



General Council Meeting Minutes Monday September 16, 2013

Location:	United Way Training Room	Time:	2:30 – 4:30 PM
Voting Members Present: Leigh Caswell, Lora Church, BJ Ciesielski, Sherri Gonzales, Louise Kahn, Walter Punke, Mike Robertson, Michelle Skrupskis, Daryl Smith Non-Voting Participants: Mary Altenberg, Judy Baca, Ida Bender, David Broudy, Mark Clark, Jacque Garcia, Kathy Korte, Danette Townsend, Veronica Winsch Staff: Enrique Cardiel, Marsha McMurray-Avila, Tracy McDaniel			

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1.	Welcome and intros	All present introduced themselves. Chair Leigh Caswell facilitated the meeting. We will hold announcements and staff report highlights to the end of the meeting.	
2.	Presentation on Education – K-12 and beyond by Angelo Gonzales, Danette Townsend & Enrique Cardiel	<p>Mission: Graduate – Angelo Gonzales Mission: Graduate is an initiative within the 4 central New Mexico counties: Bernalillo, Valencia, Torrance, and Sandoval. 200,000 students are served within these four counties. The goal of Mission: Graduate is to add 60,000 new post-secondary credentials and degrees to Central New Mexico by 2020. This would increase the degree attainment rate from 38% to 50%. This will be achieved by addressing 5 objectives: eliminate achievement gaps, increase high school graduation rates, increase college and university enrollment, increase college and university graduation rates, and align these efforts with existing local efforts to recruit and cultivate the growth of businesses and entrepreneurship. This will ensure that graduates will have the opportunity to work in a job of their choosing within central New Mexico. To learn more about the objectives, results, and outcome indicators of Mission: Graduate, please click here. This will occur within a partnership, using a collective impact approach. United Way is the lead backbone organization. Mission: Graduate also receives technical assistance from Strive, UNM CEPR, and UNM Network for Educational Renewal. How are we doing this? By building out collaborative action networks that are launching this fall. This is a data-driven approach to identify programs that are working and do more of those. Near-term objectives include keeping more grads in central New Mexico. How is this effort different from others? They will be using data to identify assets, progress, and gaps. The initiative spans the cradle to career continuum, and they are starting from a position of strength with many efforts already taking place within the community. October 14 at 1:30, they will be having a ‘launch’ event, and everyone is invited to attend. An invite will be sent through the HC listserv.</p> <p>Q&A <u>Q</u> – What work is Mission: Graduate doing to change education policy? <u>Angelo</u> – Mission: Graduate is not becoming involved with policy at this stage because we want to make sure any recommendations are data-driven. They are hoping to do more to improve non-cognitive development, but they aren’t measuring that well now. It is on the development agenda. <u>Daryl</u> – Are you currently working with charter schools? <u>Angelo</u> – No, but they would like to work with charter schools. They are identifying “bright spots” – successes, like Atrisco Heritage. Looking at schools that are beating the odds based on demographics. <u>Lora</u> – Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) has a number of Headstarts on pueblos that would be important contacts to utilize to engage tribal communities in this work.</p>	Angelo will send an invitation to the Launch event, which will be distributed to the BCCHC listserv.

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	<p>ABC Community Schools Partnership – Danette Townsend</p> <p>A community school is both a place and a set of partnerships between the school and community resources, with an integrated focus on academics, health and social services, community engagement and development, and are open to everyone before, during, and after school, on weekends, and in the summer. There is not enough time, resources, etc. to address barriers to learning by teachers and staff during school. Community schools are formed to address barriers within school walls to help folks where they are.</p> <p>Some iteration of the community schools idea has been working in Albuquerque for 20 years. ABC Community Schools was formed to better align funds to do this work. In community schools, all partners are collaborating within the schools to engage parents and community members where they are. They transform schools into hubs, expand learning and increase ability for families to gain social and economic wellbeing, and extend support services to address basic physical, mental and emotional needs of young people and their families.</p> <p>Within a community school, there is a resource center to help navigate systems and a coordinator who acts as a liaison in many different areas – family engagement, community engagement, youth development, strategic alignment and developing partnerships. In 2008, ABC Community Schools was able to offer some funding for community school demonstration projects in 5 different schools in APS. Most of those schools are still doing community school work. Community schools look very different depending upon the needs of the communities they serve. In 2009, ABC Community Schools supported the development of community schools at Pajarito and Manzano Mesa. Since that time, and with additional funding through Kellogg Foundation, ABC has expanded community school collaborations to 10 sites with 3 Lead Partners (backbone organizations).</p> <p>YDI worked to pass the Community Schools Act, which allows backbone organizations to apply for funds that might have been otherwise unavailable.</p> <p>System-building projects include professional development opportunities for principals, teachers and coordinators. Opportunity Fund – helps folks to get stabilized. ABC Community Schools does not provide services. Instead, they get into schools, build relationships within schools and engage staff around the ideas. Coordinators are funded to organize and provide all out of classroom services. Principals don't have capacity to manage these additional tasks.</p> <p>Q&A</p> <p><u>Daryl</u> – Why is the foundation funding dipping?</p> <p><u>Danette</u> – Kellogg invested for 2010 – 2011 but decided to invest directly in schools thereafter. Now those funds are under principal control, rather than ABC control.</p> <p><u>Mark</u> – How do you track mobility? Is that your data or someone else's?</p> <p><u>Danette</u> – APS collects that data.</p> <p>Education = Health Initiative – Enrique Cardiel</p> <p>Enrique discussed an unfunded pilot project he has begun in the Southeast Heights through the International District Healthy Communities Coalition. The goal is to make the Southeast Heights the best place to raise children in the County. This project was started after someone asked Enrique if we could replicate the Harlem Children's Zone. There is a realization that we cannot help kids without helping the over 25 population. Therefore, they decided to start with folks age 14 and older who are out of school without a diploma and want a GED. Pathway navigators were interested in helping. They decided to begin with a 10-block radius and selected a high crime area north of Emerson Elementary School.</p> <p>We know that there are relationships between crime and poor health, and with the high cost of housing people at MDC, decreasing crime could save money for the County. Enrique was asked to do a literature review, and he found that 1 in 10 men without a high school diploma will be incarcerated, compared to 1 in 33 with a high school diploma. A high school diploma is also associated with other health measures, including increased life expectancy.</p> <p>The 10 block radius identified for the first round of Education=Health includes 425 households. Volunteers went door-to-door and told residents that they would be coming back to find out whether they were interested in support to get a GED. During the second door knocking session, in only 2.5 hours, they identified 24 without a GED, 20 of whom wanted help, which maxed out the capacity</p>	<p>If you have any ideas for school-based initiatives, you should contact Danette.</p> <p>Enrique is looking for volunteer tutors and other partners to help with adult literacy work. Please contact him if you have ideas for collaboration.</p> <p>Visit Little Free Libraries at http://littlefreelibrary.org/ to learn more about this national movement.</p>

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	<p>of the navigators within only a couple of blocks of the original 10 block radius. IDHCC is currently working on going back and seeing what they can do to increase capacity. They are working with partners who provide GED services (Emerson, ABQ GED). Another part of the Education = Health initiative is providing positive reinforcement for educational attainment. IDHCC hosted a party this summer, where all “graduates” from Kindergarten through Master’s degrees received certificates from Councilor Garduño. 12 certificates were awarded at the event.</p> <p>One challenge encountered has been that some individuals are not reading at an appropriate level for GED courses. 16% of adults in Bernalillo County do not know how to read. They need support with basic literacy from programs like Reading Works. They are also looking for volunteers to teach basic literacy in Spanish because ESL learners have a very hard time learning to read in English if they have never learned to read in their native language.</p> <p>There is a much greater need than there is funding to accommodate.</p> <p>The International District has been economically segregated for 20 years. There is a long way to go, but if we can turn a few blocks around, might it make an impact? We don’t know what the outcomes might be. How might blocks be affected with neighbors going through this process together? Would individuals increase their education levels and then move out of the International District as their economic well-being is improved?</p> <p>Medical students are also conducting a research project in the community, asking people if they’ve finished school in an engaging way and ensuring a warm handoff for those interested in pursuing educational attainment. Reading Works is currently asking for volunteer tutors. They are specifically looking for help with services to folks who are Spanish-speaking. Those Spanish-speaking individuals who are not literate in Spanish have a very challenging time becoming literate in English. Enrique is currently working with Encuentro on developing Spanish Basic Literacy Classes.</p> <p>Q&A</p> <p><u>Judy</u> – What will you do about funding?</p> <p><u>Enrique</u> – I have written a proposal to Bernalillo County for optimal funding. The plan could impact CTG areas and recently incarcerated populations. They have also applied for a federal grant for two Pathways navigators, one navigator for homeless native population and one Education = Health navigator.</p> <p><u>Leigh</u> – Could you talk about the Little Libraries project?</p> <p><u>Enrique</u> – Several groups are working on this. This is a national movement, and Little Libraries have generally been private endeavors. The idea has taken off locally. These are small containers placed in the community with donated books that people can take for free and/or leave other books. Many folks are participating in the planning, including BernCo Parks & Rec and Cultural Services. The County will possibly create a few Little Libraries as examples with the goal of spurring interest from other entities and community members.</p> <p><u>Leigh</u> – Has any research been done about the impact of Little Free Libraries?</p> <p><u>Enrique</u> – Not that we know about. There is a website with more information: http://littlefreelibrary.org/</p> <p><u>Mary Altenberg</u> – Community Dental Services would be interested in having Little Free Libraries in our three clinics.</p>	
<p>4. Updates on BCCHC activities – questions and highlights on Staff Report</p>	<p>Next month (October 21st) we will begin meeting at the South Valley Multipurpose Senior Center at Larrazolo and Atrisco. This will be our new regular location for monthly meetings.</p> <p>There is a regional meeting of the health councils next Wednesday from 10 am – 3 pm in Moriarty. This is the Metro Region – Bernalillo, Torrance, Valencia, and Sandoval Counties. At the last regional meeting in May, it was decided that we would meet quarterly, moving to a different county for each meeting.</p> <p>The Opioid Accountability Summit will take place this Thursday. We are anticipating up to 150 attendees. This will be the first of four planned summits to take place during the next two years. During this summit, we will discuss specific recommendations for change and delve into the data to identify key indicators. The goal is to leave the summit with attendees committed to working in one of four implementation groups (prevention, harm reduction, treatment, or law enforcement) to work toward the next summit. At the next summit, a ‘report card’ will be developed to track changes in opioid abuse and overdose in Bernalillo County. People are very excited and enthusiastic about the summit, including the panelists. It is clear that people want to do something about this problem.</p>	

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5.	Reflection on meeting process & final announcements	<p>Participant Announcements:</p> <p><u>Mike Robertson</u> announced that on October 1, there will be a kickoff for the Health Insurance Exchange. City of Albuquerque Health & Human Services will be working with Cultural Services and the City/County Libraries to put together materials. Let folks know that the libraries will have information about the Health Insurance Exchange available.</p> <p><u>Sherri</u> – First Choice has a new Outreach & Enrollment Department for both Medicaid and Exchange enrollment. They are located at the First Choice training center, and they are happy to help with outreach and enrollment efforts.</p> <p><u>BJ</u> – The SEAD Program has graduated community doulas and breastfeeding peer counselors, and they are now offering free community doula and breastfeeding peer counselor services. Please refer new moms to the SEAD program.</p> <p><u>Mary</u> – Mary is the Executive Director of Community Dental Services, a non-profit organization with three clinics, where they provide affordable dental services to individuals from newborn through adulthood.</p> <p><u>BJ</u> – NM Community Health Workers Association is hosting their Annual Conference October 17 & 18. Contact BJ if you are interested in exhibiting at the conference.</p>	<p>Tracy will send out SEAD Program referral and NMCHWA Annual Conference information to the Google list.</p>
6.	Adjourn	<p>October's meeting will focus on Behavioral Health, including the results of the Bernalillo County Summit on Opioid Abuse and Overdose.</p>	<p>Next BCCHC meeting will be held at the South Valley Multipurpose Senior Center on October 21st from 2:30 – 4:30 pm.</p>