

Con Alma Health Foundation
Call to Action: *Children at the Center (Health Care Reform in New Mexico)*
Thursday, August 22, 2019 (8:30am – 3:00pm)

Bios Presenters & Facilitators

Presenters:

Lisa Cacari Stone, PhD, MS, MA, is an Associate Professor of Health Policy and Management, College of Population Health at UNM, and Director/Principal Investigator, Transdisciplinary, Equity & Engagement Center (TREE Center). She has devoted her public service to practice, research and policy in which all people can be healthy. She has 30 years' plus in leading change efforts in public health care, human services and behavioral health organizations. She leads the daily operations of the center rooted in statewide "place based" community engagement. Dr. Cacari Stone was a recipient of the WK Kellogg Fellowship in Health Policy and the Kaiser Permanente Health Disparities Leadership fellowship.

Leigh Caswell is the Vice President for Community Health with Presbyterian Healthcare Services (PHS). Leigh coordinates and directs initiatives, strategy, and operations that support the community health priorities of the largest nonprofit health system in NM. This work includes convening cross sector partnerships and leveraging grant and private funds for greater collective impact on barriers to health in communities across the state. The Food Farmacy, Accountable Health Communities, and the Healthy Here Wellness Referral Center, are some of the current initiatives she has helped develop to support and promote prevention, and health equity.

Abuko Estrada is the Supervising Attorney for Healthcare at the NM Center on Law & Poverty. He joined the NM Center in 2013 and currently works on issues of healthcare access, including increasing enrollment in Medicaid and improving access to its services. He works to empower New Mexico's tribal health care systems through education and partnerships with tribal leaders and workers on critical health system issues. During law school, Mr. Estrada was also an extern for The Honorable Justice Petra Jimenez Maes of the New Mexico Supreme Court, an extern with the US Attorney's Office for the Western District of Wisconsin.

Jessica Eva Espinoza-Jensen is the Grants & Capacity Building Strategist at the NM Health Equity Partnership (HEP). A Latina raised in NM, Jessi deeply values the strengths, creativity, and histories of resistance in our state. Jessi is committed to supporting communities to develop their own solutions on issues that affect them. In her role with HEP, Jessi is responsible for strategy development, coordinating HEP's community-driven research, and grants management. She works with community partners to share ideas and transform how decisions are made so processes, and decisions themselves, center the lived experiences of people most impacted.

Lilly Irvin-Vitela is the President and Executive Director of New Mexico First. She was born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Part of her family has been in New Mexico since prior to statehood and others came in the 1940s. She has over 25 years of experience working for private and public community-based and state level organizations dedicated to improving the well-being of individuals, families, and communities. She formerly served as the president of her private consulting practice, and executive director of the Wisconsin Head Start Association, Supporting Families Together Association, and New Mexico Center for Dispute Resolution.

James C. Jimenez is the Executive Director of New Mexico Voices for Children. He joined NM Voices in 2013 as the Director of Research and Policy, becoming Executive Director in 2016. He also serves as an adjunct professor at the UNM's School of Public Administration. In both positions he draws from his considerable experience in using the budget as a strategic tool while working in state and city government. James served as the Chief of Staff under Gov. Bill Richardson from 2006 to 2008, and as Cabinet Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration from 2003 to 2006. He was also City Manager for the city of Rio Rancho and serves on several nonprofit boards.

Dennis McCutcheon is the Communications and Outreach Coordinator at Con Alma Health Foundation. He joined Con Alma in 2011 as a graduate student intern from New Mexico Highlands University. Dennis provides leadership for statewide outreach at the foundation. He has a bachelor's and master's in social work (MSW) from New Mexico Highlands University with a concentration in government nonprofit management.

Barbara K. Webber is the Executive Director of Health Action New Mexico. A gerontologist by training, she began her career working on rural health and development issues in rural Brazil and West Africa. She has worked as a strong advocate for women's issues including administering a rape crisis center, a county wide domestic violence program, a pioneer women's health center which included on-site birthing center and full reproductive health care options. She has been part of the management team for a nonprofit hospice and a nonprofit hospital's OB/GYN clinic. Before working at Health Action New Mexico, Barbara was an analyst at the NM Health Policy Commission.

Small Group Facilitators:

Manual Angel Acosta is Co-Director of Earth Care, a multi-generational community leadership and learning organization in Santa Fe. He has been the Director of El Colegio Sin Fronteras, a social enterprise focused on community education, training and capacity building for healthy communities, as well as a Principal Associate at the Center for Relational Learning, an international consulting firm. He worked in Community Health Promotion with NM DOH, supporting Community Health Councils, and prior to that he served on the Board of Education of Albuquerque Public Schools and helped establish The ABC Community Schools Partnership.

Marisol Atkins is the primary consultant for Luz del Sol, LLC, an organization that provides research, analysis and service recommendations to private, not-for-profit and government entities. Marisol's work focuses on supporting and developing existing social service infrastructure, while bridging stakeholders and building collaboration. Marisol previously served as the VP of Operations and Program Development with the United Way of Santa Fe County, Executive Director of Partners In Wellness Behavioral Health, and as the Deputy Cabinet Secretary for the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD).

Chris Hudson is the Director at McKinley Community Health Council. He has been a leader in the New Mexico Together for Healthcare efforts from McKinley County. Chris is also involved with the McKinley Community Collaborative for Health Equity team which looks to change systems that perpetuate environmental health disparities, impacts of institutional racism, and multi-generational trauma by empowering participating communities within the county to impact equitable policy change.

Rachel Kutcher Rachel has worked in community health and health equity in both the nonprofit and government sectors in Silver City and Santa Fe. She has a Master's in Public Policy and is particularly interested in the spaces where policy, program design, equity, and community-led processes intersect.

Maria Perez Maria has crafted a career guided by her passion to address social disparities. With 18 years of experience working on equity and equitable health policy, she is a seasoned organizer, facilitator, health care practitioner, advocate, coalition builder and a firm believer in the power of people coming together to address complex social problems. She is also a health educator, having served in faculty and curriculum development roles for community health workers and Chinese medicine students. Maria spent several years deeply involved with Affordable Care Act outreach, education and enrollment, and legislative work in New Mexico.

Omar Torres is the Civic Engagement Program Coordinator with Together for Brothers an organization who believes young men of color are, can and should be leaders at all levels of their community. Omar is interested in learning about how to harness the power of our interconnected lives to create systemic change. He is a strong believer in the power to improve health outcomes for all.