

RACHC MINUTES

July 13, 2018

PRESENT

Randy Sanches (RASO), Inez Leibman (Mesa to Mesa), Cinda Graham (RACC), Marie Gutierrez, (RAHHS) Al Duran (Senior Advisory Council), Susan Hererra (NM Voices), Liz Alvarez (LAMC), Stacy Frymier (LCCS), Alison Gillette (City of Española), Rebecca Garcia (DOH), Clarissa Duran (RAC BEC), Stephanie Gonzalez (RAHHS BEC), Krista Hernandez (DOH), Lore Pease (ECFH), Michelle Peixinho, Bill Clarke (RACC), Roger Montoya (MAE), Lisa Montoya, Carmela Quintana (Senator Udall), Pablo Irlando (Sancre), Eric Chavez (Congressman Lujan), Mary Beth Meson (UW), Wayne Britten (NMTS), Juan Sanchez Ramon Garcia (CCNNM), Jeanette Tsosie (LCCS), Leonard Montoya (HIS), Elisa Lucero (Conservation Voters of NM), Chavez (ISD), Nyima Phoenix (Hoy), Jessie Hunt, Crystal (WIC), Julian Duran (BCBS), Ambrose Baros (Hoy), Lupe Salazar (Barrios Unidos), Jim Nagle (NCRTD)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Marie Gutierrez moved to approve agenda as amended, adding Jessie Hunt on the topic of Naloxone and removing Christopher Madrid. Roger Montoya seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

LEAD BJA PROPOSAL

Michelle Peixinho presented and summarized Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD), a pre-arrest diversion program in which Law Enforcement and the DA refer low level non-violent offenders with SUDS to case management without charge. It is fully supported by Chief Carlos, Sheriff Lujan, the DA and the Public Defender. We are writing in a manner that maintains fidelity to the evidence-based program. We are applying for a BJA grant which is due this week. One great aspect that is unique to this community is that because the epidemic has gone on for two decades, we've added a social action participatory research component to help us build data and capacity for research. Dr. Lisa Cacari Stone and Ana Cisneros have created the research plan.

FEDERAL "WHITELIST"

Lauren announced she had been informed by KUNM and Senator Udall's office that the CDC "whitelist" would not be used to prioritize counties for opioid moneys.

AMERICORPS

Lauren received notice that Rio Arriba would be awarded an Americorps planning grant to develop the full proposal for the "Recovery Corps," a corps of volunteers in recovery to be trained as CPSWs. The award was pending several corrections to the proposal. Nyima stated that she is working on workforce development for Hoy.

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

Lore Pease requested to amend the agenda to approve the minutes. Al Duran moved, Marie Gutierrez seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Al Duran moved to approve minutes, Marie Gutierrez seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

WALKABILITY AUDIT

Alison presented the Walkability Audit for the City of Española. The City received a technical assistance grant from the Parks Department. The end goal will be a trail plan for the city and region. They are focusing on connectivity on the west side of Española and the downtown plaza area. They have issues with absent sidewalks, curb cuts, bike lanes and lighting. They will bring together stakeholders to walk the areas. The National Park Service will be bringing people in to walk the plaza area looking for opportunities for historic signage. She also addressed questions regarding Hunter Station. The bids came in high and Siete is in negotiation with contractors. Al asked about the issue regarding clean and lien. The City is trying to address the vacant and falling down buildings for several reasons: 1) to make the city beautiful, 2) to develop a moré of maintaining property; and 3) to make the City safer. Marcie Demillion is the technical assistance to make Española more walkable.

PRESENTATION BY SUSAN HERERRA

Lore introduced Susan Hererra. Susan congratulated the council. She remembers when it was started as an MCH council 23 years ago with about eight people and it has grown into something significant since then. She talked a little bit about the Delancey Street Model. How do we help people rebuild their lives when there is so little employment? She wants to bring a huge bill to the state legislature to build employment opportunities. We need to thin the forests to prevent fires. Rio Arriba led the nation in relabeling addiction as a chronic illness. Susan asked everyone in the room to list their top concern that needs to be addressed. Susan would like to hold quarterly meetings with stakeholders to develop collaborative grants.

A NEW NORMAL

Monica presented the New Normal. We are locked into Friday, August 17th for the Ozomatli event. She passed out the sponsorship packets. Pablo, Monica, Roger and Lauren make up a core planning team. The purpose of the campaign is to destigmatize substance abuse and make the public aware of services. The RACHC will be hosting a health fair. Northern will have an education and career fair, there will be a car show. Ozomatli will hold a free concert in the evening.

Roger talked about the day's activities. This is our biggest health fair yet. There is a focus on children and youth. There will be a morning concert for kids, some walking. Children's activities will include second to fourth graders from multiple elementary schools. There is also a fair for high school students with kids coming in shifts from Chama, Taos and Española. There will be food trucks and a car show. Lunch will be frito pie served by the college. Older kids will learn about opportunities at NNMC.

The main concert will be held in the parking lot near Railroad for safety reasons and there will be a large presence of police and EMS on site. Activities for younger and older kids will be held at opposite ends of the campus. Volunteers and sponsors are needed.

NALOXONE

Jessie Hunt is working on a project around Naloxone. There are a bunch of bills moving through Congress right now. One is comprehensive legislation to address the epidemic nationally. This included having Naloxone co-prescribed for at risk populations to prevent overdose. The other is that HHS has a big pot of money. There are two letters. One is addressed to Martinez requesting flexibility at the state level and the other is to Congressman Lujan asking to insure Naloxone is included in the legislation. Lauren can send the second letter out. Please write back to tell us if you agree. If people agree, Lauren will send out the signed letter.

SOLAR ENERGY IN RIO ARRIBA

Bill Clarke spoke about solar energy in Rio Arriba. He presented a map of the Rio Chama watershed. Clean water and air in the watershed is crucial. The government favors oil and gas by labeling evidence about the health impacts of oil and gas as inconclusive. The Rio Chama watershed is the major contributory to the Rio Grande watershed. 90% of the water in the Rio Chama moves downstream. Heron, El Vado and Abiquiu are linked to the watershed. March 8, 2018 lease sale on the watershed was halted by the Navajo Nation and Pueblo governors. There were over 500 protest letters written from San Juan and 150 from the Rio Chama watershed. It is important to address economic needs. There needs to be an economic counterbalance to oil and gas. There is a huge methane cloud over San Juan basin. Solar and wind energy are the most accessible forms of energy. RACC held a forum and are now working with NNMC to explore renewable energy. Kit Carson is installing a 1.5 megawatt solar array at the college. Kit Carson's goal is to be 100% solar during daytime hours, but nighttime storage is an issue. A 1.5 megawatt array will take care of 170 homes and they have multiple arrays. Bill thanked Rio Arriba County for the 2009 ordinance creating the Rio Chama watershed as a frontier district. Cinda suggested inviting Bob Bresnahan from renewable Taos to talk about contract buy-outs. In Taos they equipped the town with solar to cut utility bills in half. Joe Sanchez can come as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 15, Barrios Unidos is holding their second annual recovery event. There will be food, music and traditional healers.

Mary Beth from United Way will distribute handouts for anybody.

Eric Chavez informed everyone that three of Congressman Lujan's bills to combat opioids just passed the House. HR5473 helps prescribers to use non-opioids to treat pain. HR53.7 establishes a grant program to establish ten treatment centers. The 3rd HR 5587 will allow more access to CPSW.

Liz Alvarez said there is a new oncologist and speech pathologist at LAMC. They also are working on a bilingual ob-gyn.

Presbyterian Española Hospital has a free healthy living program on Thursday nights in the Juniper Room from June 21 to August 9th.

Randy Sanches has torch run tee shirts for \$20 to benefit special Olympics.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10.