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Los Alamos Community Health Council		
12.1.2016	12:00-1:30 p.m.	Rm 330, Municipal Building
Meeting called to order at 12:04 p.m.	Cynthia Goldblatt, President	
Approval of Agenda and Minutes		
A motion to approve the agenda as presented was moved by Member Larry Martinez, and seconded by Member Mary Beth Maassen; motion was unanimously approved.		
Minutes for the meeting of November 3, 2016, were unanimously approved; Member Suzanne Canfield moved, Member June Gladney seconded.		
Round Table of Member Activities		
	Only announcements noted here	
<p>Presbyterian Medical Services: Larry Martinez shared PMS is in the process of determining the impact of the Presidential Election and the designation of Rep. Tom Price (R-GA), as the new Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (an opponent of the Affordable Care Act) on Federal Health Care Reform. Any effort to repeal the ACA will be complicated as there appears to be opposition to the repeal of the insurance protections (prohibition of exclusion of coverage for persons with pre-existing conditions and prohibition of dropping coverage as a result of filing of claims) and there are concerns regarding roll back of the Medicaid Expansion that would remove 20 million persons nationwide from coverage. For more information, please contact <a href="mailto:Larry.Martinez@pmsnm.org">Larry.Martinez@pmsnm.org</a> or call (505) 955-1212.</p>		
<p>LAC Social Services: Deni Fell, Case Coordination Specialist, announced Medicare Open Enrollment continues through December 7<sup>th</sup> as well as Affordable Care Act Insurance Open Enrollment through January 31, 2017. The Food Depot's Mobile Food Pantry will be in Los Alamos on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> instead of the usual 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month due to holiday conflicts at its new time 11:30-12:30 p.m. For questions or comments, please contact <a href="mailto:deni.fell@lacnm.us">deni.fell@lacnm.us</a> or call 663-1875.</p>		
<p>LAC CDD: On behalf of Andrew Harnden, Housing Specialist, Deni Fell reported the 2017 application period for the Affordable Housing Programs (home rehab and home buyer down payment assistance) will be in March and April. Applicants must be income qualified, at or below 80% of the area median income, please watch for more formalized advertisements. For more information, please contact <a href="mailto:Andrew.harnden@lacnm.us">Andrew.harnden@lacnm.us</a> or call 662-8120.</p>		
<p>United Way of NNM: Kristy Ortega announced the 2017 Campaign is underway through December 31, 2016. Please don't forget to make your pledge, and thank you to those who have already contributed! All Los Alamos Fire Department staff will receive training in Mental Health 1<sup>st</sup> Aid. Work continues on the Behavioral Health Initiative and a list of providers with current openings is available. For more information, please contact <a href="mailto:kristy@unitedwaynm.org">kristy@unitedwaynm.org</a> or call 663-3891.</p>		
<p>LAMC: Mary Beth Maassen announced LAMC has two counselors on hand to assist with Open Enrollment for BeWellNM, deadline January 31<sup>st</sup>. The Emergency Room will be offering neuro-telemedicine beginning in March, and is interested in presenting the program at a future LACHC meeting. Additionally, a psych room is now available in the E.R. The recent EMS conference was well attended. LAMC is still looking for a permanent CNO, and for the current CEO to be made permanent. Imaging expansion is set to be complete by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Los Alamos Family Council's Fall Ball Boots &amp; Badges was a huge success and the annual Cookie Walk will be held on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. For more information please contact Mary Beth Maassen <a href="mailto:marybeth.maassen@lpnt.net">marybeth.maassen@lpnt.net</a> or call 505-661-9184.</p>		
<p>LARSO: Linda Boncella, for Pauline Schneider, announced the White Rock Senior Center is almost complete and scheduled to offer services in January. A grief support group session will be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:30-12 at BESC Conference Room. LAVNS is partnering with the Key Club to clear snow for senior neighbors. Salvation Army Bell Ringing continues through December 24<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact <a href="mailto:director@losalamosseniorcenter.com">director@losalamosseniorcenter.com</a> or call 662-8920.</p>		

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Los Alamos Teen Center/The Family YMCA: George Marsden, Assistant Director, announced end of the semester de-stress activities during the week of December 19<sup>th</sup> to include Waffle Palooza, Henna, nail art, and the very popular puppies and kittens. For more information, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/LATeenCenter/> or call 695-7415.

Morrie Pongratz: There will be a Living Treasures Luncheon at the Betty Ehart Senior Center this month; also he shared that County Council approved a proposal by Kim Gabaldon, Social Services Manager, to increase funding for the Health Care Assistance Program (HCAP). For more information, please contact [mpongatz1942@gmail.com](mailto:mpongatz1942@gmail.com)

NM DOH: Naomi Brodkey shared that Health Promotion Team is working on an info graphic for Los Alamos community members to take to the upcoming Legislative Session. The NE Regional Health Council Gathering will be held in Las Vegas, NM on December 8<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact [Naomi.Brodkey@state.nm.us](mailto:Naomi.Brodkey@state.nm.us) or call 505-753-7957.

JJAB: Andrea Cunningham announced a \$13K Con Alma grant was received for youth mental health 1<sup>st</sup> aid and hopes to roll out 6 free sessions for those working with youth, please watch for announcements. A Girls Circle training will be held in February. Interviews are underway for a new middle school truancy program specialist. For more information, please visit <http://losalamosjjab.com/> or contact [andreaacjjab@gmail.com](mailto:andreaacjjab@gmail.com)

LA Cares: June Gladney said November and December seem to be the big months for food drives and thanked Los Alamos community members for the generosity. For information about LA Cares, please call 661-8015.

JudyGailsPlace: Joy Rhodes announced a Single Parent Family Christmas Party on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. There will be live music, pizza, crafts, gifts and photos with Santa. For more information, please contact [judygailsplace@gmail.com](mailto:judygailsplace@gmail.com) or 505-709-8066.

Lemonade Therapy Co-Op of Los Alamos: Melissa Arias said the group will be hosting a Barn Stop at the County's North Pole Workshop and Luminaria Walk at the Sheriff's Posse Lodge and North Mesa Stables on December 4<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m. Lemonade is currently looking for a volunteer coordinator and volunteers for a late Spring 2017 activities launch. For more information, please contact [lemonadetherapy.coop@gmail.com](mailto:lemonadetherapy.coop@gmail.com) or 505-500-5281.

LAC Social Services: Kim Gabaldon, Social Services Manager, announced additional coverage for some medical and dental care will be added back to the Health Care Assistance Program (HCAP). For more information, please contact [kim.gabaldon@lacnm.us](mailto:kim.gabaldon@lacnm.us) or call 662-8068.

Los Alamos Retirement Community (LARC): Cynthia Goldblatt, Community Liaison, announced a Luminaria Walk & Buffet on December 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30; dinner will be at Aspen Ridge Lodge with dessert to follow at Sombrillo Nursing Facility. No need to RSVP, bring family and friends, tours will be available. For more information, please call Cynthia at 695-8981.

First Born Program of Los Alamos: Molly McBranch shared the program has been funded to serve 60 families, which is now at capacity and a new home visitor has been hired. Assessments and assistance is provided to families from the prenatal period though age three. For more information, please visit <https://firstbornla.org/> or call 505-661-4810.

## Update: Resiliency Subcommittee

Deni Fell & Kristine Coblentz for Bernadette Lauritzen

The Community Resiliency committee continues to meet the first Monday of each a month from 10-11 a.m. at the Y Teen Center. Kristine Coblentz, Healthy Schools Initiative Director, will be facilitating the December meeting. The group produces the Well-Being Thru Awareness newsletter and welcomes your monthly contributions. The LAPS Prevention Office and school counselor will be presenting suicide prevention on Friday, 12/2 and Monday, 12/5. The YRRS data for middle schools has been released and will be sent to health council members. For more information, please contact Bernadette at 663-3252 or [b.lauritzen@laschools.net](mailto:b.lauritzen@laschools.net)

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Discussion: Los Alamos Public Health Office	
	Members at Large
<p>Cynthia Goldblatt opened the discussion by summarizing the October 21, 2016 letter written by County Council Chair, Rick Reiss, addressed to NM DOH Public Health Director for the NE Region, Susan Gonzales and NM DOH Deputy Director of Regions, Barbara Howe regarding the operation of our local Public Health Office. The Councilor's requests included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What the timeline is for filling the vacant Public Health Nurse Manager position in Los Alamos;</li><li>• Who is temporarily filling this role in the interim, and how our residents can contact him or her; and</li><li>• An assurance that local levels of services will once again be restored once this position is filled.</li></ul> <p>Members at large asked questions and shared concerns with special guest invite, Susan O'Leary, County Council Vice Chair. Following a lengthy discussion, members agreed to draft another letter of support to summarize the issues and impact felt by a reduction of hours and services in Los Alamos County.</p> <p><i>Member Phil Gursky moved, and seconded by Member Larry Martinez, "The Health Council endorse and approve sending of a letter regarding the Los Alamos Public Health Office of which content and coordination will be approved by the (Los Alamos Community Health Council) Leadership Team." Motion carried unanimously.</i></p>	
President's Report	
	Cynthia Goldblatt
<p>Cynthia announced the successful applicants for the LACHC mini-grants: Los Alamos Falls Coalition, JudyGailsPlace, LA Cares, Older Adult Services Network, Self Help, Inc., and Los Alamos Family Council. Winners will receive follow up notification and monies in the month ahead. All funds are to be utilized by fiscal year end June 30, 2017.</p>	
Next Meetings/Other	
	Cynthia Goldblatt
<p>Next meeting: January 10, 2017 Presentations: Older Adult Services Network Subcommittee Update, LAC Emergency Management/Code Red Future Presentations: SF Fire Dept., Los Alamos Community Foundation, LAC Assessor's Office, Aging &amp; Disability Resource Center (ADRC), Las Cumbres Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, Food Depot, WEB Crew, and others</p>	
<p>Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.</p>	

Respectfully Submitted,

Deni Fell, Coordinator  
Los Alamos Community Health Council