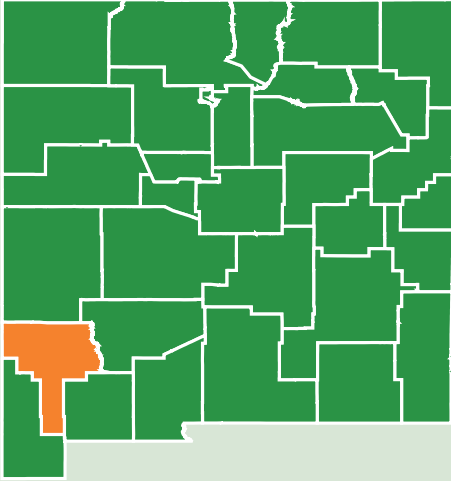




2022 GRANT COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL

MISSION:

To be a catalyst to enhance the quality of life in Grant County, New Mexico through collaborative assessment, planning, prioritizing, and coordinating efforts to build community health.



Grant County includes a number of rural communities in Southwestern New Mexico: Bayard, Buckhorn, Cliff, Faywood, Gila, Hachita, Hanover, Lake Roberts, Mimbres, Pinos Altos, San Lorenzo, Santa Clara, Silver City, Tyrone, Vanadium, White Signal.

Our community has the Gila National Forest, Western New Mexico University, Gila Regional Medical Center, Ft. Bayard Veterans Home, Hidalgo Medical Services, numerous nonprofits, associations, advocacy group, and civic groups. All of these groups and the people involved make our community a better place.

Goals & Priority Areas

- Senior Services: 26% of the county residents are over the age of 60
- Suicide deaths
- Drug overdose deaths
- Poverty: 15.3% of people in Grant County live in food insecure households

Community Partnership for Children

The health council partners with the CPC to promote excellence in the care and development of young children. We work toward the early investment of young children to ensure that they will learn and thrive in school, the workforce, and life to position Grant County's children and the entire community for success.

- All programs and services in Grant County serving children ages 0-5 are now partners of the LINKS (Learning Networks for Kids) Coalition.
- Grant funding has been awarded to the CPC coalition, for early childhood education and care departments (ECECD) to support families and children in communities.
- One criteria of the ECECD funding is to develop family leadership teams (FLT) to incorporate their VOICES in community representation. CPC has a team of 9 members who have been oriented and trained.

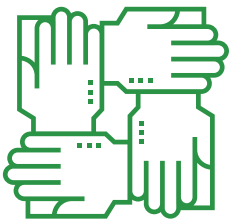
Infectious Disease Task Force



This group serves as a GCCHC Sub-committee appointed by the Grant County Board of Commissioners. The Task Force has coordinated the development of a community-wide steering committee to guide a community response to address COVID-19 in Grant County. The Task Force includes technical advisory groups that provides the scientific and technical expertise to the steering committee. The task force has also been instrumental in ensuring those most vulnerable are protected through outreach including in-home Covid-19 vaccinations for home-bound patients and home test kit distribution. The task force meets on an as-needed basis. In the event of a county-wide emergency, the group can easily pull together to begin a strategic approach.

The group collaborated with community partners to present a Covid-19 media campaign to educate the county on covid updates and safe practices. The task force can be re-implemented in full force as the need arises, should there be another pandemic or county-wide crisis that requires immediate intervention.

GRANT COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL STRUCTURE



Health Councils are chartered in New Mexico laws and statutes, as primary health planning and coordination bodies for counties and tribal governments. The Grant County Community Health Council (GCCHC) is responsible for this work in Grant County and is under the umbrella of the Grant County government. The health council involves the community in developing its health plans and priorities, and seeks diverse community involvement in the memberships, task forces and steering committee.

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The Health Council Steering committee meets monthly, task forces as frequently as needed, and the larger health council membership meets quarterly.

* Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey Data. Atlanta, Georgia: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, with New Mexico Department of Health.

† 2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates