



NEW MEXICO PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

9th Annual Legislative Health Policy Forum Thursday, December 6, 2012
Sheraton Albuquerque Airport Hotel, 2910 Yale Boulevard SE

AGENDA

7:30 A.M. – 8:30 A.M. **Registration & Networking** – refreshments

8:30 A.M. – 8:45 A.M. **Welcome** *Leigh Caswell, Harris Silver, and Barak Wolff*

8:45 A.M. – 10:15 A.M. **Morning Plenary Panel:**

Health Reform Update: Implementation Policy Decisions Ahead!

With full implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) now more certain than ever, this session will feature a panel of expert speakers who bring state and national perspectives on the further implementation of health care reform. **Tricia Brooks**, a senior fellow with the Health Policy Institute at Georgetown University will provide a national status report on health reform implementation; New Mexico economist **Kelly O'Donnell** will provide an overview of the financial impacts of policy choices that lie ahead regarding the ACA in NM; Deputy Secretary of the NM Human Services Department, **Brent Earnest**, will summarize the status of their plans regarding Centennial Care, the proposed changes to Medicaid, and implementation of a state Health Insurance Exchange for New Mexico; **Kelsey McCowan Heilman**, Staff Attorney with the New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty, will present an advocate's perspective on the importance of full health reform implementation; and NM State Senator **Jerry Ortiz y Pino** will preview the challenges for health reform that lie ahead in the upcoming 60-day legislative session.

10:15 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. **BREAK**

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. **Brief Presentations of Legislative Initiatives**

Organizations and individuals who have submitted a Legislative Proposal for publication in the Forum booklet will be given an opportunity to present a brief synopsis of their upcoming legislative initiatives.

11:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. **Networking with Presenters and BREAK**

12:00-1:30 P.M

LUNCH with Keynote Speaker Ron Pollack, Executive Director, Families USA



**“Achieving Health Equity in a Political Environment
with Competing Special Interests”**

Ron Pollack is the Founding Executive Director of Families USA, the national organization for health care consumers. Families USA’s mission is to achieve high-quality, affordable health coverage for everyone in the U.S.

Mr. Pollack has led a variety of health policy initiatives, including the Campaign for Children’s Health Care, a consortium of more than 50 national organizations seeking to expand health coverage to America’s uninsured children. Prior to his current position at Families USA, Mr. Pollack was the Dean of the Antioch University School of Law, the nationally recognized law school for public interest lawyers.

Mr. Pollack is a well known national speaker and a frequent guest on a variety of television and radio programs, such as The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer, NBC’s Today Show, ABC’s Good Morning America and Nightline, NPR’s All Things Considered and Morning Edition, The Situation Room with Wolf Blitzer, and many others. He is often quoted in such leading newspapers as The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, and The Los Angeles Times.

1:30 P.M - 1:45 P.M

BREAK

1:45 PM - 3:15 P.M

FIRST BREAKOUT SESSION

A: Evidence-Informed Health Policy Making: Implementation Challenges & Opportunities for Improving Health Equity under the ACA – Facilitator, Lisa Cacari Stone, PhD *Tijeras*

Following opening remarks regarding an overview of health policy opportunities for New Mexico under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) by **Senator Dede Feldman**, UNM graduate students will present evidence-informed policy analysis of health reform challenges and opportunities in New Mexico. Forum participants will then have the opportunity to respond to and discuss policy considerations for health equity.

- 1) Native Americans: Centennial Care and Medicaid Expansion in New Mexico-**Andrea Andersen** and **Shannon Martin**, 2) Balancing Medicaid Spending and Ensuring Access under ACA-**Jeffery Bustamante**, **Arnold Ontiveros**, **Lindsey Warren**, 3) The Role of Community Health Centers in Addressing Socio-Determinants of Health- **Maren Erdmann**, **William Foppert**, and **Mandy Owens**, 4) The Health Insurance Exchange in New Mexico: How to Move Forward?-**Rebecca Hogue**, **Lacey Nagar** & **Jessica Trappman**

B: Food Security *Bandalier*

Policies and programs to improve food security address a diverse range of issues, including health, access to federal food assistance, economic and community development, sustainable agricultural production, farmland preservation, and economic viability of rural communities. Our panelists have advocated for such policies at local, state and federal levels with extraordinary success.

Don Bustos is a farmer and the Program Director for the American Friends Service Committee-NM, which works to create systemic change in the food system and increase access to healthy food. He is a Fellow of the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy. **Kathleen Gonzalez** and **Marion Kalb** represent Farm to Table and the NM Food and Agriculture Policy Council, which aim to improve the health and wealth through increasing economic opportunities for rural and under-served communities, improved access to fresh produce and the expansion of markets for farmers and ranchers. **Jennifer Ramo**, executive director for NM Appleseed, develops evidence-based policy solutions to problems impacting the poor and underserved, with numerous policy initiatives related to hunger. In addition, Ms. Ramo serves on Gov. Martinez's Child Hunger Task Force. **Moderator: Patty Keane** directs community based food and nutrition projects at the UNM Prevention Research Center and is also the Public Policy Coordinator for the NM Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

C. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Health Initiatives: How You Can Make a Difference in New Mexico. – Facilitator, Jordon Johnson. M.A., M.S.W., PhD (ABD) *Chaco*

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) health outcomes are intimately connected with cultural understandings and public awareness about the issues in relation to this community. The United States is in a historical moment with three states winning the freedom to marry and one defeating a constitutional amendment to define marriage. Public recognition of gay and lesbian relationships and families can have beneficial outcomes for the community and overall society. In this roundtable discussion, we will initiate the conversation about why publicly acknowledging LGBT individuals and families matter to public health initiatives. We will discuss the significance of engaging in public education initiatives and raising visibility within organizations, your work environment, with decision makers, and the general public can advance the health of LGBT families.

D. Current Issues in Building a Health Insurance Exchange in New Mexico – Nick Estes, Moderator *Gran Quivera I & II*

Governor Susana Martinez has committed to establishing a state-based Health Insurance Exchange. An Advisory Task Force convened by the state's Office of Healthcare Reform, has been meeting since July to address some of the issues. Although the role of the Legislature in this process is not yet clear, it will undoubtedly be discussed during the 2013 Legislative Session. Nick Estes from New Mexico Voices for Children, a member of the Task Force, **Kelsey Heilman** from the New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty and **Tricia Brooks** from the Georgetown Center for Children and Families will introduce the key issues and lead an open discussion about how implementation of the Exchange could impact health equity in New Mexico.

3:15 P.M – 3:30 P.M **BREAK**

3:30 P.M – 5:00 P.M **SECOND BREAKOUT SESSION**

A: Substance Abuse in New Mexico - Harris Silver, Moderator *Tijeras*

Panel members will discuss the current substance abuse and overdose crisis facing NM and the role of improving resources and access through advocacy, community coalitions, regulation and legislation for prevention, harm reduction and treatment for substance use disorders to help achieve health equity in NM. Panelists will include **William Wiese**, Professor Emeritus of Family and Community Medicine and Senior Fellow of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy at UNM, and Chair of the Senate Memorial (SM) 18 Drug Policy Task Force and SM45 Harm Reduction Study Workgroup; **Miriam Komaromy**, Director of the Integrated Addiction and Psychiatry Clinic of Project ECHO at UNM and former Medical Director at both Turquoise Lodge Hospital Treatment Center and Health Care for the Homeless; **Bernie Lieving**, Director of Community Services at Southwest CARE Center in Santa Fe, former NM Corrections Dept. Reentry and Prison Reform Czar and former NMDOH Harm Reduction Program Manager; and, **Louise Kahn**, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and specialty nurse with the Nurse Family Partnership, UNM College of Nursing faculty in pediatrics and community health nursing and RWJ Executive Nurse Fellow, formerly with HealthCare for the Homeless Children's Outreach, UNM Dept of Pediatrics Los Pasos Program and PB&J Family Services.

B: Innovative Ways to Increase Health Equity in New Mexico*Bandalier*

Panel members will share information on innovative strategies they are implementing to improve health equity in New Mexico. **Enrique Cardiel**, MPH will discuss developing an anti-oppression framework for policy development; **Robert McDaniels**, MS, NREMT-P, Director of the UNM HSC EMS Academy (EMSA), **Leigh Caswell**, MPH, Adjunct Faculty at EMSA, and **Sean Haaverson CC/EMT-Paramedic**, President, Emergency Services Outreach, Inc. will describe innovative ways paramedics will be trained to improve health equity in New Mexico including an Advanced Practice and Community Paramedic model; and, **Daryl Smith**, MPH will discuss the Pathways to a Healthy Bernalillo County program.

C: The Medicaid Opportunity under the ACA: How it Can Improve Health Equity in New Mexico - Kelsey McCowan Heilman, Moderator*Gran Quivera I & II*

Under the ACA, states are required to expand Medicaid to cover all adults at and below 138 percent of the federal poverty level. However, the Supreme Court decision upholding the ACA effectively made this provision optional for each state. As of this writing, Governor Martinez has not indicated whether she will support taking this opportunity to extend Medicaid to about 150,000 uninsured low-income New Mexican adults, essentially at no cost to the state budget for the short run. The implications for promoting health equity in the state are enormous for both adults and children. **Tricia Brooks** from the Georgetown Center for Children and Families is a national authority on the ACA and all aspects of Medicaid. She will be joined by local advocates/experts to discuss what this opportunity could mean for New Mexico and how to maximize its impact on achieving health equity in our state.

D. Policy, Health Equity, and the Built Environment*Chaco*

Michaele Pride, professor and associate dean at the UNM School of Architecture and Planning will give a broad overview of the built environment and how it impacts health, particularly health equity. Ms. Pride will also discuss work being done at UNM to bridge disciplines of architecture, planning, and public health, including the "Design+ Community Health Initiative. **Sally Davis**, professor and Director of the University of New Mexico Prevention Research Center has 35 years' experience working with rural communities throughout New Mexico on obesity/diabetes prevention - specifically access to healthy food options and the creation of safe walking/physical activity opportunities in rural areas. She will talk about her recent work on a community-led health impact assessment done as part of VIVA!-Step Into Cuba in the village of Cuba, NM. **Caerllion (Caeri) Thomas**, who works with the Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) as a Transportation Planner, will share her focus on integrating health and safety issues with transportation, including her involvement with the Healthier Weight Council Complete Streets Leadership Team, which supports both safe and convenient travel for ALL users and abilities (not just automobile traffic). **Claude Morelli**, with the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT), will discuss "MAP-21," new federal legislation that provides funding for transportation projects, generally, including some for transportation projects designed to increase and improve the quality of walking and bicycling. **Daniel Michel** is a Master's Candidate in Community & Regional Planning at UNM and an advocate for community engagement with the Bernalillo County Place Matters (BCPM) Team. He will discuss how PM tackles issues at the intersection of public health and land use at the neighborhood level, as well as recent BCPM work on the BC Health Equity Report and three local Health Impact Assessments. Lastly, he will share his thoughts on a grassroots organizing model for community engagement as an essential element of health equity.