

NMUHC Agenda and Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2023, 1:00pm MDT

Attendees: 13 total

City of Albuquerque (CABQ) Sustainability Office

- Denise Castillo-Gonzalez, Facilitator/Organizer
- Sandra West, sustainable waste specialist
- Albert Lee, sustainable transportation specialist

Prosperity Works (Community-based organization, CBO) Unable to Attend

Central NM Community College (CNM) (Academia) Unable to Attend

UW (Academia) Unable to Attend

NM Department of Health (State)

- Chelsea Langer, NM Environmental Public Health Tracking group, epidemiologist
- Brian Woods, NM Environmental Public Health Tracking group, epidemiologist
- Stephanie Moraga-Mchaley

New Mexico Health Practitioners for Climate Action (NMHPCA)

- Nate Matthews-Trigg

NM Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department (NM EMNRD) (State)

- Lauren Reichelt, NM Environment Department

Bernalillo County

- Brian Bonanno, Sustainability Coordinator

CABQ Environmental Health Department (City) Unable to Attend

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Urban Waters & Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District

- Jaren Peplinski, Water Resources Coordinator, ambassador for EPA Urban Waters–partnership to leverage resources related to watersheds

CABQ Parks and Recreation Department (City) Unable to Attend

- Sean O’Neill, City Forester

CABQ Family and Community Services (City)

- Sergio Leanos, FCS, funding non-profit partners to provide services to our homeless neighbors.

CABQ Office of Equity and Inclusion (City)

- Roger Valdez, Conveners of ABQ Justice40 oversight committee

CABQ Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency (City) Unable to Attend

CABQ Office of Emergency Management (City) Unable to Attend

CABQ Homeless Services System (City) Unable to Attend

Meeting Agenda and Minutes:

- **Opening Comments (10 minutes)**
 - Introduce Chelsea Eastman Langer, Environmental Epidemiologist
 - Narrative of how the City and State are collaborating on Urban Heat work.
- **Mission statement**

“Bringing together City departments, community-based organizations, academia, local, regional, and state government agencies to develop strategies that protect our most vulnerable communities during extreme heat events, and together, strategize long and short term mitigation actions”.
- **Introductions (10 minutes)**
 - Prosperity Works (CBO)
 - CNM (Academia)
 - DOH (State)
 - EMNRD (State)
 - Bernalillo County
 - EHD (City)
 - EPA Urban Waters
 - PRD (City)
 - FCS (City)
 - OEI (City)
 - MRA (City)
 - OEM (City)
 - HSS (City)
- **Topic: Heat Season Recap – Public Health Data (15 minutes)**
 - Speaker: Chelsea Langer with the New Mexico Department of Health
 - [Presentation slides \(1.6 MB pdf\)](#)
 - The presentation covered data on tracking portal, what it is, where it comes from (which medical centers, and spatial location). Details at <https://nmtracking.doh.nm.gov/>. Note, American Indian Services and Veteran Services are not reported to the database, and thus, underrepresented in the tracking portal data.
 - Other data, working with university (CSU) to include air pollution data (particulate matter), to assess possible correlations.
 - Data sources: Urgent care centers (possible future), EMS heat-related call data (county-level data)
 - Resources shared in the chat:
<https://nmtracking.doh.nm.gov/resources/publications/Index.html>;
<https://nmtracking.doh.nm.gov/contentfile/pdf/health/climate/heat/ERClimateChangeTo2030.pdf>; <https://nmtracking.doh.nm.gov/contentfile/pdf/health/climate/heat/ERD-Report-Heat-HealthOutcomeThresholds-20230602.pdf>
- **Q&A: 10 minutes**
 - Data parsing out: based on specific location/site? Based on the type of respiratory illness?
- **Closing Statements: 5 minutes**

- Next Steps? Meet next year, date TBD.
- **Next Meeting Topic:**
 - Heat Mitigation Roadmap