

# TAYTSUGEH OWEENGEH HEALTH COUNCIL (TOHC)

## FACTSHEET

**MISSION:** Advocate, Assist, and Coordinate for the health and wellness of the Taytsugeh Oweengeh Community, and to advise the Governor, Tribal Council, and the Health and Wellness Division on all Health and Wellness matter affecting the community.

**PRIORITY ISSUES:** Covid-19 awareness & safety, Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Tewa Language.

**TIMELINE:** Tesuque Health Council formed in August 2017 and active, however, due to COVID-19 it was inactive from August 2021 to February 2022. And resumed in March 2022 and will continue to function with identified goals and objectives moving forward.

**MEMBERS:** Tesuque Health and Wellness Director, Community Health Worker, Te Tsu Geh Oweengeh Community School Representative, TEWA Language Staff, Tesuque Pueblo Chief, Tribal Court Representative, TC/Youth Coordinator/Prevention/ICWA, Librarian, Community Health Representative, Senior Program Manager, and Emergency Management Staff, SFIHS Representative, Teen, Elder, and Councilmen.

**KEY PARTNERS:** NMDOH, Tribal Liaison, AASTEC, ENIPC, NMAHC, UNM, IHS, DOH-CHWI, Tesuque Tribal Council.

**INITIATIVES TO ADDRESS ISSUES:** 1. Address COVID-19 impacts to our community, Health Information on COVID-19 safe practices, 2. Virtual Cultural Activity Classes, Virtual Fitness Challenges, Virtual Tewa Language Classes, 3. Support Community with meetings, trainings and conferences that provide a safe environment and to be empowered to make healthy choices, identify with their ancestral lands, culture, and language; 4. Diabetes Prevention with fun activities for community.

**INITIATIVE SUCCESS:** 1. Resources the community can use for support services they are comfortable with, 2. Provide services to address mental health and suicide; 3. Collaborations with internal and external partners to support COVID-19 initiatives, 4. Provide Health Information via flyers and community email distribution list on COVID-19 safe practices, testing events and vaccination events.

**CONCLUSION:** TOHC continues to attend all trainings required and apply the skills learned; sustaining internal and external relationships. Raise awareness, expand, our safety net, secure funds, voice our community concerns/issues/ needs, while sustaining our culture & language, and way of life for future generations.

Thank You for your continued Support.