



10th Annual Legislative Health Policy Forum

NEW MEXICO PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, December 4, 2013
Embassy Suites, 1000 Woodward Place NE, Albuquerque 87102

PRELIMINARY 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:**

ACA Kicks in; NMHIX Opens for Biz; Medicaid Expansion/Centennial Care; and Much, Much More!

The Opening Session will bring together a panel of experts and leaders to provide brief updates on such critical developments as the NM Health Exchange (Board Chairman, J.R. Damron), Centennial Care and the Medicaid Expansion (Medicaid Director, Julie Weinberg), the community health and prevention aspects of the Affordable Care Act and the prevention priorities of the Department of Health (Director, Office of Policy and Accountability, Tres Hunter Schnell), a summary of the interim work and priorities of the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee (Chairman Roger Madalena, invited) and an advocates perspective by James Jimenez, the new Director of Policy, Research and Advocacy Integration at Voices for Children. Each panelist will have about 15 to 20 minutes to briefly summarize progress to date and anticipated highlights/milestones/ priorities for the approaching legislative session and 2014 overall.

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 **Rishi Manchanda, MD, Author and President of Health Begins**



The Upstreamists: How a new model for the healthcare workforce can dramatically improve the nation's health. Rishi Manchanda is a physician and public health innovator. He is the medical director of a clinic for homeless Veterans in Los Angeles, president and founder of HealthBegins, a startup that helps healthcare deliver better care for patients and communities with social needs, and the founder of RxDemocracy, a nonpartisan healthcare coalition that supports civic engagement. He serves on the board of the National Physicians Alliance and Physicians for Social Responsibility - Los Angeles. He was previously the founding Director of Social Medicine at a community clinic in South Central Los Angeles. His work focuses on systems change and innovative methods to improve primary care, the social and environmental conditions that make people sick, and health and human rights. His first book *The Upstream Doctors*, in which Manchanda coins the term "Upstreamists" to describe an essential yet underdeveloped segment of the healthcare workforce, was released by TEDBooks in June 2013.

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

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FIRST BREAKOUT SESSION

A: Doing What's Right for New Mexicans?: The Role of Evidence-Informed Policy Making for Health Equity- Facilitated by *Lisa Cacari Stone*, Ph.D. Assistant Professor, Public Health Program, Department of Family & Community Medicine, Senior Fellow, RWJF Center for Health Policy, UNM **Ocotillo II**

Despite national and state health reform opportunities, political ideologies continue to delay or impede progress in achieving health equity in New Mexico. More than ever, evidence is needed to develop policy solutions that will place people over politics. This session will start with a brief framing of policy briefs focused on pressing health issues and then it will follow with roundtable discussions on evidence-informed policy solutions.

1. Fulfilling the Promise of Universal Health Care for American Indians and Alaskan Natives in Bernalillo County: New Opportunities under the Affordable Care Act-*Brenna Greenfield*, M.S. & *Elizabeth Fischer*, M.P.A. student;
2. Beyond Allegations of Fraud, Punishments and Service Interruptions: Policy Options for New Mexico's Behavioral Health System? – *Amber Dukes*, M.Sc., *Jessica Lin*, MHA student & *Margaret Siebert*, M.S, PhD student;
- 3 Children in Immigrant Families and the Affordable Care Act: Implications and Solutions - *Patricia Rodriguez Espinosa*, M.S., PhD Student, RWJF Fellow & *Virva Walkington*, MPH student;
4. Reproductive Health and Planning Services in New Mexico: Implications of Abortion Limitations - *Melina Juarez*, PhD Student, RWJF Fellow & *Elizabeth McDonald*, B.S.Ed;
5. Policy Strategies for Increasing New Mexico's Health Care Workforce-*Orlando Lucero*, BS, BBA, RRT, MPH student & *Debra Au*, MBA; and
6. Challenges and Policy Options for Providing Care to Undocumented Immigrants: The Case of UNM Hospital-*Tristen Adams*,B.S. & *Mingma Lhamu Sherpa*, B.S.

B: Enhancing Early Childhood: A Prevention Imperative! – Facilitated by *Judy Baca*, Health Promotion Specialist, New Mexico Department of Health **Ocotillo I**

This workshop includes a panel discussion on early childhood prevention efforts to optimize healthy development and learning for children. We will explore projects, share data, and encourage participants to think of ways that align and support early childhood efforts in their communities to improve outcomes for children and families. In response to the national KIDS COUNT rankings and indicators, participants will also learn about the new campaign to improve child well-being called “New Mexico KIDS are COUNTing on Us”.

C. Community Benefit and DOH Accreditation – Facilitated by Carol Pierce, Consultant, Public Health Consultants and Leigh Caswell, Community Health Manager, Presbyterian Healthcare Services **Sierra II**

Learn about what not for profit hospitals are doing because of the Affordable Care Act to improve community health in New Mexico. Also, what’s new with the NM Department of Health accreditation process. How can you get involved in these activities or just learn about what’s new.

D. Innovations to Improve Health, Part 1 - Facilitated by Dr. Rishi Manchanda **Sierra III**

Part I of a two-part interactive discussion with physician and public health innovator, Rishi Manchanda focused on systems change and innovative methods to improve primary care, the social and environmental conditions that make people sick, and health and human rights.

3:15 P.M – 3:30 P.M BREAK

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

A: Public Health 101 – Facilitated by the Public Health Learning Collaborative **Ocotillo II**

This workshop will provide an overview of the role of cultural, social and behavioral factors affecting public health issues today. Hands-on activities and discussion will provide participants with the opportunity to apply new knowledge to addressing public health problems and challenges.

B: Environmental Health in NM: An Overview Workshop – Facilitated by Jordon Johnson, Coordinator, McKinley Community Place Matters and Jacque Garcia, NMPHA Past President and Bernalillo County Place Matters Coordinator **Ocotillo I**

Learn about the history of environmental justice in New Mexico and how different groups are working to change systems and impact policies that perpetuate environmental health disparities. Presenters from the McKinley Community PLACE MATTERS initiative and the Multicultural Alliance for Safe Environments will share their current efforts in raising awareness around the health impact of uranium mining in the area. Additionally, presenters from the Bernalillo County PLACE MATTERS team and their partners will describe their advocacy work around sound land-use policies that provide equal opportunities for safe, clean and health neighborhoods.

C: New Mexico Rising Up for Community Behavioral Health– Facilitated by Sarah Couch, LMSW, Owner, Wordsong, LLC. and Gay Finlayson outreach and education manager, Autism Programs, Center for Development and Disability, UNM Health Sciences Center **Sierra II**

Interactive presentation and discussion of recent history in New Mexico behavioral health initiatives, including timeline of events leading to the privatization of 15 New Mexico non-profits who collectively served more than 80% of publicly funded New Mexicans receiving services for mental health and/or substance use challenges. Additionally, advocacy efforts and potential legislative initiatives to rebuild local leadership and ensure access to behavioral health care for all New Mexicans with mental health and/or substance use needs will be discussed.

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