



**BHPC Meeting
Meeting Minutes
APRIL 9th, 2025
9am-12pm**

Present:

Jennifer Burke, Chair of the BHPC
Susie Kimble, BHPC Vice Chair, Mesilla Valley
Jacqueline Nielsen, BHSD, BHPC Member, ASUM Co-Chair
Tom Starke, Strategic Planning Facilitator
Seth Damon, Deputy Secretary of IAD
Carmela Quitugua, IAD, NASC Co-Chair
Annabelle Martinez, BHSD
Natalie Rivera, BHPC Liaison
Mariah Kennedy, Scribe for meeting, CPSW
Jaime Campbell, Peer member of BHPC
Monica Miura, CASC Chair, Community Youth Advocate
Carol Luna-Anderson, MAD, LLTI
Cynthia Romero, BHSD Grant Coordinator
Stacey Keener, CPSW, Advocate for MH
Lisa Trujillo, Family member
Athena Huckaby
Dr. Wendy Price, NM Corrections Department, BHPC Member
Patricia Vigil, NASC Co- Chair, Eighth Northern Pueblos
Dr. Royleen Ross, BHPC Member
Jeremy Lihte, NM Leaders in Recovery, SF Recovery
Christine Fuller, DVR, BHPC Member
Lisa Howley, BHSD/HCA, BHPC Member
Carmen Bliss, LMSW, Pres
Rosalind Smith, BHSD/HCA
Charlene Espinoza, Supervisor healthcare Services, Molina Healthcare
Alex Dominguez, SF County BH Program Manager

Noreen Kelly, NASC Member
Cody Maienza, SF County Health Services Division Manager
Anna Horner, Bernalillo Health Council
Karen Canaday, MSW, BHSD/LC Coordinator
Amber Grewal, Pres Health Plan
Rose Nelson, VP of Healthcare Services, Molina HC
Rebecca Girardet, UNM Peds
Allen Dominguez, CYFD Adolescent Services Manager
Dr. Diana Trujillo, CYFD BHS Southern Bureau Chief
Emily Kaltenbach
Paul Jenkins

Land Acknowledgment by Jennifer Burke

Approval of Agenda- Paul Jenkin's motioned to approve the agenda Stacey Keener seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Approval of Feb Meeting Minutes- Noreen Kelly motioned to approve the Feb 25th Strategic Planning meeting minutes as is, Carol Luna- Anderson seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Two new BHPC Members introduction:

Allen Dominguez- Allen works with CYFD as the Adolescent Survives Manager, Allen shares that if there is anything he can bring back to management at CYFD to please reach out to him. Allen will also now be on as the new CYFD Co-Chair of the CASC.

Cinda Dillahunt- Cinda will be a new member of the BHPC as well as a new voting member of the CASC. Cinda currently lives in Las Cruces, NM. Cinda has a personal story that has led her to getting involved with this board as well as the Juvenile Justice Board.

June 11th In person BHPC Meeting in ABQ- There will be an in person BHPC Meeting held June 11th, in ABQ. The location is being planned and will be announced as soon as we know where.

The goal is for the Sub Committee's to have their reports submitted to the BHPC by May, to then be ready for presentation at our in-person meeting in June where we will go over the next steps for the recommendation process going forward. The goal is to have a structured plan for recommendations by the next Legislative Session.

On June 10th we are looking at doing an all-day training: we are looking at what BHPC members would like to see for these trainings or any ideas that people have for this. Please send any ideas you may have for this to Jennifer Burke.

Measuring child Maltreatment and Community Protective Factors in New Mexico

Presentation by: Dr. Rebecca Giradet with UNMH

Study objectives:

- ❖ What is the prevalence of child maltreatment (specifically, neglect, emotional abuse, physical abuse, sexual abuse, and specific society-level harms) in New Mexico, as recalled by recently emancipated adults?
- ❖ Are cultural protective factors in New Mexico associated with positive young adult outcomes?
- ❖ Are prevention efforts in New Mexico associated with decreases in child maltreatment incidence?

Approach:

- ❖ Statewide, anonymous, randomized survey (English, Spanish) of 1001 young adults 18-22 years
 - ❖ Blended recruitment approach (Email, text-messages, social media)
- ❖ Field Dates: August 16 – November 27, 2024
- ❖ Demographic weights based on the most recent US Census estimates for this sub-group of New Mexico's population.
- ❖ Based on ICAST (ISPCAN Child Abuse Screening Tool), Cultural Connectedness Scale, and TACEs (Tribal Adverse Childhood Experiences)
- ❖ Advisory group oversees development, interpretation, dissemination.

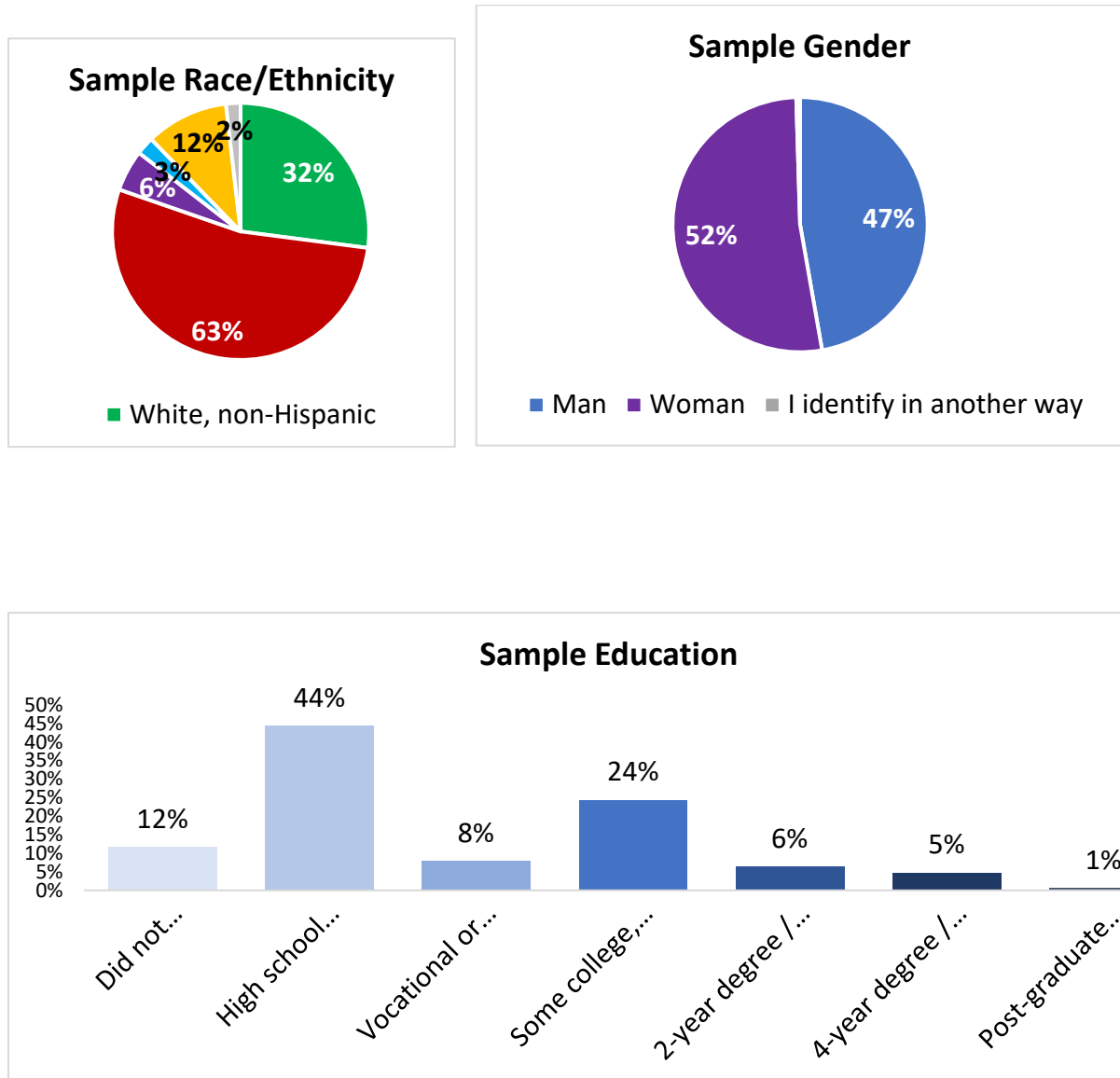
Data Protections:

- ❖ BSP provided only deidentified data; raw data destroyed after transfer to UNM
- ❖ Secure server
- ❖ Results by county, ethnicity and first language may be suppressed by community authorities.

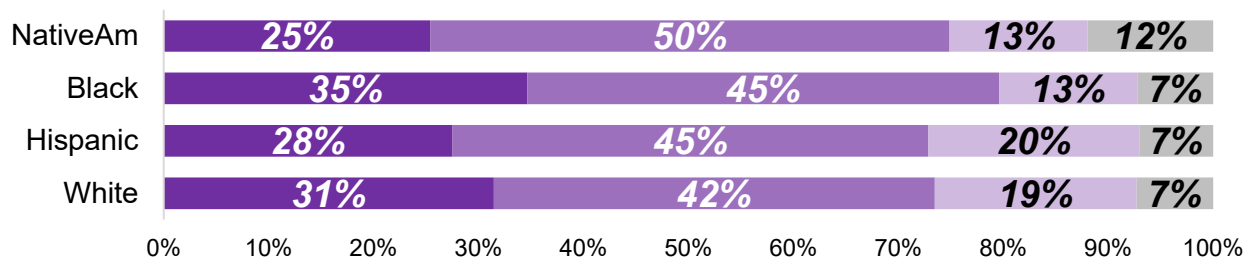
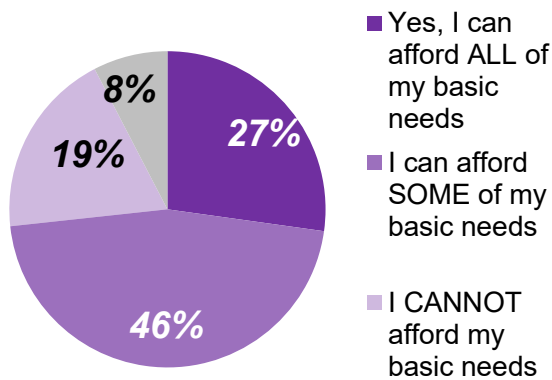
- ❖ Approved by UNM, NNHRRB, and SWT institutional review boards.

Sample Demographics:

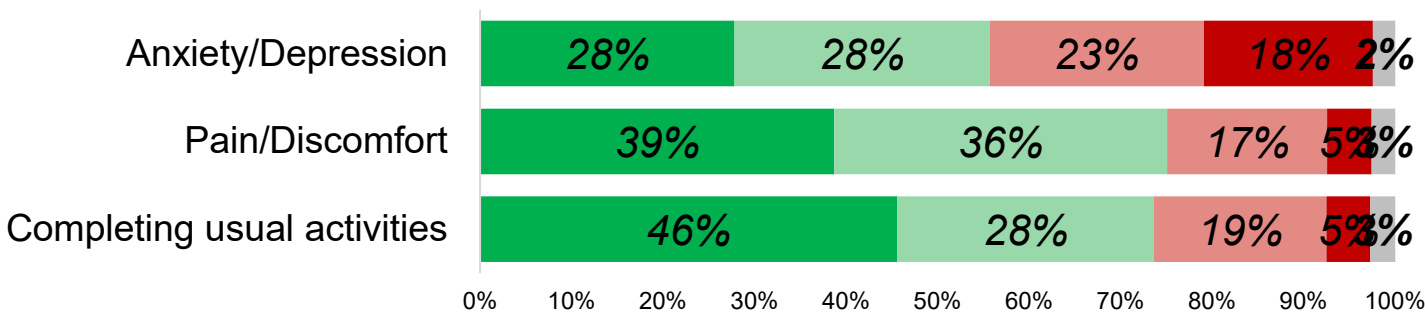
Sample demographics are matched to US Census Estimates for adults age 18-22 in the state



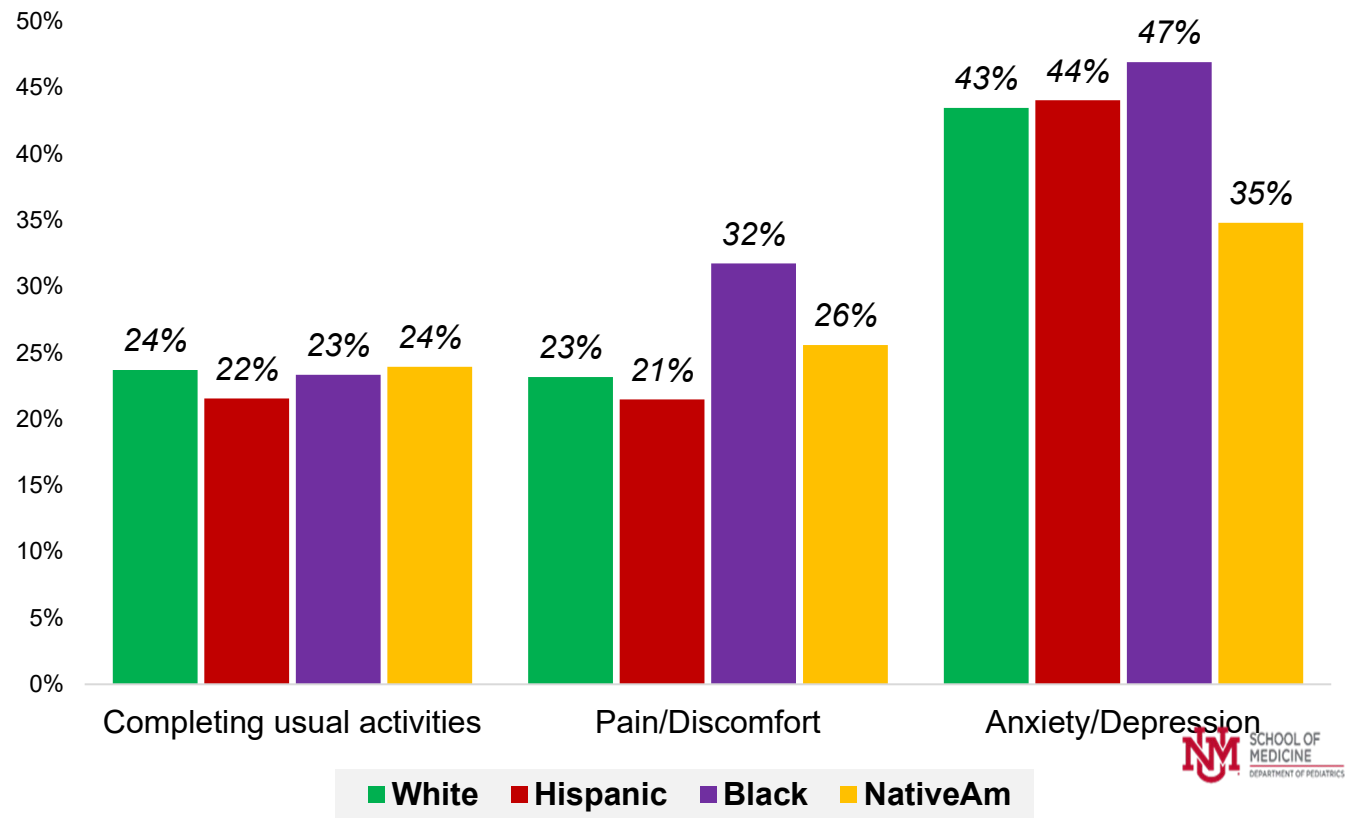
Does Income support Basic Needs?



Measuring Problems with Mental and Physical Health:



Problems Mental and Physical Health by Race/Ethnicity:



To view the rest of the presentation data, click here:

[Entire presentation](#)

Questions/Comments:

Q: Jennifer Burke asked how we can help these outcomes in the work we do?

A: Dr. Giradet shared with the group that the primary goal for this study was to generate data that could be brought to communities to therefore come up with community specific solutions but shares that one thing she believes would be helpful, is to try and address our cultural attitudes toward physical discipline. Dr. Giradet shares that in her experience with speaking with child protective services workers, that many of them speak to growing up with corporal punishment and therefore view it as an okay punishment in some situations- therefore helping people learn better ways to discipline and learning/teaching about the harms that physical discipline causes, also sharing with people how its highly associated with depression and anxiety in adulthood because it's so demeaning.

There is a project that UNMH started that Dr. Giradet is hoping will expand across the state called the 'No Hit Zone Project' where the idea is to have posters and flyers up all around that say "This is a no-hit zone" just like you might see signs for "no smoking zones", in hopes that this will change the cultural acceptance around corporal punishment.

Presentation by Rosalind Smith, Staff Manager and Policy Analyst for the BHSD on Legislative Update and Senate Bills that BHSD/HCA has been involved with-

- **SB120, No BH Cost Sharing:** SB120 amends part of the Health Care Purchasing Act and NM insurance Code, to permanently extend the elimination of cost sharing (previously set to expire Jan 1st, 2027.)
- **SB252, Social work Telehealth Services:** Expands telehealth use for providers, helping to make telehealth services more accessible for clients. Allows for *all* licensed social workers, certified peer support workers, and any other practitioner licensed by Medicaid, to provide telehealth services.
- **SB53, Prescribing Psychologist Psychotropics:** SB53 amends the Professional Psychologist Act to include prescribing psychologists with at least four years of independent experience to the definition of "*independently licensed prescribing clinician*".
- **HB8, Criminal Competency and Treatment:** HB8 significantly amends the Criminal Code relating to areas of determination, commitment, and treatment within criminal competency procedures.
 - Retains: Current procedures, that state that a defendant's competency will be evaluated by a psychologist, psychiatrist, or other qualified professional.
 - Expands: If the individual is determined not competent to stand trial, then the evaluation shall include:
 - (1) Whether the individual satisfies criteria for involuntary commitment.
 - OR
 - (2) Whether the individual satisfies criteria for involuntary treatment.
 - HB8 extensively expands the list of crimes for which a defendant may be criminally committed.

- **SB535, 988 Lifeline Fund:** SB535 establishes a 988 Lifeline Fund, by increasing the telecommunications relay service surcharge and transferring money to fund telecommunications access, as well as a new 988 Lifeline Fund.
 - The new 988 Lifeline Fund will support current efforts by BHSD in providing oversight and support for 988 and the crisis continuum of care.
 - SB535 further amends fees related to the Workers Compensation Act.

- **SB1, Behavioral Health Trust Fund:** SB1 establishes the Behavioral Health Trust Fund – a non-reverting fund in state treasury, dedicated to the expansion of behavioral health services.
 - Consists of distributions, appropriations, gifts, grants, donations and income from investment in the fund.
 - 5% of the trust fund will be made available to the Behavioral Health program fund, which allows for expenditure on IT and workforce related costs, to support the delivery of behavioral health services and programs.
 - The Behavioral Health Trust Fund will go into effect July 1st, 2027.

SB 3: Behavioral Health and Reform Investment Act:

- SB1 and HB2 address the financial component that help support SB3.
- SB3 establishes the Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act, which takes a regional approach to behavioral health care, involving all 3 branches of the government.
 - Each region, established by the Administrative Office of the Courts, will identify up to 5 priorities for funding within a four-year plan.
 - Requires that local organizations, healthcare agencies, and government officials work together to support the expansion of behavioral health services in New Mexico.

Responsible Agencies:

- Health Care Authority (HCA)
 - Behavioral Health Services Division (BHSD)
 - Medicaid Assistance Division (MAD)
- Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)
- Legislative Finance Committee (LFC)
- Legislative Health and Human Services Committee (LHHSC)
- Behavioral Health Executive Committee – New!

Link to SB3 click below:

[SB 3 overview](#)

Link to entire presentation with slides:
[BH Legislation 2025](#)

Local Behavioral Health Collaborative Update by Karen Canaday

There are a total of 18 different assigned Local Collaboratives throughout the state- The purpose of the Local Collaboratives is to develop strong local and regional voices to guide behavioral planning and services. LC's were established in each of NM's 13 judicial districts. In addition, there are 5 LC's to represent the states sovereign tribes, nations, pueblos and off-reservation populations. Currently there are 15 active LC's and 3 inactive LC's. Recognized LC's receive some state funding. The activity level among the LCs is varied and LC's are able to obtain grant funding.

The LC's are made up of family members, providers, people with lived experience, advocates and more.

Sub-Committee Reports (ASUM, CASC, NASC)

CASC Update by Monia Miura

- CASC had their yearly presentation by Dylan Pell on Youth Mental Health outcomes at their most recent meeting.
- The CASC also had Sonia Saiz with PED come share on Restorative Justice Practices.
- Since the CASC just recently got last year's recommendations approved by the BHPC, Monica shares that the next steps for CASC concerning recommendations, will be to figure out what existing recommendations the CASC can carry forward for this year and hone in on the existing recommendations that have been made and figuring out how the CASC can further push those recommendations forward into actionable items.

NASC Update by Carmela Quitugua

- The NASC co-chair has resigned, therefore NASC will be putting out a call for a new co-chair for the NASC.
- NASC is planning their spring BH summit which will be held May 16th. One of the goals for the summit is to look at generational traumas and how to address that. On May 15th the day will be open to the LC's coming up with recommendations, utilizing data and

gathering to go over goals and objectives for the upcoming year. Details on these events will go out soon.

- Carmela shares her appreciation for Karen Canaday, the LC's and to the BHPC for collaborating with NASC and IAD to help provide more advocacy and helping IAD and NASC understand what is going on in our communities.

ASUM Update by Jackie Nielsen

- ASUM has set goals and roles for each co-chair to focus on gathering information currently.

Priorities ASUM is working on currently:

1. One of the priorities is to gather information from other states that have adopted statewide standardized electronic/ semi electronic Healthcare Record Systems and seeing if/how they are emphasizing the protection of patient privacy. (Substance misuse recommendation)
2. The second priority is to gather information regarding whether licensure for facilities permits them to not offer medically assisted treatment. (Substance misuse recommendation)
3. Encourage that they're going to encourage recognition of alcohol misuse as a significant form of substance misuse disorder through public education on treatment and prevention resources.
4. Gather information on creative ways to provide specialized housing in response to community needs. (this rec. comes from the adult mental health side of ASUM)
5. Gather information on how assessment surveys can identify community need. (adult mental health recommendation)
6. Lastly, to gather information on systemic discrimination in housing for those with substance misuse disorder or mental health disorders.

Carol's assignment as the Adult Medicaid co-chair is to gather information on creative ways to provide specialized housing in response to community needs, as well as #6 which kind-of go together under housing.

The goal is to divide up goals and gathering information throughout the group.

MAC update by Carol Luna-Anderson

Carol shared that the last MAC meeting was held in February, and that the next meeting will be held in May. Carol shares that at the last meeting the focus was around the legislative session and that she will have more of an update for the BHPC after the next meeting in May.

Public Comment:

Stacey Keener speaks of a suicide event that happened the week previous to this meeting in the Clovis area- Stacey asks the group if anyone has any ideas or resources for an anti-bullying campaign or some type of initiative to address the bullying that goes on in the schools that seems to be aiding in the increase of suicides in the area. Stacey shares with the group that the bullying is out of hand in some specific middle schools and speaks to personally wanting to put something together to reach out to the youth that are being bullied.

Monica Miura shares with Stacey that the Clovis school board should have a school counseling department who should be somewhat in charge of this issue of bullying and recommends starting by reaching out to NMPED's Behavioral Health Division and Sonia Siaz who is the Director of this department and is also in charge of counseling.

Paul Jenkins shares that in his experience it is important that the local board of education be supportive in making sure schools enforce anti-bullying policies.

Athena Huckaby shares that she can help get Stacey in contact with Claire Miller who is the state's School Suicide Prevention Coordinator. Athena also shares that Cassandra Gondara with the Dona Ana County Resiliency leaders, is working on some specific anti-bullying initiatives within the schools.

Meeting Adjourned.