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A note from the Executive Director

Dear Health Councils and Partners,

I am deeply delighted to welcome Shanna Montoya (aka Beanie), who will be leading Marketing & Communications at NMAHC with a focus on advocacy & fundraising. Beanie joins us with over 15 years of experience and is passionate and committed to leveraging Health Councils and advancing Health Equity across New Mexico. Please join me in welcoming Beanie!

We are also excited to launch the annual Peer Learning Training Program, with our first training scheduled on August 7th (see more details below). Per your feedback, and with the commitment to streamline our services for Health Councils, we are launching a communications and learning tool called Mighty Networks. This tool will serve as your "one-stop-shop" for all things in support of Health Councils. We look forward to introducing this user-friendly tool during the Health Council Talks on August 4th and enlisting your feedback.

With much appreciation for all you do and for your dedication to the health and wellbeing of our community members.

Valeria and the NMAHC Team ~

UPCOMING TRAININGS + EVENTS

- August 4, 2023 | 12:00 - 1:00 PM | Health Council Talks: **Introducing Mighty Networks, a communications and learning platform in support of Health Councils.** [Access Here.](#)

Please join NMAHC for the kick-off of Mighty Networks, a learning platform, in support of Health Councils in their Capacity Building efforts!

- August 7, 2023 | 12:00 - 1:00 PM | Training: Peer Learning Session - **Determining Health Council Membership and Who to Engage** [Access Here.](#)

Please join NMAHC for the kick-off of the Peer Learning Program in support of Health Councils in their Capacity Building efforts! **Access Calendar Here.**

August 18, 2023 | 12:00 - 1:00 PM | Health Council Talks: **Youth Risk & Resilience Survey with Dan Green, Epidemiologist NMDOH** [Access Here.](#)

JULY TRAINING RECORDINGS + MATERIALS

- Health Council Talks - **Suicide Prevention:** July 7th, 2023
[Access Recording Here](#) + [Saved Chat](#)
- Health Council Talks - **Land Acknowledgement Presentation:** June 2nd
[Access Recording Here](#) + [Saved Chat](#)

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS DUE AUGUST 15th

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS



Access Here!

Opportunities:



- Health Council + Public Health Specialist
- Operations Coordinator
- Development + Strategic Partnerships

Submit your CV by August 15th to:
info@nmhealthcouncils.org

[view the request for proposals here:](#)

Submission
Deadline:
August 15th

[Access RFP Here.](#)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: Welcome Shanna "Beanie" Montoya To Our Team!



WELCOMING OUR NEW TEAM MEMBER TO NMACH!



Shanna "Beanie" Montoya
Marketing + Communications

After double majoring in Mass Communications and History, Shanna Montoya spent 15 years working in television. She goes professionally by her childhood nickname Beanie. In 2016, it was time for a career change, and she entered the non-profit realm working as the Online Community Manager at the Financial Planning Association. Beanie then made her way to the Colorado Bar Association in 2018 to lead the online community initiative for the Bar. After successfully launching the platform and increasing connection, community, and engagement, she transitioned to Marketing and Community Manager for CBA's sister organization, CBA-CLE, in 2019. She was responsible for marketing over 100 events annually and all products for the organization- increasing revenue, attendance, and awareness. While at the CBA & CBA-CLE, she conquered her fear of public speaking- using her unique background and knowledge to present on communication and marketing topics at various conferences over the last four years. Summer of 2023, she finished her Master of Arts in Strategic Communication and Digital Strategy at the University of Oklahoma. In her free time, she enjoys cooking, reading, watching horror movies, swimming, and being outside in her beloved home state of Colorado.

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ADVOCACY UPDATE + CALL TO ACTION

ADVOCACY UPDATE: As of July NMAHC met with NMDOH and submitted a Replacement Funds proposal for this upcoming legislative session, in addition our co-Sponsors from HB49 have convened and are proposing a \$6 Million proposal for adequate funding for 42 County & Tribal Health Councils. Please join our efforts in advocating on behalf of Health Councils through the following action steps:

INTERIM COMMITTEE SESSION: Please join NMAHC in our upcoming presentations during the Legislative Interim Committee Sessions. Your presence and public comment during these in-person sessions are critical in our collective advocacy efforts.

- August 7 & 8, 2023 | Las Vegas | **Health & Human Services Committee** [Access Agenda Here.](#)
- August 28 - 30, 2023 | TBD | **Health & Human Services Committee** on August 28th-30th, in TBD. [Access Agenda Here.](#)

ENGAGE THE CHAIR OF LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Please join NMAHC in our collective efforts in reaching Senator George K. Muñoz to enlist his support in funding Health Councils. This call to action is for our community of Health Councils to join our advocacy efforts by calling, emailing, or writing Sen. Muñoz and members of the Senate Finance and Legislative Finance.

- **Sen. Muñoz represents District 4, which includes McKinley, San Juan and Cibola.** We are calling upon these County Health Councils to reach out to Sen. Muñoz, Chair of LFC and enlist his support to adequately fund 33 County and 9 Tribal Health Councils at \$6.6 Million Dollars, \$143,000.00 per Health Council. [Access his contact information here.](#)
- Rep. Nathan Small, the Vice Chair of LFC, access his [contact information here.](#)
- Access the Legislative Finance Committee [contact list here.](#)
- **Advocacy Toolkit**– scripts for calling, emailing or writing to Sen. Muñoz and your elected officials in your County.

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- Access the Legislative Finance Interim Committee agenda [here](#) for August 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS + CALLS TO ACTION!



New community outreach opportunities have opened at beWellnm (New Mexico's Health Insurance Marketplace).

Community outreach will be especially important as Medicaid redeterminations begin and many New Mexicans need to transition to beWellnm to stay covered.

Please find a link to RFPs and job openings [here](#).

ADVOCACY CALL TO ACTION!

JOIN NMAHC IN OUR ADVOCACY EFFORTS DURING THIS LEGISLATIVE INTERIM SESSIONS:

In the weeks to come you will be receiving an invite to our newly implemented communications and learning platform called Mighty Networks. You will have access to up-to-date information on upcoming trainings, resources, and calls-to-action for upcoming interim committee sessions where your presence and public comment will be critical to our advocacy efforts. Be on the lookout for an invitation email from us!

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ADVOCACY + AWARENESS CAMPAIGN 2023



from Left: Policy Analyst Kelly Klundt, NMAHC Executive Director Valeria Alarcon, Director of Legislative Finance Charles Sallee, and NMAHC Tribal Liaison Gerilyn Antonio

**NMAHC MET WITH LFC
DIRECTOR CHARLES SALLEE
+ POLICY ANALYST KELLY
KLUNDT TO ADVOCATE ON
BEHALF OF COUNTY &
TRIBAL HEALTH COUNCILS.**
THANK YOU TO OUR CO-
CHAIR DEBBIE ORTIZ, TRIBAL
LIAISON GERILYN ANTONIO,
AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
VALERIA ALARCON FOR
ENLISTING LFC.

- ✓ NMAHC FEATURES ON
RICHARD EEDS SHOW
6/19 [ACCESS HERE](#)
- ✓ NMAHC + REP LIZ THOMSON FEATURED ON
RICHARD EEDS SHOW 07/24 [ACCESS HERE](#)
- ✓ JOIN NMAHC DURING THE INTERIM COMMITTEE SESSIONS.
[ACCESS CALENDAR HERE.](#)

JOIN OUR ADVOCACY EFFORTS: PLEASE
WRITE TO YOUR REPRESENTATIVE +
SENATOR + CHAIR OF LFC SENATOR MUNOZ
+ VICE CHAIR OF LFC NATHAN SMALL
*** [ACCESS ADVOCACY TOOLKIT HERE](#)



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TRIBAL HEALTH COUNCILS: Nearly **\$1B available** for broadband expansion on Tribal lands. [Access Article Here.](#) [Access Application Here.](#)

45Th Annual Conference on Aging, Sept 12 & 13, 2023 [Register Here!](#)

~ Keynote Speakers: Governor Lujan-Grisham, Lt. Governor Morales, and many other special guests and experts.

Climate Change, Mental Health, and Artistic Tools of Expression Series,
[Register Here!](#)

Wednesdays, 12-1 p.m. from August 23rd-September 13th

[Click here for instructions on how to join a Zoom meeting](#)

UNM Health Sciences Center is Hiring a Tribal Liaison! [Please apply here.](#)

For any questions please contact Cynthia Killough, MA, Community Engagement Liaison Specialist at UNM Health Science Center.

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