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LACHC		
8.4.2016	12:00-1:30 pm	Rm 330, Municipal Building
Meeting called to order at 12:05 p.m.		Cynthia Goldblatt, President
Approval of Agenda and Minutes		
Member Larry Martinez moved to approve the agenda; Member Cheryl Pongratz seconded. Agenda was approved unanimously.		
Minutes for the meeting of June 2, 2016, were unanimously approved; Member Cheryl Pongratz moved, Member Phil Gursky seconded.		
Round Table of Member Activities		
		Only announcements noted here
<p>Self Help, Inc.: Ellen Morris Bond shared the 'soft' roll-out date for the Mental Health Access Project (MHAP) website will be September 5, 2016, to coincide with National Suicide Prevention Week. This initiative was made possible through a grant from the United Way of Northern New Mexico for ease in accessing mental health care and access to intervention and suicide prevention. School supply distribution will take place on August 11 &amp; 12 to all school counselors. Huge thanks to JJAB Resource Advocate, Amy Canzona. For more information, please contact 662-4666 or <a href="mailto:selfhelppla@gmail.com">selfhelppla@gmail.com</a></p>		
<p>LA Cares: Lyn Havel said the next food box distribution will be the week of September 5<sup>th</sup>. LA Cares will be accepting donations of fresh produce, breads, and canned goods at their Farmer's Market booth from 9-12:30 on August 11, September 8, and October 13; and always welcomes volunteers. For more information, please call Lyn at 695-0745 or LA Cares at 661-8015.</p>		
<p>JJAB: Ellen Ben-Naim shared a bit about the JJAB programs available for school year programming for grades K-12. For more information, please visit <a href="http://losalamosjjab.com/">http://losalamosjjab.com/</a> or call Ellen at 670-8153.</p>		
<p>LAMC: Mary Beth Maassen asked members to keep an eye out for an award announcement Los Alamos Medical Center will be receiving soon in the LA Daily Post. She also shared the new dialysis center is ready and awaiting patients; LAMC is looking for volunteers for the Boots and Black Tie event, a fundraiser for Relay for Life with a Survivor Dinner offered ahead of the event. This week's Posse Shack Breakfast will also benefit Relay for Life, and will feature your favorite Super Heroes for photo opportunities (bring your own camera). For more information, please contact <a href="mailto:marybeth.maassen@lpnt.net">marybeth.maassen@lpnt.net</a> or 661-9184.</p>		
<p>Los Alamos Heart Council: Phil Gursky announced this year's annual Health Fair, the largest health gathering in the county, will be on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to Noon in Griffith Gym at Los Alamos High School. Be sure to get your advertisements ready for the special health fair insert by the LA Daily Post. Please contact Phil for more information call 267-816-0299 or <a href="mailto:LAHCHHealthfair@gmail.com">LAHCHHealthfair@gmail.com</a></p>		
<p>LAC Social Services: Deni Fell introduced Eloisa Sanchez, Health Care Specialist, for the Social Services Division. Kim Gabaldon, Social Services Manager, also welcomed Eloisa to the team and spoke about her recent completion of Medicaid training as a PEDeterminer, as well as upcoming Affordable Care Act Insurance and Social Security Benefits trainings as they relate to health programs and services. She shared the Division has worked to update about two dozen FY17 Health Care Assistance Program and Social Service contracts. Kim asked if the Health Council would like to host the Los Alamos YRRS Data Roadshow, as presented by NM DOH Survey Epidemiologist, Dan Green. Please watch for an announcement following confirmation of presentation. For more information, please contact <a href="mailto:kim.gabaldon@lacnm.us">kim.gabaldon@lacnm.us</a> or 662-8312.</p>		
<p>American Cancer Society: Manuel Luna spoke of the Relay for Life event taking place August 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at Ashley Pond. For more information, please visit <a href="http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?pg=entry&amp;fr_id=75348">http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?pg=entry&amp;fr_id=75348</a></p>		
<p>First Born Los Alamos: Kim Ferguson shared the program has been funded for 60 families, now serving 53. First Born continues to seek out a provider for development of a perinatal depression support group. For more information, please contact <a href="mailto:kferguson@firstbornla.org">kferguson@firstbornla.org</a> or 661-4810.</p>		

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Family Strengths Network: Carie Fanning announced that as the school year commences, so does FSN, complete with a new staff and fun events. On August 3<sup>rd</sup> a navigating school choices event will examine private vs. public school vs. home schooling options; and an August 9<sup>th</sup> event will focus on IEP/Special Needs/GATE. FSN has extended hours on Wednesdays now, staying open until 3pm! For more information, please visit [www.lafsn.org](http://www.lafsn.org) or call 662-4515.

LAVA (Los Alamos Volunteer Association): Linda Boncella shared that medical rides are provided to those in need, but these transportation needs in the community have increased and are close to capacity. LAVA could always use a few more volunteer drivers. For more information, or to make a medical ride reservation, please call 662-8923.

Familia Dental: Miranda Garcia-Gordon shared that Familia Dental will have a booth at the Head Start Parent Orientation and has a number of resources available. She said dental screenings are available for residents and members of the Los Alamos Retirement Community. She introduced Amanda Madrid, who is training to work in the Las Cruces office. For more information, please contact [mgarciagordon@familiadental.com](mailto:mgarciagordon@familiadental.com) or call 505-692-3504.

Alzheimer's Association: Tina De La Luz, Northeastern Regional Manager from the Santa Fe Regional Office, shared that a presentation in conjunction with Ken Hendricks and Home Instead, will be held, Know the 10 signs of Alzheimer's Disease on August 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at the Betty Ehart Senior Center in Los Alamos. For more information, please contact 662-8920 or [tdelaluz@alz.org](mailto:tdelaluz@alz.org)

Presbyterian Medical Services: Larry Martinez shared PMS was exonerated of allegations of Medicaid fraud along with 14 other behavioral health providers; PMS is also now responsible for serving children previously served by Agave Health, which left NM on June 30, 2016; PMS has been awarded a grant to expand substance abuse services by The Health Resources & Services Administration - \$350K to serve Northern NM; PMS is partnering with Rio Arriba County which received a 5 year \$2.5M Behavioral Health Investment Zone grant from BHS of NM HSD; the Medicaid Advisory Committee met during spring and summer to develop recommendations for increased revenues and resource expenditures in the Medicaid program; prospects for current fiscal year not looking good as the state is facing a \$650M budget shortfall. For more information, please contact [Larry.Martinez@pmsnm.org](mailto:Larry.Martinez@pmsnm.org) or call (505) 955-1212.

LANL Community Relations & Partnerships: Debbi Wersonick extended three invitations to health council members to find out more about volunteering and connecting with the community – 1) attend the Community Leader's Update on September 20<sup>th</sup> at Buffalo Thunder or El Dorado Hotel; 2) attend Community Connections once per month; and 3) watch for the Employee Giving Campaign. For more information, please contact [sonic@lanl.gov](mailto:sonic@lanl.gov) or call 667-7870.

DWI Planning Council: Morrie Pongratz encouraged members to take the survey on the Los Alamos County webpages concerning DWI funding. The next meeting will be August 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in the Municipal Building Rm#110. For more information, please contact Coordinator, Kirsten Bell, at 662-8241 or [Kirsten.bell@lacnm.us](mailto:Kirsten.bell@lacnm.us)

LAPS Foundation: Morrie Pongratz announced a donor appreciation event to be held entitled, "A Million Thanks," which marks the milestone for the Los Alamos Public Schools Foundation having donated over \$1M to teachers, schools, and students. This event is free to donors and will be held on November 5<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 pm at Fuller Lodge. For more information, please call Joanna Gillespie at 490-0667 or visit <http://www.lapsfoundation.com>

Kiwanis & United Way Youth Team: Morrie Pongratz provided an update that the band room will be remodeled at the Middle School and the United Way of Northern NM Youth Team will hold Dinner Over Diamond event on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 p.m. For more information, please visit <https://unitedwaynm.org/youthteam/>

LARC: Cynthia Goldblatt, Community Liaison, shared that many volunteer opportunities are available at both facilities, Aspen Ridge and Sombrillo, as the two memory care units are full at this time. Please contact Cynthia at 662-4300 or 695-8981 to hear more about the on-going speaker's bureaus offered.

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## Update: Basic Needs Subcommittee

Ellen Morris-Bond

Ellen Morris-Bond shared the following:

- Los Alamos County Community Development Department recently hired Andrew Harnden, Housing Specialist, who will be focused on affordable housing and assessing vacant homes in Los Alamos County
- the Mental Health Access Project (MHAP) website will be rolling out the first week of September to coincide with National Suicide Prevention Week in September
- Crisis Line Access via Text 741-741 24/7 may appeal more to younger generation in crisis
- School Supplies available – distribution to school counselors will take place on August 11 & 12. Huge thanks to JJAB Resource Advocate, Amy Canzona, LANL Community Relations Office, Emily Bradley Foundation, Rotary Club, in addition to private donations
- On-going discussions at subcommittee meetings for alternatives to jail for housing homeless and/or mentally ill population

The Basic Needs Subcommittee meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Smith's Marketplace upstairs meeting room.

## Update: Public Health Office

Andrea Cunningham

Andrea Cunningham spoke to the following:

- The Falls Prevention group made a presentation to approximately 30 seniors at the Betty Ehart Senior Center, and came away with 1/3 of those in attendance interested in home visits
- Flu shots will not be available this season at the Senior Centers as a result of this year's State budget cuts, however those without insurance may still be able to receive through Public Health
- Flu Mist is no longer being manufactured, only injectable will be an option for school-aged population. Andrea will be working closely with school nurses and local pediatricians to try and coordinate efforts with parents at school sites.
- Public Health is now the sole provider in Los Alamos County for WIC; appointments are required and available on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, please call 662-4038.

## Presentation: LANL Community Relations & Partnerships

Kathy Keith, Debra Wersonick, & Leo Jaramillo

Los Alamos National Laboratory Community Relations & Partnerships Office Director, Kathy Keith, and staff members Debra Wersonick and Leo Jaramillo, provided a brief overview of the three main focus areas for building regional partnerships: Education, Economic Development, and Community Giving. Handouts were provided.

- Education support includes: Los Alamos Employees' Scholarship Fund, University Partnerships, Bradbury Science Museum Science Education Programs, and Math & Science Academy
- Economic Development support includes: Business Assistance Services, Entrepreneurial Programs, Economic and Business Development Partnerships, and LANL Major Subcontractor Consortium
- Community Giving support includes: LANL Volunteer Program, Employees' Scholarship Fund, School Supply Drive, Employee Meal Donations, Holiday Gift Drive, LANL Laces, Wreaths Across America, and the Annual Employee Giving Campaign

For more information, please contact the Community Relations & Partnerships Office at 505-665-4400 or Debbi Wersonick directly at [sonic@lanl.gov](mailto:sonic@lanl.gov) or 667-7870.

## President's Report

Cynthia Goldblatt

Cynthia Goldblatt thanked members for attending and applauded the great work of volunteers in the community.

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Next Meetings/Other	
	Cynthia Goldblatt
Next meeting: September 1, 2016 Presentations: Community Resiliency Subcommittee & Santa Fe Mountain Center Future Presentations: LAC Emergency Management/Code Red, Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC), Power of Parenting (MADD), Los Alamos Community Foundation, and others	
Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.	

Respectfully Submitted,

Deni Fell  
Case Coordination Specialist