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LACHC		
3.3.2016	12:00-1:30 pm	Rm 330, Municipal Building
Meeting called to order		Cynthia Goldblatt, President
Approval of Agenda and Minutes		
Agenda unanimously approved, as presented; Member Cheryl Pongratz moved, Member Morrie Pongratz seconded.		
Minutes for the meeting of February 4, 2015, were unanimously approved; Member MaryBeth Maassen moved, Member Carie Fanning seconded.		
Round table of member activities		
Only announcements noted here		
<p>Los Alamos Medical Center: Mary Beth Maassen announced Relay for Life is set for August 19th and 20th this year and organizational meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month beginning March 10th at 6pm in the Los Alamos Medical Center Large Conference Room; pizza and soft drinks will be provided. Also mentioned – contact Brian Sommers at Medical Associates of Northern New Mexico 505-661-8900 for inquiries about scheduling dialysis. For further information, please contact Marybeth.maassen@lpnt.net or 661-9184.</p>		
<p>Los Alamos Family Council: Cheryl Pongratz shared the LAFC website will be updated soon; WordPress will be easier to navigate and manage going forward. LAFC can be reached at 662-4163 or visit www.lafamilycouncil.com</p>		
<p>Family Strengths Network: Carie Fanning said February and March are the busiest months for FSN. Parenting with Love and Logic series is going well. FSN received additional help from local provider, Dr. Brian Haigh, to address recent events and concerns from teens and parents. Special Saturdays, kids K-12 with diagnosed developmental or physical needs, will be held on March 12th from 10am – 12pm at the YMCA Rock Wall. Infant/Child CPR class will be held on Tuesday, March 22nd from 6:30-8:30, \$40 or \$55 if certification is needed. Childcare is available for \$5. For more information, please call 662-4515 for visit www.lafsn.org</p>		
<p>Presbyterian Medical Services: Larry Martinez spoke about State-wide budget cuts, in particular those aimed at Behavioral Health Services Division and Medicaid. He announced a Medicaid Advisory Committee Meeting to be held on Friday, March 4th at 1:30 pm to discuss options for cost containment and urged attendees to lobby against reductions. For more information, please contact Larry.Martinez@pmsnm.org or call (505) 670-5886.</p>		
<p>UNM-LA Community Education: Gabe Baca shared that UNM-LA will be holding a free parenting workshop on Saturday, March 12th, entitled “Kids are Worth It! Parenting with Wit & Wisdom,” sponsored by JJAB. Free on-site activities will be included for K-6 children, and free childcare for preschool age and younger will be provided by the Ark Child Development Center. For more information please call 662-0346.</p>		
<p>LA Teen Center: Sylvan Argo announced tickets are available for the annual fundraiser, Red and Black Ball, to be held on March 19th, for \$50 each. A fitness team has been put together to meet on Thursday afternoons to train for the upcoming annual Dog Jog. Healthy relationships programming will be expanding soon as plans get underway to create an action team for peer-to-peer outreach for middle school-aged kids. The teen center has been working with NMSU County Extension Office to provide life skills classes for older teens as they prepare to handle finances, cooking, and living away from home in the college years. Please be sure to check the Teen Center’s Facebook page www.facebook.com/LATeenCenter/ for program updates, or for more information call 505-695-7415.</p>		
<p>Home Instead Senior Center: Ken Hendricks shared that he has been working closely with Chip Cooper to launch the new LACHC website to include a calendar feature for events and workshops, and looks forward to pushing items out to Facebook. For more information contact ken.hendricks@homeinstead.com or call 471-2777.</p>		
<p>First Born Los Alamos: Kim Ferguson announced the hiring of a part-time home visitor to work with 15 of the 60 families; staff is attending a breast-feeding conference on March 3rd and a Circle of Security training in May. For more information, please visit www.firstbornla.org, via email welcome@firstbornla.org, or call 661-4810.</p>		
<p>JJAB: Ellen Ben-Naim announced JJAB will say goodbye to Rob Ward, as he tendered his resignation. JJAB is actively seeking to fill his position as Youth Resource Advocate and provided job description fliers. For more information, please contact ellensbennaim@gmail.com or 670-8153.</p>		

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New Mexico Nurses Association: Suzanne Canfield shared that hearings are underway for the governor to use general funds to provide each hospital in NM a “shaken baby doll.” Also announced, an event called “Healthy Nurse, Healthy Community” to be held on May 6, 2016 at the Santa Fe Hotel. For sponsorship interest or scholarship opportunities, please contact sjcanfield@comcast.net or 690-6975.

Los Alamos Retired and Senior Organization: Pauline Schneider shared her thanks to Mary Beth Maassen of LAMC for providing three defibrillators to Los Alamos Senior Centers. Tax help is available to anyone through April 18th, appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. Pauline also mentioned hosting a workshop in the coming weeks for those interested in applying for guardianship. A Low Vision and Hearing Support Group will be ongoing on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 10am; and a monthly Alzheimer’s Support Group will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. For more information please contact larsobesc@hotmail.com or call 662-8920.

LAC Social Services: Kim Gabaldon shared that Santa Fe County has invited Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, and Taos Counties to participate in a federal grant application under CMS. She also mentioned a public workshop put on by the New Mexico Office of the Superintendent of Insurance for anyone interested in the grievance process to be held on June 28th from 1:30-4:30 p.m. in Santa Fe. For more information, contact Lois Caroline Pedro lois.pedro@state.nm.us or call 476-0305.

DWI Planning Council: Morrie Pongratz said the next meeting will be held on March 10th at 8:30 a.m. in Room 110 of the Municipal Building. One of the biggest challenges are adult prevention programs in Los Alamos County. For more information, please contact DWI Planning Council Coordinator, Kirsten Bell Kirsten.bell@lacnm.us or 662-8241.

Kiwanis Club: Morrie Pongratz reminded members that weekly Kiwanis meetings are held at noon on Tuesdays in Kelly Hall at Trinity on the Hill Church. Most recently, Kiwanis provided support for LA Visiting Nurses’ Daffodils for Hospice and the Empty Bowls fundraisers. For more information, call 699-5312.

Los Alamos Retirement Community: Cynthia Goldblatt announced the Pojoaque Health Fair will be held March 10th at Buffalo Thunder Resort & Casino from 11am – 5pm. Also, a number of job openings are available in the nursing department and activities director at Aspen Ridge and Sombrillo. Please contact Rayna Fagus, Executive Director, for more information at 661-0066.

Presentation

Carol Clark and Bonnie Gordon

AP Style Writer’s Workshop – Press Release Tips

Ms. Clark and Ms. Gordon emphasized that writing a press release in AP style wins the respect of the media and saves time spent editing and rewriting. They provided handouts highlighting the most important AP style points to keep in mind when submitting a press release. For more information, please contact caclark@ladailypost.com or bjgordon@ladailypost.com

Update: Community Resiliency Subcommittee

Sylvan Argo for Bernadette Lauritzen

Member Argo shared concerns for the future of this subcommittee following dwindling attendance at recent meetings. Some questions were raised as to the former name related to suicide prevention. A lengthy discussion followed questioning the group’s broad a focus. Members were encouraged to share ideas going forward with Bernadette Lauritzen; her contact information is b.lauritzen@laschools.net or 663-3252.

Update: Public Health Office

Andrea Cunningham

- Remember When Fire and Fall Prevention for Older Adults, a free training Thursday 3/24 & Friday 3/25
- Addressed State-wide budget concerns
- Working with Donna McHenry, LAFD, for CPR program development in LAPS
- May is “Heart Start Month” to be recognized in all PE classes
- Creation of a Freshman Academy to strengthen life skills and bridge the transitional years from 8th to 9th grades

Update: County Council Health Representative

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	James Chrobocinski
NONE – not present	
President's & Treasurer's Report	
	Cynthia Goldblatt & Joy Beery
Member Goldblatt thanked Ken Hendricks for working on the new LACHC website and looks forward to its launch. Member Beery reported a balance of \$6400, and expressed thanks to the Women's Group at United Church \$500 donation.	
Next Meetings/Other	
	Cynthia Goldblatt
Next meeting: April 7, 2016 Presentation: LAPS – Mental Health Design Team briefing, Basic Needs Subcommittee Update Future Presentations: Kirsten Bell DWI Council, LAC Emergency Management, LAMC, LANL EAP, others	
Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.	

Respectfully Submitted,

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