Community Engagement efforts to advance Health Equity across New Mexico

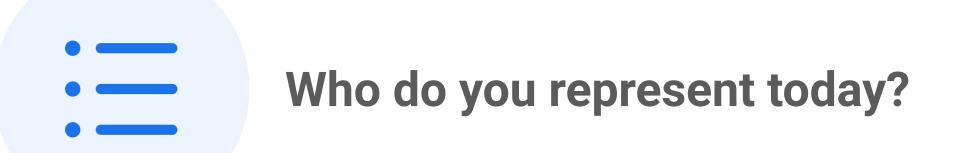
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Tell us, what city do you come from?



What do you want to get out of this conference?



Aura is the single mother of two-years old Maria, and sixteen-year old Karla. She recently lost her job and is struggling with supplying the basic needs for her family such as food, transportation, and housing. As a result she has become depressed, her blood pressure is increasing and her overall health is declining. She is seeking care in the clinic where you serve as the primary care physician. What can you do for her? Access and coordination to **Social Services** Who will help coordinate her care? The care she needs is fragmented in multiple organizations



Problem Statement: Inadequate coordination and access to social services.



What is health equity?

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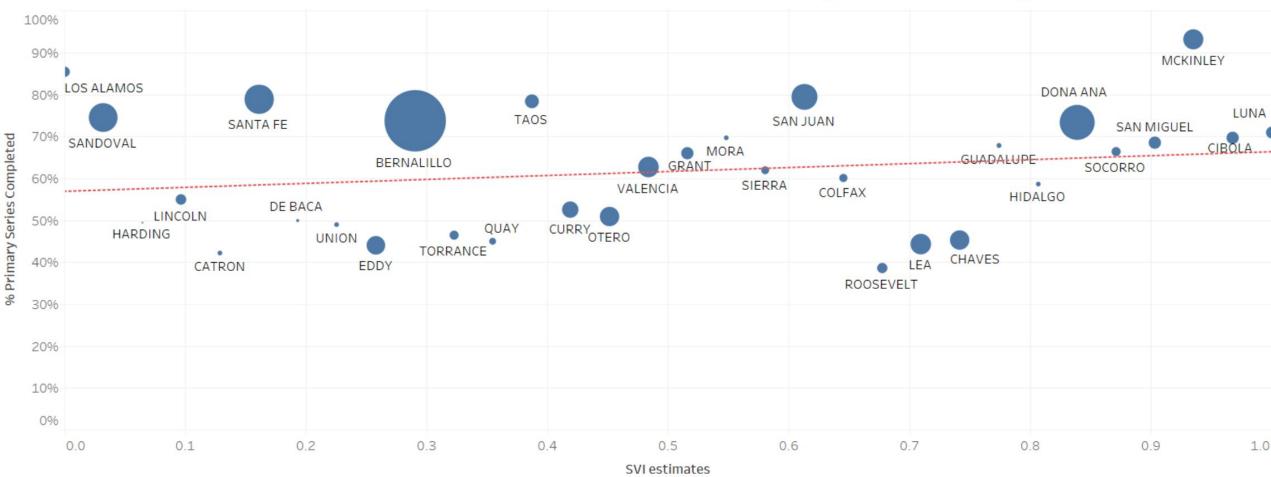
What is Health Equity?

"Health equity means that everyone has a fair and just opportunity to be as healthy as possible. This requires removing obstacles to health such as poverty, discrimination, and their consequences, including powerlessness and lack of access to good jobs with fair pay, quality education and housing, safe environments, and health care."



Braveman P, Arkin E, Orleans T, Proctor D, and Plough A. What Is Health Equity? And What Difference Does a Definition Make? Princeton, NJ: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, 2017.

% Vaccination and SVI by County



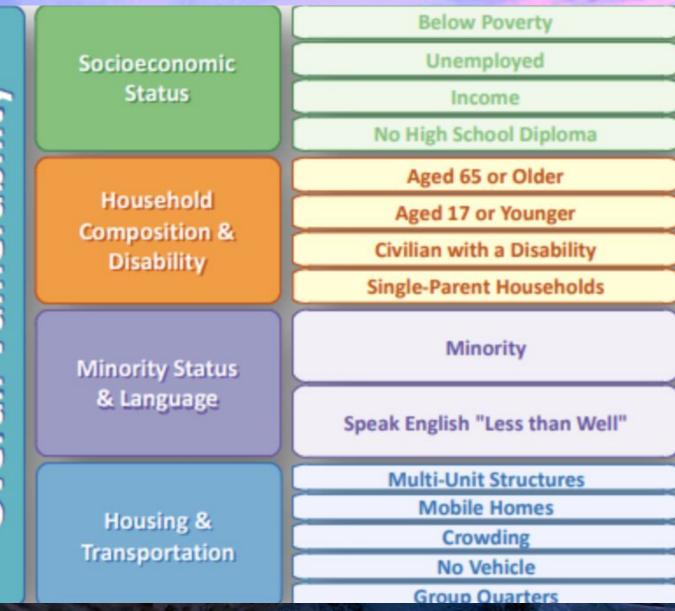
Data shows New Mexico specific SVI values, which may differ from country SVI values Data Sources: NMSIIS and Tiberius County population denominators are for those 6 months and over

Key Elements of Health Equity Plan at NMDOH

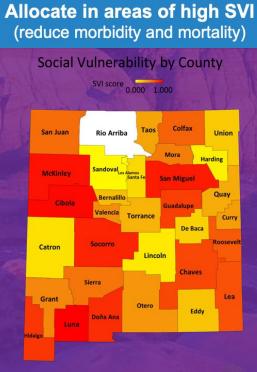
- Equitable Allocation and Access to resources
- Organizational Structure and Communications for Equity
- Community Engagement to Build Vaccine Confidence
- Monitor and Evaluate for Equity

Are we reaching our most vulnerable populations?

Vulnerability Overall



Are we vaccinating our most vulnerable populations?

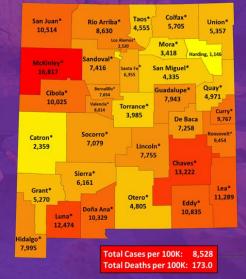


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Allocate in areas of high cases (reduce spread of the virus)

COVID-19 Prevalence Rate (2/22/2021)

Number of Cases per 100,000 Population 1,146 16,817



purce: New Mexico Department of Health. Population estimates obtained from US Census American Factfinder. etrieved from https://bis.health.stote.mu.s/query/result/pop/PopCnty/Count.html, March 29, 2020. * denote eath occurred in county. Excludes cases in federal and state detention facilities.

"Saving Lives"

Community Level Vulnerable Populations and Communities

(High SVI Communities, Congregate Living Settings)

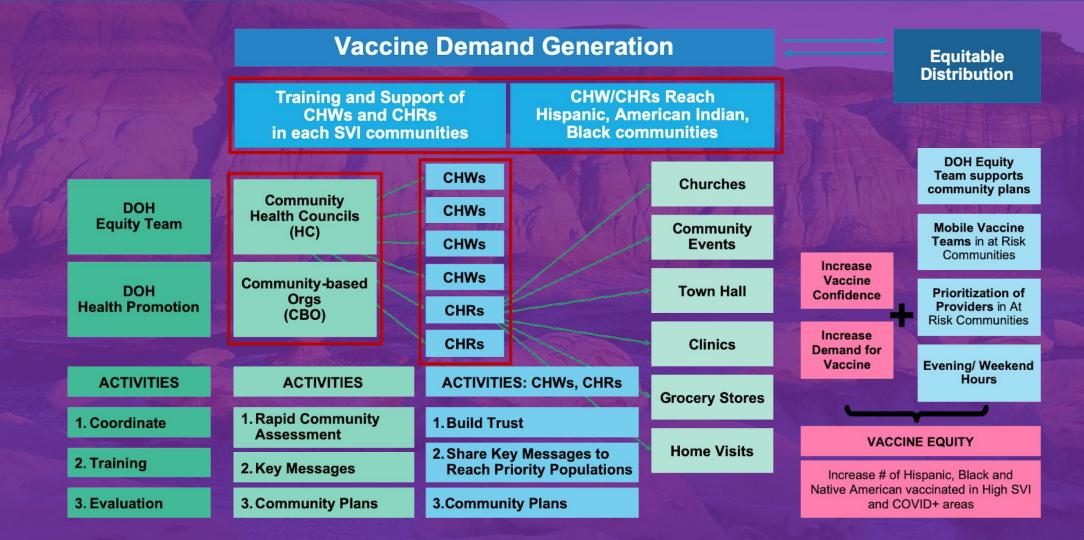
"Stopping the Spread"

Highest Community Rates of Infection (Zip Codes)

Individual Level

Highest Risk Individuals (Age, COVID risk factors)

Highest Rate of Individual Exposure Risk (health care, essential workers)





State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP)

Creating a healthier New Mexico

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SHIP Defined

The Public Health Accreditation Board defines State Health Improvement Plans as a long-term, systematic effort to address public health problems based on the results of community health assessment activities and the community health improvement process.

The SHIP:

- Aligns with Executive priorities Aligns with community partners Sets priorities and coordinates resources Develops policies and programs that promote health

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Measures progress



Systematically Aligning Planning Efforts



Community Health Assessments

State Health Assessments

Health Equity Report

Performance Management System

Quality Improvement Implementation Plan

Workforce Development Plan

Public Health Accreditation Requirements Access and coordination to **Social Services** Who will help coordinate her care? The care she needs is fragmented in multiple organizations



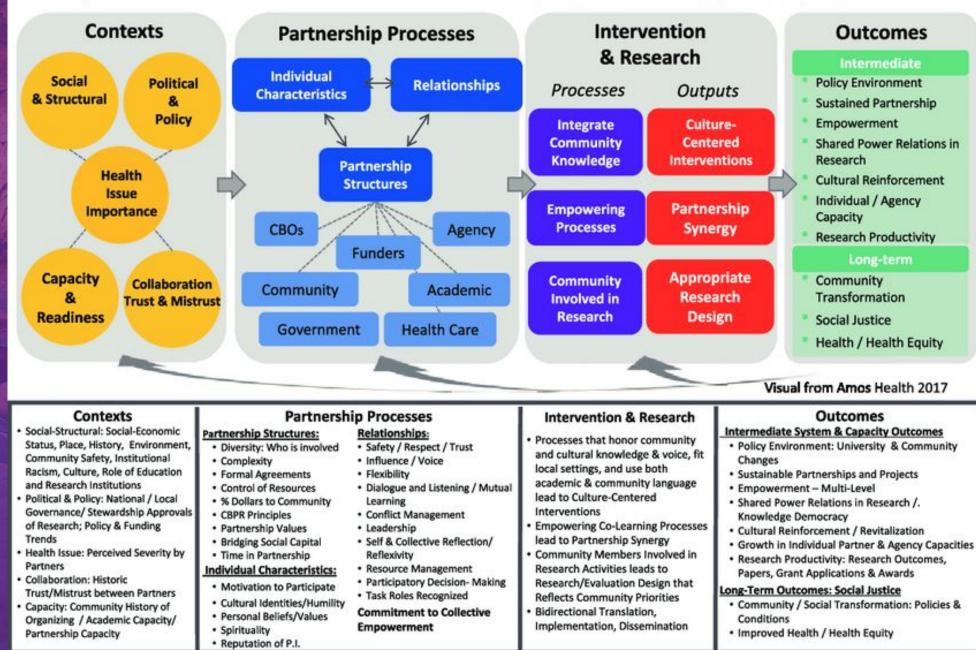
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New Mexico Social Determinants of Health Coalition

Leigh Caswell, VP Community and Health Equity Presbyterian Healthcare Services Co-Chair, Coalition Charter Workgroup

CBPR Conceptual Model

Adapted from Wallerstein et al, 2008 & Wallerstein et al, 2018: https://cpr.unm.edu/research-projects/cbpr-project/cbpr-model.html



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Health/ Social Justice Outcomes

What opportunities do you see in the current US & NM context?

- Santa Fe Connect || Already existing county wide referral network || 65+ CBOs
- UNM, Presbyterian and other healthcare systems are already testing a referral system
- Primary Care Collaborative sets the goal of implementing a close-loop referral system.
 Legislative cycle approved funding for this initiative.
- In 2022, CMS approves first measures to track social determinants at federal level. The currently approved measure set is for hospitals in federal payment programs, which will now be required to report what portion of their population is screened for various SDOH and how many screen positive in each category.
- Other States have implemented Statewide referral systems, i.e North Carolina

Information about the collaborative

<u>Purpose/Vision</u> –All people in New Mexico live in communities with equitable access to the conditions they need to thrive

<u>Mission</u> – Bringing together community, healthcare, social service agencies, philanthropy, business, and government across New Mexico to collaborate to reach shared goals; build relationships; coordinate resource referrals and improve navigation; share data; make shared investments; and champion policies in our communities to improve health outcomes

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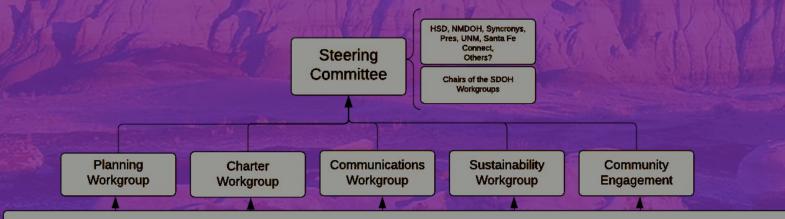
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SITUATION/ Context	INPUTS/ Partnerships	Goals and Objectives	OUTCOMES
 80% of population health outcomes are driven by non-clinical factors related to health behaviors, social and economic 	State agencies – HSD, DOH, BHSD State funding for health councils and closed loop referral system Existing funding for social services Local Community Based Organizations	Develop shared outcome measures, monitor progress, and share data on local resources to prioritize investments and improve outcomes across state and local agencies, health systems, and community-based organizations	Community Outcomes Increase in food security Increase in access to health care Increase in access to transportation Increase in access to housing
 factors, and physical environment. Negative social determinants of health are pervasive among low-income populations and in low income 	 New Mexico Alliance of Health Councils and SHARE New Mexico Local and statewide healthcare delivery systems and health insurance plans County health councils, 100% New Mexico and other health advocacy 	 Create infrastructure for data sharing Develop a data system that includes shared outcomes and measures Support the development and implementation of a 	Social Service Agency/Community Based Organization Outcomes Increased capacity to meet social needs Increased linkage with other CBOs to reduce unnecessary duplication of services Increased linkage with health systems to provide
 low-income areas. Health status and health outcome disparities disproportionately affect individuals who are low-income or members of communities of color. Stakeholders from 	organizations Syncronys, our statewide Health Information Exchange A mission to bring together community, healthcare, social service agencies, philanthropy, business, and government across New Mexico to collaborate to reach shared goals; build relationships; coordinate resource referrals and improve	 community-driven, coordinated, closed loop health and social service referral system/s that meets the needs of our local communities Make connections between state agencies and the HIE to fund and implement the work Create a process for ensuring a community driven system 	well integrated social and medical whole person care Local and State Agency Outcomes Note-Can we align these outcomes with the outcomes that are noted in the soon to be completed SHIP?
across the state have come together to create a community network of care and ensure alignment of a closed loop referral system.	ether to communityinvestments; and champion policies in our communities to improve health outcomesignment of a• Existing work in addressing SDOH	Convene stakeholders from across the state to support alignment, identify opportunities for collaboration, improve policies, and create shared accountability towards achieving our purpose • Develop coalition infrastructure • Convene coalition meetings • Continuously scan state SDOH Environment to support alignment and collaboration	 Health System Outcomes Increased coordination and continuity of medical and social care Decrease medical and increase investment social care Decrease health inequities, and improve health outcomes for people in New Mexico

Deliberately and consciously rooted in a model that upholds cultural safety and is inclusive, dynamic, diverse, and incorporates an health and racial equity lens

Close-Loop Referral System

Social Determinants of Health Collaborative



Community Based organizations

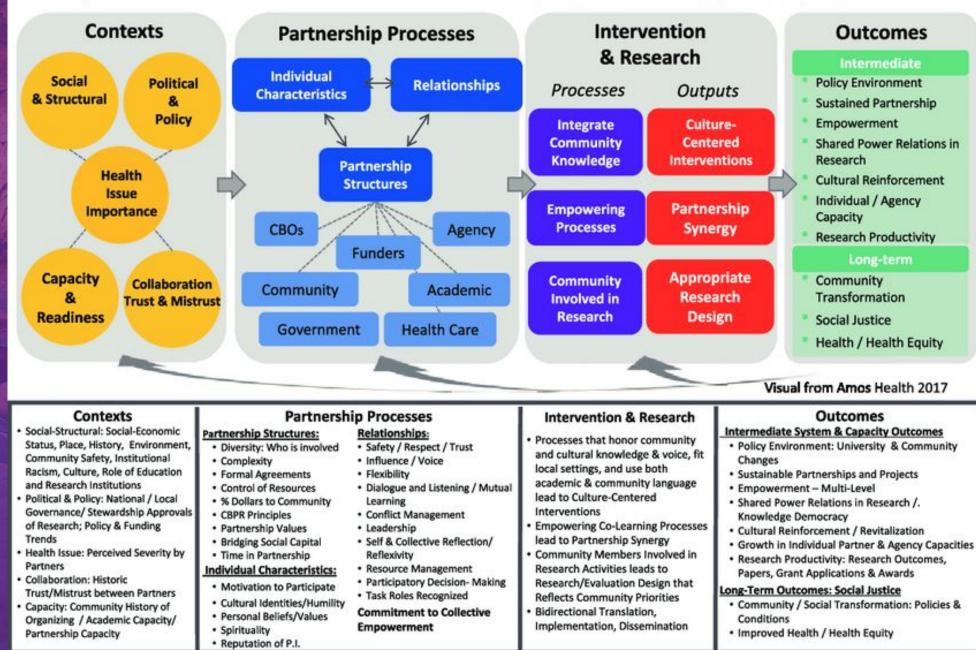
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What outcomes should we seek?

"We have viewed the cause of this crisis as an infectious disease. All of our interventions have focused on cutting lines of viral transmission, thereby controlling the spread of the pathogen... But what we have learned so far tells us that the story of COVID-19 is not so simple. Two categories of disease are interacting within specific populations—infection with severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) and an array of non-communicable diseases (NCDs). These conditions are clustering within social groups according to patterns of inequality deeply embedded in our societies. The aggregation of these diseases on a background of social and economic disparity exacerbates the adverse effects of each separate disease".

Offline: COVID-19 is not a pandemic



Horton R. Offline: COVID-19 is not a pandemic. Lancet. 2020 Sep 26;396(10255):874. doi: 10.1016/S0140-6736(20)32000-6. PMID: 32979964; PMCID: PMC7515561.

"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about." - Margaret J. Wheatley

