

HB 137 Guidance to Health Councils

How HB 137 is Changing Health
Council Roles



HB 137: County and Tribal Health Councils Act

Purpose: To encourage the development of comprehensive community-based health planning councils to identify and address local health needs and priorities.

Section 5. Health Council Functions

- Prepare a Community Health Plan, updated at regular intervals.
- Report the Community Health Plan to the board of County Commissioners of a county or leadership of a tribe.



Section 5 B: What a Community Health Plan Includes



- County or Tribal Health Assessment
- Identification of Health Priorities (using community-based planning processes)
- Strategies and Resources to address health priorities

Section 5 C: What does a Health Council do?

1. Monitor health and health care programs and services to:

- identify potential gaps
- reduce duplication.



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2. Collaborate with other entities to develop:

programs,
networks,
partnerships and
coalitions
as necessary to improve health



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3. Advise the Board of County Commissioners or Tribal Leadership and other entities regarding policies that affect health.



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4. Facilitate communication
among local jurisdictions,
state agencies and other
entities



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5. Identify additional public and private resources to improve health in its respective jurisdiction





Department of Health Powers and Duties

Section 6



Department Powers and Duties. The department shall:

A. In consultation with health councils development of benchmarks, expectations and mechanisms to ensure that long-term viability of health councils

B. In collaboration with universities, other state agencies and other public health entities, provide training, technical assistance and other supports to health councils

Section 6



Department Powers and Duties. The department shall:

C. In collaboration with other entities, develop a system to evaluate health councils and the gathering of necessary evaluation data.

D. Administer funding to support the work of the health councils, including local health council staffing, training and technical assistance, and monitor and evaluate contracts for funding

Section 6



Department Powers and Duties. The department shall:

E. Adopt and promulgate rules as necessary to carry out the purposes of the County and Tribal Health Councils Act and to strengthen community-based health planning and self-determination.



Summary

- 5 Roles of Health Councils
- 1. Monitor health and health care
- 2. Collaborate with other entities
- 3. Advise on policies that affect health
- 4. Facilitate communication
- 5. Identify resources to improve health

- 5 Roles of the NM Department of Health
- 1. Ensure the long-term viability of health councils
- 2. Provide training and technical assistance
- 3. Develop an evaluation system for health councils
- 4. Administer funding to support health councils
- 5. Adopt legislative rules to carry out the purposes of the County and Tribal Health Councils Act



Thank you!

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