

Welcome to the New Mexico Social Drivers of Health Collaborative (NMSDOH-C).

The NMSDOH-C advances best practices, learnings, and support with the state of New Mexico and its diverse communities to reduce the harms of adverse social drivers of health through action, advocacy, and working collaboratively with multidisciplinary partners. We are looking forward to your participation in helping us continue this important work. Since we began in 2022 we have:

- Hosted two Peer-led Learning Series (a) focused on the closed loop referral system and (b) on Indigenous social drivers of health.
- Held an initial Biennial Learning Circle, a flexible, peer-directed and -engaged learning experience to design the planning of projects and initiatives,
- Consulted with state government agencies, particularly the Health Care Authority (HCA). Examples: submitting comments to the HCA about its proposed development of a Rural Health Transformation Plan; and sharing key considerations/recommendations for the design of YesNewMexicoConnect, a statewide closed-loop referral system.
- Publish a monthly member newsletter, highlighting statewide efforts gaining/using data useful for addressing SDOH, for health advocacy, and to support policy development

You can review materials from these activities on our [Resources page](#).

How does being a member help you and your organization(s) and community(ies)?

The NMSDOH-C provides meaningful connection, information- and resource-sharing, educational opportunities, and advocacy pathways to lift up the work of your organization or community. We provide opportunities to give voice to what you are working on or what you'd like to address about negative social drivers of health to ensure New Mexicans are experiencing better health and well-being.

How to get engaged?

We invite you to attend a New Member Orientation. Just come, virtually, to the first 10 minutes of each All-member meeting to participate in a brief new-member orientation—then stay for the full meeting. Each Workgroup meets about once per month (see this meeting schedule on the website). Workgroup members collaborate with each other to address key issues or action items they or the NMSDOH-C have set as priorities. There are currently five workgroups: Community Engagement; Closed-Loop Referral Systems; Data, Technology, and Standards; Operations; and Tribal Health Systems.

To see materials from previous meetings, visit the “Meetings” page on the website and select “Past Meetings and Materials.” To learn more about each workgroup, visit the “Workgroups” page.

Next Steps

We will send you a calendar invite to our all-member sessions (every other month). If you signed up for a workgroup on the membership form, we will send a calendar invite for those workgroup meetings. (There will be other times in the year to sign up if you do not do so now.) We encourage you to explore our website, <https://www.nm-sdoh.org> to review our vision, mission, goals, Steering Committee membership, resources and announcements. You are also encouraged to [sign a pledge](#) expressing your commitment and values to the NMSDOH-C's work.

Should you want more information, we are happy to provide a presentation and discussion giving an overview of the Collaborative. Please email dlucero45@phs.org to schedule.

With the support of our members, our extended networks and communities, we look forward to strengthening our impact in years to come and contributing to systems change in New Mexico. On behalf of the Steering Committee and our membership, thank you for joining the Collaborative.