

**NEW MEXICO PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION**

**16th Annual Health Policy Legislative Forum**

“**Investing in our Future:**

**Creating a Healthier New Mexico for All”**

# Friday, December 6, 2019

**Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town, 800 Rio Grande Blvd. NW, Albuquerque, NM**

**AGENDA**

**7:30 – 8:30am Registration and Continental Breakfast**

**8:30 – 9:00am Welcome: Melissa Ontiveros and Joseph Hill, Co-Presidents, and**

 **Michael Bird, Past APHA and NMPHA President**

**9:00 – 10:00am** **New Mexico Health Policy Success Stories**

***Two Important Victories for LGBTQ People***

**Adrien Lawyer, Transgender Resource Center of NM, & Adrian Carver, Equality NM**

***Creative Ways to Link Local Grown Healthy Foods to Public Programs for Children and Adults***

**Pam Roy, Farm to Table & NM Food and Agriculture Policy Council**

***Building a Movement for Affordable Healthcare***

**Adriann Barboa, Strong Families NM, & Colin Baillio, Health Action NM**

**10:00 – 10:15am Morning Break**

**10:15 – 11:00am** **Legislative Panel: Melissa Ontiveros, Moderator**

 **Sen. Jacob Candelaria, Rep. Rebecca Dow, and Rep. Karen Bash**

This panel will feature Democratic and Republican state legislators who are deeply involved with public health issues in New Mexico. Legislators will describe recent public health related policy initiatives that they have championed, highlighting successes and challenges. They will offer their perspective on working with the new administration and a healthier budget to respond to new opportunities to improve public health. Panelists will also comment briefly on what changes they anticipate during the upcoming legislative session.

**11:00am – 12:00pm** **Brief Presentation of Legislative Proposals**

**12:00 – 12:30pm Lunch Buffet and Networking**

**12:30 – 12:50pm NM Department of Health: Dr. Abinash Achrikar, Dep. Secretary**

**12:50 – 2:20pm FIRST BREAKOUT SESSION (Select One)**

**Breakout A**  **Understanding and Negotiating the State Budget**

 David Abbey, Director, Legislative Finance Committee

 Debbie Romero, Director, State Budget Office

 Linda Siegle, Lobbyist

To enact the annual budget for the State of New Mexico is the highest priority and most fundamental task that the Legislature and the Executive must accomplish together. Beginning with the work of interim legislative committees and state agencies, continuing throughout the legislative session and culminating with the Governor’s signature, the budget process can be daunting. For advocates, lobbyists, agency personnel, community leaders, interested citizens and even some legislators, the process can be a mystery complete with usual suspects, unanticipated blind alleys, late night surprises, and frustrations. The good news is that the annual budget gets accomplished and it balances, as required by the NM Constitution! There will be time for questions and discussion as we unpack and unravel the state budget process.

**Breakout B** **Tools for Evidence-Based Policies and Advocacy: The NM Community Data Collaborative (NMCDC)**

 Tom Scharmen, NM Department of Health, NMCDC

 Dr. Joan Goldsworthy, NMCDC

 Emily McRae, NMCDC

An interactive workshop introducing the rich tools of the NM Community Data Collaborative’s online map collection with a focus on use for evidence-based policy advocacy. Bring a laptop to follow along during the first part. Hands-on skill learning will be followed by demonstrations, question and answers, and planning for one-on-one assistance as the Legislative Session approaches.

**Breakout C** **Current Issues in Marijuana, Opioid, Alcohol and Tobacco Policy**

 Emily Kaltenbach, Drug Policy Alliance

 Carmichael Dominguez, former Santa Fe City Councilor

 Mahesh Sita, American Health Association

Drug overdoses, problematic chronic and acute alcohol use and tobacco continue to cause preventable deaths and other devasting consequences in our communities. In 2017, almost 500 New Mexicans died from unintentional drug overdoses, over 1,000 people died from alcohol-related causes and 2,800 New Mexicans died from tobacco-related causes. Three public policy leaders will discuss the latest policy opportunities and challenges to help improve public health and minimize harms related to tobacco, alcohol, opioid, marijuana and other drug use. Specific polices to be addressed include marijuana legalization and public health regulations; alcohol outlet density and taxation; tobacco 21 (raising the minimum age to 21); restricting opioid prescriptions and expanding treatment, and, of course, policies to address youth vaping.

**Breakout D**  **DIGDEEP: Everyone Deserves Access to Clean, Healthy Drinking Water**

 George McGraw, founder and CEO, DIGDEEP

Stephen P. Gasteyer, Michigan State University

Cindy Vandever Howe, Navajo Water Project and Baca-Prewitt Chapter

Dr. Sonya Shin,Community Outreach and Patient Empowerment (COPE)

Almost 2% of New Mexicans don’t’ have access to running water or basic plumbing, the 3rd highest in the nation. Participants will hear from frontline leaders working in Navajo communities without water to learn about the innovative strategies they are developing to close the water access gap. DigDeep partnered with the US Water Alliance and Michigan State University to conduct the first national study on water and sanitation access in the US. The study included extensive field research on the water access challenges in six hotspots, including two in New Mexico: tribal areas in the Four Corners region and the *colonias*. This session will feature policy recommendations and funding priorities and consider what it will take to make significant strides toward universal access to running water and indoor plumbing for every American.

**2:20 – 2:30pm Afternoon Break**

**2:30 – 4:00pm SECOND BREAKOUT SESSION (Select One)**

**Breakout E** **Gun Violence Prevention: A Local Perspective**

Enrique Cardiel, Bernalillo County Community Health Council (BCCHC)

Pelatia Trujillo, BCCHC

Vanessa Martinez, BCCHC

Diana Lopez, NM Department of Health, Health Promotion

Virginia Ortega-Perez, Community Crime Reduction

Bernalillo County Community Health Council, in partnership with the City of Albuquerque and APD Real Time Crime Center, is working on preventing gun violence through a multi-agency collaboration. The collaboration has coordinated community conversations to gain a better understanding of the impact of gun violence on public health and to listen to the public’s thoughts and concerns around gun violence. These conversations have also discussed possible interventions. Session presenters will describe how the collaboration was developed, organizational roles, and strategies for community engagement. Initial findings of the community conversation process will be shared as well as successes and challenges.

**Breakout F**  **Taking a Giant Leap in Early Childhood in NM**

Katherine Freeman, President and CEO, United Way of Santa Fe County

Sharon Kayne, NM Voices for Children

Kate Noble, NM Early Childhood Development Partnership

Alejandra Rebolledo-Rea, NM Children Youth and Families Department

Michael Weinberg, Thornburg Foundation

Every child deserves the best start. From birth to age five is that period when a child experiences the most physical, emotional, and cognitive growth. In recent years, New Mexico took a great leap forward with efforts to improve equity, access, and funding in early childhood programs. As we advance to 2020, what can New Mexicans expect from expanding home visiting and funding early childhood education and care? A federal preschool grant was used to create a comprehensive early education plan for the new Early Childhood Education and Care Department. Join this session to hear about updates on statewide early childhood work and find out how you can contribute to a healthier New Mexico.

**Breakout G** **We’re Not Giving Up: Next Steps in Solving the NM Health Care Crisis**

Adriann Barboa, Strong Families NM

Tyler Taylor, MD, Health Security for New Mexicans Campaign

Donna Dowell, Health Security for New Mexicans Campaign

This panel presentation will describe two innovative approaches to building support for quality healthcare for all New Mexicans. The first presentation will feature Strong Families New Mexico describing their Medicaid Buy-in program. The second presentation will describe the work of the Health Security for New Mexicans Campaign, whose signature NM Health Security Act is undergoing a fiscal analysis at this very moment by a panel of experts appointed by the NM Legislative Finance Committee. Yes, we are here, and we are not giving up.

**4:05 – 4:30pm How Would YOU Spend $50 Million? A Call to Action**