



Health and Human Services Alliance Fact Sheet

OVERVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT

The Doña Ana Board of County Commissioners created the Doña Ana County Health and Human Services (HHS) Department in 2001. The HHS Department works with the residents of Doña Ana County to improve their quality of life by identifying and addressing unmet health and human service needs. To facilitate this, the HHS Department is committed to the development of the Doña Ana County Health and Human Services Alliance (**Alliance**).

PURPOSE OF THE ALLIANCE

The Alliance shall serve as the primary advisory body to the HHS Department to further improve the health status of Doña Ana County residents. The **Alliance** will improve coordination and collaboration, nurture public understanding, strengthen accountability, promote informed policy-making, and provide an opportunity for effective community input.

FUNCTION OF THE ALLIANCE

The **Alliance** will coordinate the diverse efforts devoted to addressing health and human services needs. By blending the work of several advisory bodies, the **Alliance** will create a common sense of purpose and shared understanding of methods and perspectives, while promoting new channels of communication. The Alliance will also support local leadership to increase the community's capacity to sustain efforts over time.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE ALLIANCE

Membership will reflect a cross section of the community that will be consistently represented at meetings and actively involved in decision-making. The membership will include individuals with a wide range of strengths, abilities, experiences, and resources found within the community. Diverse membership will enhance collaboration and help the **Alliance** develop a more comprehensive response to community needs.

BENEFITS OF THE ALLIANCE

The **Alliance** will provide the HHS Department with a comprehensive profile of the County's health status, resulting in more informed decision-making. With guidance from the **Alliance**, the HHS Department will maintain effective and efficient methods for utilizing county resources to provide services. The **Alliance** will increase the HHS Department's ability to leverage state and federal program funding and technical assistance by focusing on Healthcare Reform. It will also allow the HHS Department to identify gaps in services, recognize duplication of services, and create opportunities to successfully develop collaborative partnerships.

ALLIANCE Committee	HHS DIV	ACA (1) Opportunities (2) Strategies	2013 Feb	April	June	Aug	Oct	Dec	2014
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indicates Starting Point						
Executive	Silvia/Jamie	Governance & Policy Opportunity 1 Ensure ACA Coordination 1.1.1 Ensure ACA implementation 1.1.3 Training for Alliance & Comm members about ACA requiremtns & opportunities 1.2 Engage local, state & fed policy makers 1.4 Continue dialogue with community							
		Opportunity 2 Minimize the burden of uncompensated care on local health systems							
Overlap with Data and Evaluation		2.1 Gather and analyze data on projected impact of phasing out DSH funding for DAC safety net providers							
		2.2 Advocate for legislation that allows for federal funding for uncompensated care at some level				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

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Access to Care	Program Ops CC	Opportunity 3 Maximize the number of people with coverage							
Overlap with Comadres/Compadres		3.1 Develop & implement plan for outreach to residents, employers, providers, and policy makers to inform of benefits under ACA. Plan should include high and low tech methods of outreach.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
		Opportunity 4 Minimize barriers to health care access							
		4.1 Prioritize access barriers raised	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
		4.4 Support wknd and evening hrs for routine primary care visits at FQHC's and providers			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
		4.5 Take advantage of ACA's emphasis on telehealth and other technologies to increase access to specialty care		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
		4.6 Advocate for transportation services to be included as a core benefit under public/private plans on the exchange.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
		Opportunity 7 Maximize residents access to forms of care including preventive services, primary oral health , behavioral & specialty							
Overlap with Access to Care		7.5 Develop pilot programs to address portability insurance coverage between NM DAC, TX and Mexico with U.S.-Mex Border Health Comm and NM office of Border Health.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

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Comadres/ Compadres	Program Ops OED	Opportunity 3 Maximize the # of people with coverage							
Overlap with Access to Care		3.1 Develop & implement plan for outreach to residents, employers, providers, and policy makers to inform of benefits under ACA. Plan should include high and low tech methods of outreach.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
		3.2 Train & deploy comm health workers as "Navigators" to advocate for the people who have been unfairly denied. Assist residents with enrollment in healthcare plans.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
		Opportunity 4 Minimize barriers to health care access							
		4.2 Expand comm promotora prog to train and use CHW's as patient navigators	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
		4.3 Require Navigators to have expertise in working with the community.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
Overlap with Health Promotion		Opportunity 8 Ensure residents access health plan benefits in alignment with health needs				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
		8.3 Ensure that all people with or without coverage, who receive preventative screenings with a positive result, have access to treatment for the condition.				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
		Opportunity 9 Ensure information about coverage options & benefits is clear and accessible to consumers							
		9.1 Ensure all materials are available in Eng & Span				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

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Comadres/ Compadres (Continued)		9.2 Ensure all materials are available in multiple formats - e.g. video, audio, online and print			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
		9.3 Place trained navigators in communities, workplaces and healthcare clinics to provide eligibility assistance, help appeal insurance decisions, and explain benefit decisions.				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Health Promotion	OED	Opportunity 7 Maximize residents access to forms of care including preventive services, primary oral health , behavioral & specialty							
	Overlap with Data and Evaluation	7.2 Continue data collection to identify health priority areas where it is needed		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
	Overlap with Data and Evaluation	7.3 Identify & pursue opportunities with ACA and other public/private funding streams to develop, implement and evaluate pilot programs to address health priorities.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
	Overlap with Access to Care	7.5 Develop pilot programs to address portability insurance coverage between NM DAC, TX and Mexico with U.S.-Mexico Border Health Comm and NM Office of Border Health.				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
		Opportunity 8 Ensure residents access health plan benefits in alignment with health needs 8.1 Ensure that outreach & health promotion efforts include info about benefits that health plans must provide under the ACA.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						

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Health Promotion (Continued)		Opportunity 10 Increase the quality of health care available to DAC's vulnerable children, families & adults 10.1 Continue ongoing qualitative & quantitative evaluation of health services in the county, including satisfaction measures and health outcomes for vulnerable children and families.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
		Opportunity 11 Update DAC's current prevention plan to align with the National Prevention Strategy. 11.1 Continue the work of community coalitions to identify, plan for and address injury and disease prevention. 11.2 Identify & address hazards in DAC's communities such as lack of streetlights and loose aggressive dogs. 11.4 Support development of recreational facilities in rural communities. 11.5 Support development of mechanisms for families to eat locally grown foods, especially fresh fruits and vegetables.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

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Data and Evaluation	Operations	Opportunity 2 Minimize the burden of uncompensated care on							
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		Opportunity 12 Evaluate the impact of the ACA on DAC's vulnerable children, families & adults.							
		12.1 Establish clear & measurable quantitative and qualitative objectives to assess the effect of ACA implementation on DAC residents, employers, and health care systems.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
		12.2 Continue the dialogue with community members, community-based participatory research processes such as focus groups, interviews, surveys and outgoing input. If possible, repeat this process at specific time intervals.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

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Data and Evaluation (Continued)		12.3 Analyze the collected data & use results to improve implementation processes.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

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Area of Colonias based on preliminary assessment by:
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