Health by \$2 million.	34
New Mexico Voices for Children	A state Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) called "Working Families Tax Credit." This refundable tax credit would be worth between 10% and 20% of the federal EITC. It would differ from the state LICTR (Low Income Comprehensive Tax Rebate) in that only those who work would be eligible.	35
Santa Fe Rape Crisis and Trauma Treatment Center	Reduction and management Training for Law Enforcement and First Responders: accredited program throughout state to train and ameliorate impact of stress ; cognitive restructuring; travel to rural areas in state; treat and prevent PTSD.	36
Santa Fe Rape Crisis and Trauma Treatment Center	Pilot Program for Services and Treatment for Women Veterans; Program to reach female veterans and their families to include trauma treatment and services for those who experienced sexual harassment and assault; help prevent PTSD by assisting early with symptoms of depression, isolation, family abuse or dysfunction. Confidential treatment for women veterans.	37
Southwest Network for Environmental and Economic Justice New Mexico EJ Working Group: Colonias Development Council, Cambio, Concerned Citizens of Wagon Mound and Mora County, Kalpulli Izkalli, SAGE Council, the New Mexico Environmental Law Center, and the Southwest Research and Information Center	The proposed legislation would require the New Mexico Environment Department to take into account the impacts of its decisions when those decisions would cause a significant adverse impact on one or more communities. This would involve the preparation of a report concerning the impacts of the decision to be made, and consideration of that report in the decision making process.	38



#### **LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY INFORMATION FORM**

1) Sponsoring Organization(s)	American Heart Association
2) Brief Description of Proposed Legislation (Please, no more than 75 words)	Amend the 1999 Cardiac Arrest Response Act (Good Samaritan Law) to include persons who have not been trained to use an Automatic Defibrillator machine.
3) Background/Anticipated Impacts (Please, no more than 75 words)	The American Heart Association aims to increase public awareness and support for a strong chain of survival for victims of sudden cardiac arrest. The chain of survival is a four-step process for providing quick treatment that may determine whether a person lives or dies from sudden cardiac arrest. Early Access to Care : Early Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Early Defibrillation Early Advanced Care This amendment would address the Early Defibrillation step.
4) Where is the issue in the Legislative Process?	<ul> <li>Presented to interim committees</li> <li>Bill drafted</li> <li>Have sponsor (Who?)</li> <li>Other (please describe) Model language from AHA national office is still being drafted.</li> </ul>
5) Do you want NMPHA to endorse your issue?	✓ Yes □ No NOTE: NMPHA will make endorsements at its December 7 <sup>th</sup> Board meeting
6) Is there any way that NMPHA or other organizations can assist you in your efforts?	
7) Who to contact for more information?	Name: Julia Valdez or Linda Siegle, Resources for Change Organization: American Heart Association Email: Julia.valdez@heart.org Telephone: (505) 466-1321 Santa Fe; (505) 353-5803 Albuquerque Website:
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<b>3) Background/Anticipated Impacts</b> ( <i>Please, no more than 75 words</i> )	More stability and better quality services for the disabled and fragile populations in NM.
4) Where is the issue in the Legislative Process?	X Presented to interim committees—LFC and HHS Bill drafted Have sponsor (Who?) Other (please describe)
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<ul> <li>9) Is there any way that NMPHA or other organizations can assist you in your efforts?</li> </ul>	Attend legislative hearing and evidence broad support for DD issues and funding.
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1) Sponsoring Organization(s)	Coalition for a Mercury-Free New Mexico
2) Brief Description of Proposed Legislation (Please, no more than 75 words)	<ul> <li>Requesting \$200,000 for NMED and DOH to implement mercury reduction activities, conduct a quantitative survey of mercury sources and exposure pathways, conduct environmental mercury monitoring, educate the public and develop a fish advisory program.</li> <li>Proposing a statutory change that would require drains of all dental facilities be equipped with amalgam separators to prevent mercury from entering waste water.</li> </ul>
3) Background/Anticipated Impacts (Please, no more than 75 words)	A multistakeholder Mercury Reduction Plan Task Force was convened by NMED and DOH pursuant to HM5 (2006). The Task Force worked in collaboration with a Dental Mercury Workgroup convened by DOH pursuant to HM 13 (2006) to create a NM Mercury Reduction Action Plan that includes the above-proposed legislation. The Task Force found that the primary ways people are exposed to mercury is from eating fish, having dental mercury amalgams, and receiving mercury- containing vaccines. Unborn children are at highest risk of harm from mercury exposure. Therefore, preventing exposure of pregnant women to mercury is a high priority.
4) Where is the issue in the Legislative Process?	<ul> <li>XX Presented to interim committees – HHS 11/20; will be presented to Water &amp; Nat Resources 11/30</li> <li>□ Bill drafted</li> <li>XX Have sponsor (Who?Peter Wirth)</li> <li>Other (please describe)</li> </ul>
11)Do you want NMPHA to endorse your issue?	XX Yes INO NOTE: NMPHA will make endorsements at its December 7 <sup>th</sup> Board meeting
12)Is there any way that NMPHA or other organizations can assist you in your efforts?	Support through lobbying, testifying, and member phone calls to legislature
13)Who to contact for more information?	Name: Ann McCampbell, MD Organization: Coalition for a Mercury-Free New Mexico Email: DrAnnMcC@aol.com Telephone: (505) 466-3622, (505) 310-6737 cell Website:



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3) Background/Anticipated Impacts (Please, no more than 75 words)	We need to have smarter public policies that are focused on preventing deaths rather than arrests for small amounts of drugs. New Mexico is already seen as a national model on how a state can employ public health measures to consistently reduce drug overdoses and save lives. New Mexico's nationally recognized overdose prevention measures can continue to set the standard across the country by protecting witnesses who call emergency services to prevent an overdose fatality.
4) Where is the issue in the Legislative Process?	<ul> <li>Presented to interim committees</li> <li>X Bill drafted</li> <li>X Have sponsor (Who? <u>Senator Richard Martinez</u>)</li> <li>Other (<i>please describe</i>)</li> </ul>
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7) Who to contact for more information?	Name: Reena Szczepanski, Director
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3) Background/Anticipated Impacts (Please, no more than 75 words)	The Buprenorphine Pilot Project is an inmate treatment program that would provide the first medical intervention to break the cycle of repeated crimes to support persistent drug addiction. Prison and jail facilities in other states and in other countries which provide opiate replacement with buprenorphine/naloxone or methadone show a statistically significant reduction in transmission of infectious diseases, inappropriate drug seeking from medical personnel, and less violence and aggressive behavior toward prison staff and other inmates.
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<b>3) Background/Anticipated Impacts</b> (Please, no more than 75 words)	In 2005 and 2006, <i>The Lynn and Erin Compassionate Use Act</i> , sponsored by Senator Cisco McSorley, came very close to passing the legislature but failed to receive a House floor vote in both years. In 2006, the bill passed the Senate 34-6 with broad, bipartisan support. This bill will protect medical marijuana patients and shows compassion for seriously ill and dying patients in New Mexico.
4) Where is the issue in the Legislative Process?	X Presented to interim committees X Bill drafted X Have sponsor (Who? <u>Senator Cisco McSorley; House?</u> ) Other (please describe)
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<b>3) Background/Anticipated Impacts</b> ( <i>Please, no more than 75 words</i> )	Over thirty states cover substance abuse treatment under Medicaid. New Mexico Medicaid previously covered substance abuse treatment but after switching to a new plan in 1998 substance abuse treatment was omitted from services to be covered. By covering substance abuse treatment under Medicaid, a large proportion of New Mexico's population will be able to access and receive the substance abuse treatment needed for both themselves and their families.
4) Where is the issue in the Legislative Process?	X Presented to interim committees X Bill drafted X Have sponsor (Who? <u>Senator Bernadette Sanchez</u> ) Other ( <i>please describe</i> )
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3) Background/Anticipated Impacts (Please, no more than 75 words)	Treatment Instead of Incarceration would enhance public safety by reducing drug-related crime and preserving jail and prison space for violent offenders. Community-based treatment for individuals convicted of drug offenses would address the core reasons behind the substance abuse and help individuals become productive members of their families and society. Treatment instead of incarceration also saves New Mexico taxpayers money: the cost of probation and treatment is much less than the cost of incarceration.
4) Where is the issue in the Legislative Process?	<ul> <li>Presented to interim committees</li> <li>X Bill drafted</li> <li>X Have sponsor (Who?)</li> <li>Other (please describe)</li> </ul>
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New Mexico Public Health Association 1) Sponsoring Organization(s)	Richard "Bugman" Fagerlund and Ann McCampbell, MD
2) Brief Description of Proposed Legislation (Please, no more than 75 words)	Pesticide notification law
3) Background/Anticipated Impacts (Please, no more than 75 words)	Pesticides and herbicides are toxic substances widely used in killing pests in and around buildings, along roadways, in parks, and other places. People have a right to know they are being exposed to these chemicals. New Mexico is one of the few states that does not require notification of pesticide use. Anticipated impact is that people will be able to make informed choices about whether to expose themselves or their children to pesticides.
4) Where is the issue in the Legislative Process?	<ul> <li>Presented to interim committees</li> <li>Bill drafted</li> <li>Have sponsor (Who?)</li> <li>Other (please describe)</li> </ul>
5) Do you want NMPHA to endorse your issue?	<b>XX Yes Do</b> NOTE: NMPHA will make endorsements at its December 7 <sup>th</sup> Board meeting
6) Is there any way that NMPHA or other organizations can assist you in your efforts?	Increase awareness of the issue and bill, and support legislative efforts
7) Who to contact for more information?	Name: Ann McCampbell, MD Organization: Multiple Chemical Sensitivities Task Force of NM
	Email: DrAnnMcC@aol.com
	Telephone: (505) 466-3622, (505) 310-6737 Websites
	Website:



#### **LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY INFORMATION FORM**

1) Sponsoring Organization(s)	Lutheran Office of Governmental Ministry
2) Brief Description of Proposed Legislation (Please, no more than 75 words)	Fully Funding of Medicaid for current eligibility categories and benefits
	Expansion of Medicaid to cover adults up to 100% FPL
3) Background/Anticipated	Expanding Medicaid to adults up to 100% FPL would make
Impacts	this health care coverage available to 84,000 very low-
(Please, no more than 75 words)	income New Mexicans. Currently only some disabled adults and TANF-eligible parents (about 30% FPL) are eligible for Medicaid.
4) Where is the issue in the	Presented to interim committees YES
Legislative Process?	□ Bill drafted
	□ Have sponsor (Who?)
	□ Other (please describe)
5) Do you want NMPHA to endorse your issue?	XX YES D NO NOTE: NMPHA will make endorsements at its December 7 <sup>th</sup> Board meeting
6) Is there any way that NMPHA or other	
organizations can assist	
you in your efforts?	
7) Who to contact for more	Name:
information?	Ruth Hoffman
	Organization:
	Lutheran Office of Governmental Ministry Email:
	rh@logmnm.org
	Telephone:
	984.8005
	Website:
	www.logmnm.org



#### **LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY INFORMATION FORM**

New Mexico Public Health Association 1) Sponsoring Organization(s)	Lutheran Office of Governmental Ministry; Early Childhood Action Network; NM Voices for Children, NM Early Childhood Alliance
2) Brief Description of Proposed Legislation (Please, no more than 75 words)	<ul> <li>Quality Early Learning:         <ul> <li>➤ Child Care Assistance up to 200% FPL - \$10 million Affects approximately 2,500 children in 1<sup>st</sup> yr</li> <li>➤ Training &amp; Technical Assistance - \$2 million Affects 9,631 children in 1<sup>st</sup> yr</li> <li>➤ T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood NEW MEXICO - \$2 million Affects 25,960 children in 1<sup>st</sup> yr</li> <li>➤ Early Childhood Quality Initiatives - \$4.2 million Affects 1,324 children in 1<sup>st</sup> yr</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>3) Background/Anticipated Impacts</b> ( <i>Please, no more than 75 words</i> )	<ul> <li>NM has the most low-income working families earning below twice the poverty level of any state. Access to affordable, quality early care and education is not an option; it is a requirement for strong economic growth and for closing the persistent achievement gap in third grade.</li> <li>Quality early care and education is essential for helping all children achieve their potential. Restoration of child care assistance eligibility to 200% FPL is necessary for working families.</li> </ul>
4) Where is the issue in the Legislative Process?	<ul> <li>Presented to interim committees YES</li> <li>Bill drafted</li> <li>Have sponsor (Who?)</li> <li>Other (please describe)</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>5) Do you want NMPHA to endorse your issue?</li> <li>6) Is there any way that NMPHA or other organizations can assist you in your efforts?</li> </ul>	XXX Yes       Ino         NOTE: NMPHA will make endorsements at its December 7 <sup>th</sup> Board meeting         Can the NM Early Childhood Alliance use the name of the NMPHA on the ECA literature?         Do you know of families who need these services who would be interested in talking / telling stories of their experiences?
7) Who to contact for more information?	Name: Ruth Hoffman Organization: Lutheran Office of Governmental Ministry Email: rh@logmnm.org Telephone: 984.8005 Website: www.logmnm.org



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#### **LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY INFORMATION FORM**

1) Sponsoring Organization(s)	Ann McCampbell, MD
2) Brief Description of Proposed Legislation (Please, no more than 75 words)	Proposal to add a seat for the NM Department of Health on the Water Quality Control Commission.
3) Background/Anticipated Impacts (Please, no more than 75 words)	The mission of the NM Water Quality Control Commission is to protect public health, yet there is no representative from the Dept of Health on the WQCC. The Commission has 12 members, 8 of which represent state agencies and 4 are at-large members appointed by the Governor. When the Departments of Health and Environment split into two separate departments, the Env. Dept retained the seat previously held by the combined Env. & Health Dept. Adding a DOH representative to WQCC will bring a much needed health perspective to the WQCC as it makes decisions about allowable amounts of pollutants in state waters.
4) Where is the issue in the Legislative Process?	<ul> <li>Presented to interim committees</li> <li>Bill drafted</li> <li>Have sponsor (Who?)</li> <li>Other (please describe)</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>5) Do you want NMPHA to endorse your issue?</li> <li>6) Is there any way that NMPHA or other organizations can assist you in your efforts?</li> </ul>	XXX       Yes       No         NOTE: NMPHA will make endorsements at its December 7 <sup>th</sup> Board meeting
7) Who to contact for more information?	Name: Ann McCampbell, MD Organization: Multiple Chemical Sensitivities Task Force of NM Email: DrAnnMcC@aol.com Telephone: (505) 466-3622, (505) 310-6737 Website:



#### **LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY INFORMATION FORM**

1) Sponsoring Organization(s)	McKinley Community Health Alliance
2) Brief Description of Proposed Legislation (Please, no more than 75 words)	<ul> <li>3) NO TRIPLE DIGIT INTEREST RATES IN NM. Cap interest rate on payday loans, car title loans, and tax refund loans at a double-digit APR;</li> <li>4) GIVE PEOPLE MORE TIME TO REPAY THEIR LOANS. (ex: 120 days) Shift to an installment loan model in which each payment applies to the principle.</li> </ul>
3) Background/Anticipated Impacts (Please, no more than 75 words)	Predatory lending practices continue exploding and unregulated in NM. Payday lending targets the working poor, people of color and military families. The average APR for a \$300.00 loan is more than 500%, with borrowers taking out additional loans to pay off the original. Car title loans may result in the repossession of a vehicle worth many times the amount of the loan. Tax refund loans often charge over 700% APR for speeding up the refund by a little as a week. The cycle of debt that results from these practices results in stress and depression for borrowers and families, and in increasing income inequity and disparities in their communities.
4) Where is the issue in the Legislative Process?	<ul> <li>Presented to interim committees</li> <li>Bill drafted</li> <li>Have sponsor (Who?)</li> <li>X Other: Since the last Legislative Session rules / regs proposed by the AG (strong) and the Licensing and Regulating Board (limited) have gone nowhere, and the situation continues to worsen.</li> </ul>
5) Do you want NMPHA to endorse your issue?	XX Yes INO NOTE: NMPHA will make endorsements at its December 7 <sup>th</sup> Board meeting
6) Is there any way that NMPHA or other organizations can assist you in your efforts?	The payday loan industry continues to pour resources into fighting its regulation. It is difficult for working folks from Gallup to get to Santa Fe on short notice during the legislative session (approx. 7-8 hr. round trip plus gas). The lobbying efforts of our partnersand their ability to get "consumers" to committee meetingsare critical.
7) Who to contact for more information?	Name:         Ophelia Reeder         Organization:         McKinley Community Health Alliance         Email:         ophelia_reeder@pmsnet.org         Telephone:         (505) 863-5107         Website:         NA



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1) Sponsoring Organization(s)	McKinley Community Health Alliance
2) Brief Description of Proposed Legislation ( <i>Please, no more than 75</i> <i>words</i> )	Support the Navajo Nation's ban on uranium miningthe Dine Natural Resources Protection Actby publicly opposing <b>any</b> uranium mining in Navajo communities. Protect communities throughout New Mexico by requiring that al contamination from past uranium mining be remediated before permits for new uranium mining will be issued.
<ul> <li>3) Background/Anticipated Impacts (<i>Please, no more than 75</i> words)</li> <li>4) Where is the issue in the Logislating Process 2</li> </ul>	People in NWNM, particularly in Navajo communities, have beer exposed for decades to radiation and uranium from abandoned mine and mill sites, with significant health consequences. With the current boom in uranium prices, companies are reviving plan to resume mining in the area. Resumption of mining renews the threat to human health and the environment, and is economically and environmentally unsustainable. Issues raised include tribal sovereignty, environmental justice, sustainable energy and economic development, participatory democracy, human health, and the state's water crisis.
Legislative Process?	<ul> <li>Bill drafted</li> <li>Have sponsor (Who?)</li> <li>X Other: Gov. Richardson plans to declare 2007 "the year of water" in NM. Unremediated uranium mine and mill sites, and new <i>in situ</i> leach uranium mining pose serious threats to NM's precious and limited groundwater supply.</li> </ul>
5) Do you want NMPHA to endorse your issue?	XX Yes       Image: No         NOTE: NMPHA will make endorsements at its December 7 <sup>th</sup> Board meeting
6) Is there any way that NMPHA or other organizations can assist you in your efforts?	As long as this is seen as an issue limited to the sparsely populated NW part of the state, we are unlikely to get much response from the Gov. or the Legislature. But environmental justice, water, and uranium-contamination issues are state-wide concerns. NMPHA and partner organizations can help to make that point.
7) Who to contact for more information?	Name: Ophelia ReederOrganization: McKinley Community Health AllianceEmail: ophelia_reeder@pmsnet.orgTelephone: (505) 863-5107Website: NA



1) Sponsoring Organization(s)	Native American Independent Living Coalition
2) Brief Description of Proposed Legislation (Please, no more than 75 words)	The Native American Independent Living Coalition is promoting legislation to establish a Native American Center for Independent Living in New Mexico. Centers for Independent Living are grassroots, non-profit, consumer-controlled organizations with a mission of empowering people with disabilities through the provision of advocacy and services. The proposed Center will initially have sites in San Felipe and Laguna Pueblos and serve those 2 communities plus 8 other Pueblos, expanding as additional funding becomes available.
3) Background/Anticipated	Requested appropriation = \$250,000. Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC) received a small
Impacts	federal grant in 2005 to hold Community Meetings in 3 Pueblos
(Please, no more than 75 words)	to provide information on Independent Living services, document the needs of people with disabilities, and begin to lay the groundwork for a Native Center.
	The Native American Center for Independent Living will bring sustainable services to Native Americans with disabilities, provided in a culturally sensitive manner. Services will help consumers to take part fully in family, community, and work life.
4) Where is the issue in the Legislative Process?	<ul> <li>X Presented to interim committees</li> <li>□ Bill drafted</li> <li>X Have sponsor: Rep. Roger Madalena</li> </ul>
	□ Bill drafted
Legislative Process? 5) Do you want NMPHA to	<ul> <li>Bill drafted</li> <li>X Have sponsor: Rep. Roger Madalena</li> <li>X Yes </li> <li>No</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Legislative Process?</li> <li>5) Do you want NMPHA to endorse your issue?</li> <li>6) Is there any way that NMPHA or other organizations can</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Bill drafted</li> <li>X Have sponsor: Rep. Roger Madalena</li> <li>X Yes □ No</li> <li>NOTE: NMPHA will make endorsements at its December 7<sup>th</sup> Board meeting</li> <li>Endorse our proposed legislation. Join our email list to receive</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Legislative Process?</li> <li>5) Do you want NMPHA to endorse your issue?</li> <li>6) Is there any way that NMPHA or other organizations can assist you in your efforts?</li> <li>7) Who to contact for more</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Bill drafted</li> <li>X Have sponsor: Rep. Roger Madalena</li> <li>X Yes Do NOTE: NMPHA will make endorsements at its December 7<sup>th</sup> Board meeting</li> <li>Endorse our proposed legislation. Join our email list to receive legislative alerts by emailing cbaron007@earthlink.net</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Legislative Process?</li> <li>5) Do you want NMPHA to endorse your issue?</li> <li>6) Is there any way that NMPHA or other organizations can assist you in your efforts?</li> <li>7) Who to contact for more</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Bill drafted</li> <li>X Have sponsor: Rep. Roger Madalena</li> <li>X Yes D No</li> <li>NOTE: NMPHA will make endorsements at its December 7<sup>th</sup> Board meeting</li> <li>Endorse our proposed legislation. Join our email list to receive legislative alerts by emailing cbaron007@earthlink.net</li> <li>Name: Joseph Ray</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Legislative Process?</li> <li>5) Do you want NMPHA to endorse your issue?</li> <li>6) Is there any way that NMPHA or other organizations can assist you in your efforts?</li> <li>7) Who to contact for more</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Bill drafted</li> <li>X Have sponsor: Rep. Roger Madalena</li> <li>X Yes Do</li> <li>NOTE: NMPHA will make endorsements at its December 7<sup>th</sup> Board meeting</li> <li>Endorse our proposed legislation. Join our email list to receive legislative alerts by emailing cbaron007@earthlink.net</li> <li>Name: Joseph Ray</li> <li>Organization: Native American Independent Living Coalition</li> </ul>



#### **LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY INFORMATION FORM**

1) Sponsoring Organization(s)	New Mexicans Concerned About Tobacco, American
	Cancer Society, American Heart Assn., American Lung Assn.
2) Brief Description of Proposed Legislation (Please, no more than 75 words)	Legislation will prohibit smoking in most public places and workplaces, including all restaurants and bars, throughout the state of New Mexico, but would allow local jurisdictions to enact stronger laws. Exempted in the statewide legislation are retail tobacco stores, cigar bars, private clubs and fraternal organizations, state licensed gaming facilities, 25% of hotel rooms, private homes not used for child care or health care, private limos for hire, and sites used in connection with American Indian cultural practices using tobacco.
3) Background/Anticipated Impacts (Please, no more than 75 words)	A statewide clean indoor air bill was introduced in the 2005 Legislative session, but failed to pass. NMCAT's top policy priority for 2005-06 has been to provide support for clean indoor air policy efforts in targeted local communities. There are now 12 significant local laws in New Mexico, including 5 which have passed since 2005. Nearly 45% of the state population now lives in communities protected from secondhand smoke by these local ordinances. Seventeen states have enacted statewide laws prohibiting smoking in workplaces, restaurants and bars, including our neighboring states of Arizona, Colorado, and Utah. This month Texas also announced their legislature will consider comprehensive legislation in 2007. In June 2006, the US Surgeon General also released a forceful report on the health impacts of exposure to secondhand smoke.
4) Where is the issue in the Legislative Process?	<ul> <li>X Presented to interim committees (Tobacco Settlement and Health &amp; Human Services)</li> <li>X Bill drafted</li> <li>X Have sponsor: Rep. Al Park (D-Albuquerque), who also sponsored the 2005 legislation</li> </ul>
5) Do you want NMPHA to endorse your issue?	X Yes D No NOTE: NMPHA will make endorsements at its December 7 <sup>th</sup> Board meeting
6) Is there any way that NMPHA or other organizations can assist you in your efforts?	Contact your legislators urging them to vote for a strong statewide law protecting workers, children, residents and visitors from secondhand smoke in all public places and workplaces. Have your organization sign an official endorsement resolution (contact us for form).
7) Who to contact for more information?	Name:Cynthia SernaOrganization:New Mexicans Concerned About TobaccoEmail:Cynthia.serna@cancer.orgTelephone:505-262-6024Website:



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1) Sponsoring Organization(s)	New Mexicans Concerned About Tobacco, American Cancer Society, American Heart Assn, American Lung Assn
2) Brief Description of Proposed Legislation (Please, no more than 75 words)	Increase in funding for NMDOH statewide tobacco use prevention and cessation program to at least \$10 million for FY08, and continue funding in the amount of \$500,000 to the Dept. of Indian Affairs for tobacco use prevention programs in tribal communities. The interim Tobacco Settlement Revenue Oversight Committee has recommended an increase for FY08 to \$11 million, including \$1 million specifically to enhance the capacity of the state cessation Quit Line to offer nicotine replacement therapy to a wider audience. They also recommended level funding of \$500,000 for tribal programs. This recommendation will be discussed by the Legislative Finance Committee, and any increase would be included in the state budget bill in 2007.
<ul> <li>3) Background/Anticipated Impacts (Please, no more than 75 words)</li> <li>4) Where is the issue in the</li> </ul>	The State of New Mexico receives approx. \$35 million annually in payments from participating tobacco manufacturers in the Master Settlement Agreement (Tobacco Settlement). Half of the incoming payments are deposited into a permanent fund to gain interest, and half goes into the Tobacco Settlement Program Fund which is appropriated for specific health and education programs each year by the Legislature. Current FY07 funding for the NMDOH/TUPAC program is \$7.215 million. In FY07, an additional \$500,000 was appropriated for the first time ever for the Dept. of Indian Affairs specifically for tobacco use prevention programs in tribal communities. The CDC-recommended minimum funding level for New Mexico is ~\$14 million, and we have requesting incremental increases to bring us closer to this target minimum funding level. <b>X Presented to interim committees</b>
Legislative Process?	□ Bill drafted □ Have sponsor (Who?) Other (please describe)
5) Do you want NMPHA to endorse your issue?	X Yes D No NOTE: NMPHA will make endorsements at its December 7 <sup>th</sup> Board meeting
6) Is there any way that NMPHA or other organizations can assist you in your efforts?	Let legislators know their commitment to reducing tobacco use and keeping kids from smoking is vitally important to reducing tobacco-caused disease and health costs. If you have programs in your community funded by tobacco settlement dollars, let them know these programs are making a difference.
7) Who to contact for more information?	Name:Cynthia SernaOrganization:New Mexicans Concerned About TobaccoEmail:Cynthia.serna@cancer.orgTelephone:505-262-6024Website:



1) Spansoring Organization	NM Coalition to Ronal the Death Banalty
1) Sponsoring Organization(s)	NM Coalition to Repeal the Death Penalty
2) Brief Description of Proposed Legislation (Please, no more than 75 words)	The Catastrophic Crime and Family Restitution Program will include three bills that will: replace the death penalty with life without parole; protect the employment status of victims of crime; and provide expanded services to families who have lost a loved one to murder.
3) Background/Anticipated Impacts (Please, no more than 75 words)	The state of New Mexico spends \$3 to \$4 million a year on a death penalty system that has executed one person since 1960. The proposed legislative package would eliminate the death penalty and redirect a portion of these resources to assist murder victims' families. Additional funds saved could be used for public safety measures such as more police or crime prevention.
4) Where is the issue in the Legislative Process?	<ul> <li>Presented to interim committees</li> <li>Bill drafted</li> <li>x Have sponsor (Who?_Rep. Gail Chasey_)</li> <li>Other (please describe)</li> </ul>
5) Do you want NMPHA to endorse your issue?	<b>x Yes D No</b> NOTE: NMPHA will make endorsements at its December 7 <sup>th</sup> Board meeting
6) Is there any way that NMPHA or other organizations can assist you in your efforts?	Yes, by publicly supporting the legislation and speaking in favor of the package with legislators.
7) Who to contact for more information?	Name: Kathleen MacRae, Director
	Organization: NM Coalition to Repeal the Death Penalty
	Email: kmacrae@nmrepeal.org
	Telephone: 505-986-9536
	Website: www. nmrepeal.org



1) Sponsoring Organization(s)	New Mexico Farmers Marketing Association
2) Brief Description of	NM Farmers' Market Capacity Building & Rural Economic
Proposed Legislation (Please, no more than 75 words)	<b>Development Program</b> will increase the sustainability of our states' farmers' markets through technical assistance and management training, promotions, and developing new customer bases. Request \$150,000 appropriation
3) Background/Anticipated Impacts (Please, no more than 75 words)	This program will increase the sustainability of our states'45 farmers markets and more than 1,000 family farmers through technical assistance and management training, promotions, and developing new customer bases. Administering Agency: Department of Agriculture
4) Where is the issue in the Legislative Process?	XX Presented to interim committees YES XX Bill drafted YES XX Have sponsor (Rep. Jeanette Wallace) Other <i>(please describe)</i>
5) Do you want NMPHA to endorse your issue?	XX Yes <b>I</b> No NOTE: NMPHA will make endorsements at its December 7 <sup>th</sup> Board meeting
6) Is there any way that NMPHA or other organizations can assist you in your efforts?	Shop at their local farmers markets and support local agriculture by eating local food whenever possible!
7) Who to contact for more information?	Name: Denise Miller
	Organization: New Mexico Farmers Marketing Association
	Email:dmiller@farmersmarketsnm.org
	Telephone:505-983-4010
	Website:farmersmarketsnm.org



1) Sponsoring Organization(s)	New Mexico Farmers Marketing Association
2) Brief Description of Proposed Legislation (Please, no more than 75 words)	<b>NM Farmers' Market Nutrition Enhancement Program</b> will provide low-income residents with food coupons to purchase fresh produce from farmers' markets, thereby improving the health of this nutritionally at-risk group while also supporting hundreds of family farmers in rural and urban counties. Appropriations request = \$250,000
3) Background/Anticipated Impacts (Please, no more than 75 words)	<b>NM Farmers' Market Nutrition Enhancement Program</b> will provide more than 6,600 low-income residents with food coupons to purchase fresh produce from farmers' markets, thereby improving the health of this nutritionally at-risk group while also supporting hundreds of family farmers in seven rural and urban counties. Administering Agency: Department of Agriculture/Department of Health
4) Where is the issue in the Legislative Process?	<ul> <li>Presented to interim committees YES</li> <li>Bill drafted YES</li> <li>XX Have sponsor Sponsor: Senator Ben Altamirano &amp; Representative Don Tripp</li> <li>Other (please describe)</li> </ul>
5) Do you want NMPHA to endorse your issue?	XX Yes       Inc         NOTE: NMPHA will make endorsements at its December 7 <sup>th</sup> Board meeting
6) Is there any way that NMPHA or other organizations can assist you in your efforts?	Shop at their local farmers markets and support local agriculture by eating local food whenever possible!
7) Who to contact for more information?	Name: Denise Miller
	Organization: New Mexico Farmers Marketing Association
	Email:dmiller@farmersmarketsnm.org
	Telephone:505-983-4010
	Website:farmersmarketsnm.org



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1) Sponsoring Organization(s)	NM Food and Agriculture Policy Council and NM Action for Healthy Kids
2) Brief Description of Proposed Legislation (Please, no more than 75 words)	Healthy Kids/Healthy Economy: This request for \$1.44 million would provide more than 200,000 school children statewide with an addition of two servings of fresh fruits and vegetables in school meals weekly throughout the school year using New Mexico grown when available. This is economic development for New Mexico's farming families and provides healthy options for children.
3) Background/Anticipated Impacts (Please, no more than 75 words)	Address access to healthy foods for schoolchildren during school day, public health issues of obesity / diabetes / hypertension / and negative psychological outcomes including depression, disturbed body image and low self-concept. Increasing the demand for locally grown fruits and vegetables supports farmers' retention of agricultural land and water, food security, and rural economies.
4) Where is the issue in the Legislative Process?	<ul> <li>Presented to interim committees</li> <li>Bill drafted</li> <li>XX Have sponsor (Who?_ Senator Dede Feldman and Representative Bobbie Gonzales</li> <li>Other (please describe))</li> </ul>
14)Do you want NMPHA to endorse your issue?	Yes! Yes No NOTE: NMPHA will make endorsements at its December 7 <sup>th</sup> Board meeting
15)Is there any way that NMPHA or other organizations can assist you in your efforts?	Provide contact information for receiving e-mail alerts during legislative session; include this bill on NMPHA lobbyist's agenda.
16)Who to contact for more information?	Name: Joanne McEntireOrganization: 1000 Friends of NM
Lobbyist: Pam Roy, Farm to Table, Pamelaroy@aol.com, 505-473-1004	Email: Joanne@1000friends-nm.org Telephone: 505-848-8232
	Website: www.1000friends.com



#### **LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY INFORMATION FORM**

New Mexico Public Health Association	
1) Sponsoring Organization(s)	New Mexico Health Resources
2) Brief Description of Proposed Legislation (Please, no more than 75 words)	Increases in health professional loan repayment and WICHE budgets, increases in annual award amounts, create new loan repayment program for NM trained specialists.
<b>3) Background/Anticipated Impacts</b> ( <i>Please, no more than 75 words</i> )	Increased supply of health professionals.
4) Where is the issue in the Legislative Process?	X Presented to interim committees X Bill drafted XHave sponsor (Who?Pending) □ Other (please describe)
5) Do you want NMPHA to endorse your issue?	XX Yes <b>I</b> No NOTE: NMPHA will make endorsements at its December 7 <sup>th</sup> Board meeting
6) Is there any way that NMPHA or other organizations can assist you in your efforts?	Support, testify
7) Who to contact for more information?	Name: Jerry N. Harrison, PhD Organization: New Mexico Health Resources Email: nmhealth@nmhr.org Telephone: 505-260-0993 Website: http://www.nmhr.org



1) Sponsoring Organization(s)	New Mexico Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice
2) Brief Description of Proposed Legislation (Please, no more than 75 words)	The Legislature shall establish <b>The Inter-agency Task Force on</b> <b>Human Trafficking</b> that will assess the nature and extent of trafficking of persons into the state, assess state responses to date, and make recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor for improving state laws, provision of services to victims and prosecution of traffickers.
3) Background/Anticipated Impacts (Please, no more than 75 words)	Identify, analyze for their adequacy, and make recommendations regarding existing available federal, state and local programs that provide services to victims of trafficking. Analyze existing state criminal statutes for their adequacy in addressing trafficking and, if such analysis determines that those statutes are inadequate, recommend revisions to those statutes or the enactment of new statutes that specifically define trafficking in persons as a state felony offense and provide for the protection of victims and provision of services to victims
4) Where is the issue in the Legislative Process?	<ul> <li>X Presented to interim committees –Courts, Corrections and Justice Committee, Nov/16-17.</li> <li>X Bill drafted</li> <li>X Have sponsor (Rep. J. Powdrell-Culbert and Sen. M.J. Garcia)</li> <li>Other (please describe)</li> </ul>
5) Do you want NMPHA to endorse your issue?	X Yes D No NOTE: NMPHA will make endorsements at its December 7 <sup>th</sup> Board meeting
6) Is there any way that NMPHA or other organizations can assist you in your efforts?	There may be other Human-Trafficking legislation proposed. Because of the diverse nature of New Mexico, we feel it is crucial to start with a task force to avoid un-intended consequences of racial profiling, stacking of criminal offenses, etc, that might be a result of immediately moving forward with criminalization, as proposed by the US Department of Justice.
7) Who to contact for more information?	Name: Joan Lamunyon-Sanford
	Organization: New Mexico Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice Email: execdir@nmrcrc.org Telephone: 505-890-1010 Website: nmrcrc.org



New Mexico Public Health Association 1) Sponsoring Organization(s) New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition 2) Brief Description of A special appropriation bill will be introduced by Senator Proposed Legislation Linda Lopez at the 2007 Legislative Session to increase (Please, no more than 75 words) adolescent pregnancy prevention state general fund dollars to the NM Department of Health by \$2 million. Reducing teen pregnancy is a primary health issue in both 3) Background/Anticipated the NM Comprehensive Strategic Health Plan and the Impacts NMDOH strategic plan. Teen pregnancy has enormous (Please, no more than 75 words) social costs for the children and families and there is substantial cost to the state due to lost opportunity, welfare dependence, and poor health outcomes. The bill proposed will increase funding for teen pregnancy prevention programs around the state. □ Presented to interim committees 4) Where is the issue in the Legislative Process? □ Bill drafted XX Have sponsor (Who? Senator Linda Lopez) □ Other (*please describe*) 5) Do you want NMPHA to √ Yes NOTE: NMPHA will make endorsements at its December 7<sup>th</sup> Board meeting endorse your issue? Lobby and educate legislators about increasing funds for 6) Is there any way that NMPHA or other teen pregnancy prevention initiative around the state. organizations can assist you in your efforts? 7) Who to contact for more Name: information? Sylvia Ruiz **Organization:** New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition Email: director@nmtpc.org **Telephone:** 505-254-8737 Website: www.nmtpc.org



1) Sponsoring Organization(s)	New Mexico Voices for Children
2) Brief Description of Proposed Legislation (Please, no more than 75 words)	A state Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) called "Working Families Tax Credit." This refundable tax credit would be worth between 10% and 20% of the federal EITC. It would differ from the state LICTR (Low Income Comprehensive Tax Rebate) in that only those who work would be eligible.
3) Background/Anticipated Impacts (Please, no more than 75 words)	Based on a person's earned income, the federal EITC is a refundable tax credit for low-income workers that helps lift millions of families our of poverty every year. Several states have already adopted their own EITCs that their residents can piggyback on the federal one. If New Mexico adopts the Working Families Tax Credit, it should be available in addition to the LICTR, not instead of.
4) Where is the issue in the Legislative Process?	<ul> <li>Presented to interim committees</li> <li>Bill drafted</li> <li>XX Have sponsor (Who?: House Speaker Ben Lujan)</li> <li>Other (please describe)</li> </ul>
5) Do you want NMPHA to endorse your issue?	XX Yes <b>I</b> No NOTE: NMPHA will make endorsements at its December 7 <sup>th</sup> Board meeting
6) Is there any way that NMPHA or other organizations can assist you in your efforts?	Educate our leaders that the Working Families Tax Credit needs to be available in addition to the LICTR. Very low- income wage earners should not have to pick one or the other.
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#### **LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY INFORMATION FORM**

1) Sponsoring Organization(s) Santa Fe Rape Crisis and Trauma Treatment Center 2) Brief Description of Reduction and management Training for Law Enforcement Proposed Legislation and First Responders : accredited program throughout (Please, no more than 75 words) state to train and ameliorate impact of stress ; cognitive restructuring; travel to rural areas in state; treat and prevent PTSD 3) Background/Anticipated Impacts Law enforcement and first responders are exposed to more (Please, no more than 75 words) stress and trauma in short period; behavior modification before and after stress can be effective in preventing PTSD; rural areas need stress training because of proximity to population affected by crises, accidents and fires. Presented to interim committees 4) Where is the issue in the Legislative Process? □ Bill drafted □ Have sponsor (Who? seek □ Other (please describe) XX Yes □ No 5) Do you want NMPHA to NOTE: NMPHA will make endorsements at its December 7<sup>th</sup> Board meeting endorse your issue? 6) Is there any way that Write letters and make calls or speak before Committee NMPHA or other during hearings on bill. organizations can assist

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1) Sponsoring Organization(s)	Santa Fe Rape Crisis and Trauma Treatment Center
2) Brief Description of Proposed Legislation (Please, no more than 75 words)	Pilot Program for Services and Treatment for Women Veterans; Program to reach female veterans and their families to include trauma treatment and services for those who experienced sexual harassment and assault; help prevent PTSD by assisting early with symptoms of depression, isolation, family abuse or dysfunction. Confidential treatment for women veterans
3) Background/Anticipated Impacts (Please, no more than 75 words)	Pilot program will reach women vets who if sexually assaulted are nine times more likely to experience PTSD than those not assaulted; Behavior Modification and early intervention can alleviate symptoms and prevent full blown PTSD. Families are especially impacted by women vets who return home to families and children and need help to function.
4) Where is the issue in the	Presented to interim committees
Legislative Process?	<ul> <li>□ Bill drafted</li> <li>□ Have sponsor (Who?)</li> </ul>
	XX Other (please describe)
	In process of getting sponsor; bill content ready
5) Do you want NMPHA to endorse your issue?	<b>XX Yes! No</b> NOTE: NMPHA will make endorsements at its December 7 <sup>th</sup> Board meeting
Is there any way that NMPHA or other organizations can assist you in your efforts?	Yes, speak in committee hearings, call and write legislators.
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2) Brief Description of	The proposed legislation would require the New Mexico
Proposed Legislation	Environment Department to take into account the impacts of
(Please, no more than 75 words)	its decisions when those decisions would cause a significant
	adverse impact on one or more communities. This would involve the preparation of a report concerning the
	impacts of the decision to be made, and consideration of that
	report in the decision making process.
3) Background/Anticipated	There is no such requirement now except in limited
Impacts	circumstances. In order for the Environment Department to be
(Please, no more than 75 words)	as informed as possible about the effects of its decisions on communities, the Department should be required to examine
	and take into account those impacts before decisions are
	made.
4) Where is the issue in the	X Bill drafted (Yes)
Legislative Process?	X Have sponsor (Who?_Senator Linda Lopez)
5) Do you want NMPHA to	X Yes
endorse your issue?	NOTE: NMPHA will make endorsements at its December 7 <sup>th</sup> Board meeting
6) Is there any way that	Endorse the legislation. Promote and educate your
NMPHA or other	membership on the legislation. Testify during committee
organizations can assist you in your efforts?	hearings and/or submit letters of support. Support, publicize, and attend the Environmental Justice Day on March 2, 2007 at
	the State Capitol Rotunda. Purchase an ad in the EJ Day
	Program. Set up information table during EJ Day. There will
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