



**NEW MEXICO PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION**

**14th Annual Health Policy Legislative Forum**

**“Daring to Dream in Challenging Times: A Vision of Health Equity in New Mexico”**

**Friday, December 8, 2017**

**Hilton Santa Fe Historic Plaza Hotel, 100 Sandoval Street, Santa Fe**

**AGENDA**

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

8:30 A.M. – 8:45 A.M.      **Welcome**                      *Abuko D. Estrada and Gwendolyn Gallagher*

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

**Our Health System From 30,000 feet:**

**Where Are We Now? What Lies Ahead? What Are Priorities for Action to Enhance Health Equity?**

**Moderated by: Barak Wolff, MPH**

This panel of New Mexico experts will provide their specific perspectives on the state of our health care system. New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) Secretary, **Lynn Gallagher**, will speak to the status and priorities of the NMDOH given constraints on state funding and uncertainties of federal programs. **Rep. Deborah Armstrong**, Chair of the House Health Committee, will review the work of the interim Legislative Health and Human Services Committee and identify action priorities for the upcoming 30-day legislative session. **Larry Martinez**, a Regional Director with Presbyterian Medical Services will provide his perspective as a health care executive who has managed a wide variety of non-profit health care and social service programs throughout NM. **Richard Kozoll** will reflect on his 40 years as a rural primary care physician, some in a public clinic and most in private practice, working to provide optimal care to an underserved community. **Abuko D. Estrada** will complete the panel from an advocate’s perspective who works to influence health policy and programs to enhance healthy communities and individuals. Time will be reserved for follow-up and discussion with the panelists and the audience.

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

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

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 Wm. Jahmal Miller, MHA, Deputy Director of California’s Department of Public Health’s Office of Health Equity**

*“If Not Now, When?!? – Achieving Health Equity in the United States of America”*



Wm. Jahmal Miller is the Deputy Director of the California Department of Public Health’s Office of Health Equity (OHE). Appointed to this role by Governor Jerry Brown in 2013, Miller is the State’s lead advisor on issues related to reducing health and mental health disparities and achieving health equity for all Californians. In addition to being confirmed by the California State Senate, he is responsible for leading the OHE mission to promote equitable social, economic and environmental conditions to achieve optimal health, mental health and well-being for all. Consequently, Miller is recognized as a national thought leader and leading spokesperson on issues pertaining to public policy, population health, mental health, social innovation and collective impact. Miller’s passion for working to achieve health equity comes from his background as a healthcare administrator in a pediatric treatment center, where he witnessed firsthand the troubling health disparities children faced simply because of living conditions that were no fault of their own. Though he has translated his professional passion in many ways, providing those less fortunate with greater opportunities to achieve health has been the common thread. Miller is a graduate of Columbia University in New York City, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. He also holds a Master of Health Administration degree from the University of Southern California. In May 2016, Western University of Health Sciences conferred an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters to Miller, recognizing his lifetime achievements in the field of health and human services.

1:30 P.M – 1:45 P.M **BREAK**

1:45 PM – 3:15 P.M **FIRST BREAKOUT SESSION (\*please note the special session opportunity)**

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**SPECIAL SESSION: Roundhouse 101: Live and In Person\****Roundhouse***1:30–5:00pm**

\*This session will require a minimum of 6 participants and a maximum of 25 on a first come, first accepted basis. Please be aware that participants in this breakout session will likely not be able to make it to a second session.

This session will be held at the NM Capitol Building, affectionately called the Roundhouse. Participants will be taken to the Roundhouse right after lunch for a guided tour including the House and Senate Chambers, Committee Rooms, Governor’s Office and the incredible and much celebrated artwork. Following the tour, long time Senate Public Affairs Committee analyst and public health advocate, Barak Wolff, will present an overview of the legislative process, advocacy best practices and a Q&A session.

Presenter(s):

**Barak Wolff, MPH**

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**A: Update 2017: Substance Use Disorders, the Opioid Crisis and Overdose Prevention***Canyon I*

New Mexico has historically been at a crisis level with substance use disorders (SUDs) including being a national leader in alcohol-related deaths, overdose (OD) deaths and multigenerational heroin use. In the past 20 years, in the US and NM, prescription (Rx) opioid sales more than quadrupled with a parallel increase in OD deaths, the latter in part because Rx opioid addiction leads to heroin use (now 80% of people on heroin started with Rx opioids). This workshop aims to describe the many different and innovative ways the state of NM, and local NM governments have begun in the last 1-2 years to have success in decreasing the scourge of this crisis.

Presenter(s):

**Harris Silver, MD; Sharz Weeks, MPH; Michael Landen, MD, MPH; Wayne Lindstrom, PhD**

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**B: Carrying It Forward: A Bill Workshop on Setting Up a Homegrown New Mexico Health Plan***Canyon II*

This workshop will begin with an overview of the current national health reform landscape, from the Trump administration’s efforts to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) to the Sanders Medicare for All bill. We will then review a proposed New Mexico plan, a paradigm-shifting approach outlined in the Health Security Act. With guidance, participants will practice finding the answers to their own questions in the actual Health Security bill; helpful tools (index and table of contents) are provided, along with copies of the 2017 Health Security Act.

Presenter(s):

**Dana Schultz Millen, PhD, MPH; Mary Feldblum, PhD**

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**C: Pay Equity in New Mexico: Discussion on City and State Initiatives, Local Grassroots Assessment and Advocacy.**

*Pecos*

Pay equity is a serious issue leading to increased poverty and affecting the economic security of families throughout New Mexico. Women head of households and children suffer most from wage disparities. This session will provide three views of pay equity initiatives meant to alleviate disparities in New Mexico, including those of a local McKinley Worker Justice Coalition, The City of Albuquerque’s Equity in Pay Taskforce, and the Office of the State Auditor.

Presenter(s):

**Erin Engelbrecht; Sarita Nair; Martha Burke; City Councilor Diane Gibson; Anne Marie Rondon; Elsa Lopez**

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**D: How a Neuro-emergent Telemedicine Program Reduces Inequities of Care for Patients Living in Rural New Mexico: Policy Needs for Sustainability**

*Chapel*

The Access to Critical Cerebral Emergency Support Services (ACCESS) program at the University of New Mexico, Department of Neurosurgery was developed to provide better healthcare to rural and underserved patients by overcoming disparities in access to care; to provide timely access to neuro-emergent specialty care; and to reduce costs by decreasing preventable transfers and triaging patients to home or outpatient care settings through means of a neuro-telemedicine consultation. The ACCESS Team will be discussing how ACCESS is fostering a cultural of health at the rural hospitals through this new healthcare delivery model. We will present our data that shows the cost savings, and the economic impact a program like ACCESS can have on treating rural patients. Finally, we will discuss legislation needed to require payers to provide reimbursement at the point of service, per specialty for telemedicine consults.

Presenter(s):

**Susy Salvo-Wendt, Justin Whetten, Colin Semper, Howard Yonas**

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3:15 P.M – 3:30 P.M

**BREAK**

3:30 P.M – 5:00 P.M

**SECOND BREAKOUT SESSION**

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**A: Understanding the Federal and State Budgets and Their Impact on New Mexico’s Healthcare System**

*Canyon 1*

Medicaid serves over 40% of New Mexico’s population. Funding for the program at the state and federal level has a profound impact on patients, our healthcare system and economy. This session will explore the federal and state Medicaid budgets, their impact on the state’s healthcare system, any foreseeable threats, and opportunities for advocacy and progress. This session will also cover proposed changes in the federal budget that may impact other public health funding sources in the state, including the Prevention and Public Health Fund.

Presenter(s):

**Abuko D. Estrada, JD; Michael Landen, MD, MPH**

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**B: Climate Change and Public Health in New Mexico***Canyon II*

This breakout session will examine the effects of climate change on public health. We will hear about specific policies and advocacy efforts which are intended to mitigate climate change, as well as what steps are being taken to prepare for climate change-related events and protect New Mexico's vulnerable populations.

Presenter(s):

**Sarah Shrum Davis, MPH, John McAndrew, Judith Seltzer, PhD, Heidi Krapfl, MS, Brian Woods, PhD**

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**C: Overview and Facilitation of Evidence-Informed Policy Making for Advancing Health Equity***Chapel*

Within the current political climate how do we keep equity as the center of our policy work? Participants will have the opportunity to engage in stakeholder dialogues and to deliberate three public health problems and their solutions summarized in equity policy evidence briefs. The purpose of this session is to use evidence informed policy analysis to engage key stakeholders who are well positioned to drive policy change in New Mexico.

1. New Mexico's Opioid Epidemic: Root Causes and Structural Interventions  
Karen Roop BS, AS and Armin Day, BS
2. Racism's continued Impact on Health Outcomes: Changing the Conversation and Improving Health.  
Justin Garoutte, BA; Mickayla Karikari, BS, MLS (ASCP), CE; Roxanne Roessner, BA
3. Environmental Justice Policy: A Case Study of Fracking in the Navajo Nation  
Tenley Bailey MS, AuD, Rola Elmaoued, and Sofia Locklear MA

Presenter(s):

**Lisa Cacari-Stone, PhD, MS, and UNM students**

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**D: Bridging the Gap Between Healthcare and Community Health***Pecos*

Jahmal Miller, Deputy Director of the California Department of Public Health's Office of Health Equity will address the ways in which local hospitals can make a deeper connection to improve community health and promote health equity. As providers of care, and often the largest employers in a given area, hospitals already hold a place of sacred trust to bring healing to the communities they serve. As providers of the future hospitals must also be prepared to work within, and be a catalyst for change in areas that were typically seen as the domain for public health professionals. Managing chronic conditions through prescriptions of preventive measures like eating better and exercise are not realistic in communities where there are barriers to fresh whole foods, and safe places for an active lifestyle. Deputy Miller will explore how hospitals can better collaborate with their communities to address the social determinants of health, mitigate the effects of climate change, and become champions of health equity.

Presenter(s):

**Wm. Jahmal Miller, MHA**