11th Annual Legislative Health Policy Forum

Health in All Policies

NEW MEXICO PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, December 10, 2014
Embassy Suites, 87102

FINAL AGENDA

7:30 A.M. – 8:30 A.M.  Registration & Networking  Pre-Conference Hallway
Light breakfast served

8:30 A.M. – 8:45 A.M.  Welcome  Sandia Ballroom I-IV
Leigh Caswell, Harris Silver, Barak Wolff, and Erin Englebrecht

8:45 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.  Morning Plenary Panel:  Sandia Ballroom I-IV
Healthy Community Development in New Mexico: Health in All Policies

As we are all learning, good health starts locally—in our homes, neighborhoods, schools and workplaces. It is influenced by programs and policies outside the traditional boundaries of what we generally call “health care”. Things like transportation, education, access to healthy food, safe places for recreation/physical activity, economic opportunities... all of these have a huge impact on our health. The goal of Health in All Policies (HiAP) is to ensure that all such programs and policies help us stay healthy and not put us in harm’s way. It aims to promote health community environments and prevent adverse health impacts in the future.

Our morning panel will examine several angles of Health in All Policies: creating healthy built environments for our communities (Dr. Claudia Isaac); engaging stakeholders and supporting health equity in all our policies (Dr. Magdalena Avila); and incorporating an HiAP approach into our ongoing, governmental decision-making process to create structural or process change that promotes and protects health (Sen. Tim Keller).

Moderated by Marsha McMurray-Avila

10:15 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.  BREAK  Pre-Conference Hallway
10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.  **Brief Presentations of Legislative Initiatives**  
*Sandia Ballroom I-IV*

Organizations and individuals who have submitted a Legislative Proposal for publication in the Forum booklet will have an opportunity to present a brief synopsis of their upcoming legislative initiatives.

11:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.  **Networking Break with Presenters, Sponsors, and Colleagues**

12:00-1:30 P.M  **LUNCH with Keynote Speaker Rajiv Bhatia**  
*Sandia Ballroom I-IV*

Dr. Rajiv Bhatia is a medical doctor and preventative medicine practitioner who has worked for two decades for population health, environmental sustainability, and political inclusion. Currently the Director at The Civic Engine and a visiting scholar at the University of California at Berkeley, Rajiv is applying information and communication technologies for civic engagement and healthy public policy. He serves as an adviser for national and international organizations, including the National Center for Healthy Housing and the World Health Organization. He has been a pioneer in the practice of health impact assessment, urban sustainability indicators, and open data. Rajiv is the author of numerous publications on public health practice and is the co-editor of *Tackling Health Inequities Through Public Health Practice: Theory To Action*. Rajiv earned his MD from Stanford University in 1989.

1:30 P.M - 1:45 P.M  **BREAK**

1:45 P.M - 3:15 P.M  **FIRST BREAKOUT SESSION**

**A: Health in All Policies**  
*Sierra II and III*

Our keynote speaker, *Dr. Rajiv Bhatia*, is a well-known pioneer in Health in All Policies and will share with us both the history of this approach and the key elements for successful and effective implementation, as well as on-the-ground examples of HiAP in action. We are privileged to have him share more of his in-depth experience on this topic in an afternoon breakout session as well.

**B: Building a Strong Non-Profit Sector for Public Health**  
*Sandia Ballroom VI-VIII*
New Mexico communities, and state and local governments, rely on nonprofit organizations to deliver important public health services to the state’s underserved populations, remote communities and urban areas. Significant public funding is given to nonprofit organizations to provide services not otherwise provided by the public or private sectors. Ultimately, a strong nonprofit sector provides better economic stability, public health services and quality of life for New Mexicans. The ability of nonprofits to advocate effectively is critical for nonprofits success and sustainability.

This interactive session will explore 1) how to develop advocacy capacity within your organization, 2) how nonprofit organizations can and should advocate, and 3) ways to work together for more impact.

C: Opioid Overdose Prevention Statewide

Harris Silver's presentation will cover many issues surrounding the recently enacted federal Domenici/Wellstone Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act. Despite multiple levels of guidance given by the Departments of the Treasury, Labor and Health and Human Services, ambiguities about interpreting the Act and about enforcement remain, leaving the Act's goal of ending discrimination for treatment of mental health and substance use disorders unrealized. Abuko Estrada will discuss the multifaceted issue of providing eligible incarcerated individuals enrollment into Medicaid before discharge when possible, and suspending Medicaid instead of terminating it upon incarceration. Previous vetoed and current legislation will be discussed as well as the strong benefits of this policy. Shelley Mann-Lev's presentation will provide an overview of the initiative to increase the alcohol excise tax in New Mexico in 2017. Specifically, the evidence for increasing alcohol taxes will be reviewed followed by an outline of the campaign strategy. The strategy is based on the recent successful campaign to raise alcohol taxes led in Maryland.

3:15 P.M – 3:30 P.M BREAK

3:30 P.M – 5:00 P.M SECOND BREAKOUT SESSION

A: Evidence for Health in All Policies

The goal of Health in All Policies is to ensure that decision-makers are informed about the health, equity, and sustainability consequences of various policy options during the policy development process. Using an Evidence-Informed Policy Making method, graduate students from the University of New Mexico’s Public Health Program will share the challenges and solutions to pressing policy issues. The forum also seeks to engage diverse stakeholders in a dialogue on ways to promote HiAPs in New Mexico.

Introduction-Health Equity in All Policies: An imperative for social justice in public health- Lisa Cacari Stone, PhD

Impact of exclusionary immigration and health policies on the well-being of undocumented and mixed-status families- Jennifer Mings, BS, Kara McKinney, MA, & Eli Cuna, MPA, BA, BS
Vaping-solution or smoke screen? - Public health solution, or public health problem? - Adriana Bautista, MD, MPH, Courtney FitzGerald, MSSW, LMSW & Amalia LaBaze, BA, BSN, RN

Implementation of the Affordable Care Act: Closing the gap for vulnerable children and families in New Mexico - Scott Atole, MPA (candidate), BS, Irene Gray, BA & Derek Martinez, BS, BA

How will work requirement affect food security for New Mexicans?: Policy options for New Mexico's supplemental nutrition assistance program - Sarah M. Dinces, MS & Andre L. Endres, BS, BA

The Legacy of Uranium Mining on the Navajo Nation: Policy Options - Kristyn Yepa, BSN, RN, Angela Catena, MA, LMHC & William Hudspeth, PhD

B: Health Policy and the Food Environment in New Mexico

Learn about the food policy environment in New Mexico from community experts who are working to reduce food insecurity, improve health, and grow the local food economy. Panelists include Micaela Fischer with the Thornburg Foundation, Alena Paisano with Farm to Table, Eric Griego with the Bernalillo County Food Forward initiative, and Leigh Caswell with Presbyterian Healthcare Services.

C: Youth Initiatives

New Mexico's young people are increasingly active in informing policies that impact youth health. The Youth Initiatives panel will explore statewide efforts to engage youth in policy-making. Tessa Medina-Lucero, MPH, is the Adolescent Health Coordinator with the Department of Health's Office of School and Adolescent Health. She will discuss state efforts to increase youth participation in policy development. Anna Nelson, MSW, LISW, Executive Director of the New Mexico Forum for Youth in Community, will share strategies to meaningfully engage young people in developing health initiatives. Participants will learn about tools they can use to practice authentic youth engagement and support youth-led health initiatives. Youth participants from the Forum's Organizing Youth Engagement (OYE) Conference, New Mexico Youth Alliance, Leaders Organizing and Unitng for Decriminalization Youth Juvenile Justice Panel and Gun Access and Suicide Prevention Youth Council will discuss what motivates them to promote adolescent health and wellness, how they use data sources to inform their youth advocacy, and what tools or supports are most helpful to them in their advocacy and community impact work. This panel will be facilitated by Adrian Carver, Co-Director of the New Mexico Youth Alliance.

D: End of Life (EOL) Issues: A Universal Public Health Challenge

When asked, most people indicate that they would like to die at home, pain free, with loved ones. The reality is that only about 30-40% have the kind of death that they would prefer. This workshop will explore the system components that need to improve including individuals understanding and documenting their EOL choices and the health care system being better organized and responsive through earlier palliative care, full utilization of hospice and greater sensitivity to individual preferences. The recently released Institute of Medicine Report, "Dying in America" and the NMPHA amicus brief in support of physician aid in dying will also be discussed. Presenters include Barak Wolff, Harris Silver, Revathi Davidson, and Joan Gibson.