

# MCKINLEY COMMUNITY HEALTH ALLIANCE 2022

## Mission

It is the mission of the McKinley Community Health Alliance to affect and facilitate change in systems that perpetuate health, education, economic and environmental inequities by engaging individuals and agencies to understand and address the underlying “root” causes of poverty/income inequity, institutional racism and multi-generational trauma.

## Vision

MCHA envisions healthy communities in which Individual & Family Wellness, Community Wellness, Cultural Respect, Educational Quality, Access to Services, and a Cooperative spirit are increasingly evident.

## Membership

Established in 1998 as a non-hierarchical (shared leadership structure), participatory advocacy organization with open membership. The MCHA is a working community partnership of individual citizens, groups, service providers and other agencies committed to the Mission and Vision of the Health Alliance.

## County Health Council & Community Health Goal

The MCHA & the County Maternal Child Health Council merged in Summer 2004. Since then the MCHA focus and definition of “health” has broadened immensely. Our Community Health goal is to enhance the overall quality of life of all McKinley residents to live healthy and productive lives by; improving access to services, identifying resources and funding, increasing networking among community agencies & regional partners to prevent duplication of services, and working collaboratively with the community to understand and address inequities & other ‘root’ causes in systems as well as work together to change systems for our communities’ health.



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## 2022 PROJECT PRIORITIES

### New Mexico Vaccine Equity & Community Rebuild Project

Together in a statewide initiative, County Health Councils across New Mexico are collaborating with their respective communities to reaffirm and improve everyone's health in the wake of the recent/ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The project is funded by the Kellogg Foundation & Centers for Disease Control, with each Health Council receiving \$100,000 in general operations support for the next 2 years. The first year will have Health Councils working with community to improve Vaccine Equity; the second year will focus on continuing collaborating with community toward rebuilding all of our state's health & prosperity for all New Mexicans.

### MCHA Incorporated?

For the last year the MCHA has been exploring the internal capacity of our county health council to incorporate as a formal 501c(?) organization. As our organization grows it has become increasingly reasonable for us to move forward in obtaining proper organization identity, transparency and greater accountability. We look forward to the sharing with the community in completing this exploration and capacity built from the project. MCHA was awarded \$7,500 by the Con Alma Health Foundation for the project.

### Health Impact Assessment Housing in Gallup

With the Gallup community, the MCHA HIA workgroup are currently completing the initial phase of a community health impact assessment on Housing in Gallup, along with its accompanying community health report. The assessment has focused on how access to safe, stable housing impacts Economic Stability, Childhood Education and Safety in the City of Gallup. Together with the community we will report our findings, wisdom shared, our shared & individual housing stories, and recommendations along with what policies can ensure that everyone in Gallup has safe, stable housing. MCHA was awarded \$35,000 by the NM Health Equity Partnership, a Santa Fe Community Foundation Initiative & the W.K.Kellogg Foundation to conduct the assessment.

### New Mexico Culture of Health Project

Since fall 2020 the MCHA has been engaged in the NM Culture of Health project being led by the NM Alliance of Health Councils. The project has worked together with the Health Councils participating to build a Culture of Health across New Mexico. Health Councils have been training alongside public health leaders, experts and community to learn to better gather, collaborate, and plan comprehensive health actions & polices with our communities. MCHA was awarded \$22,500 by the NM Alliance of Health Councils, Presbyterian Community Health & the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.



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