IMPACT REPORT 2023

NMHPCA is a state affiliate of the Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health (MSCCH). The Consortium is hosted by the George Mason University Center for Climate Change Communication in collaboration with the Sean N. Parker Center, Stanford School of Medicine.

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VISION

NMHPCA’s vision is a healthy, equitable, sustainable future for all New Mexicans.

Mission

NMHPCA’s mission is to mobilize New Mexico healthcare and public health professionals to advocate for climate solutions that protect health and promote equity.
THANK YOU

New Mexico Health Professionals for Climate Action wishes to thank the following individuals and partners for their support, time, and expertise that contributed to a successful inaugural year for NMHPCA.

To our esteemed Board of Directors, your commitment to our mission and vision is inspiring, and your leadership and expertise rival the best the nation has to offer.

To our national affiliate, The Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health, thank you for your technical and financial assistance in standing up the New Mexico chapter. We are in great company.

To our members, without you, there is no collective action. This challenging work is made pleasurable because of you. Thank you.

To our generous donors, your financial contributions enhance the capacity of the organization to achieve our shared vision.
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Key:
- Advocacy & Policy Workgroup Lead
- Executive Committee
- Staff
- Finance Committee
ORGANIZATIONAL TIMELINE

January 2023

February
Joined MSCCH as a state affiliate; Launched a membership campaign with 46 members. Held second Information Session (n=35). Educated policymakers about a state climate and health program. Developed name and logo. Joined the NM CHAWG (Climate and Health Adaptation Workgroup), providing policy updates.

March
Applied for a start-up grant from MSCCH; Held third Information Session (n=9). Designed and launched the www.NMHPCA website. Met with the Secretary of NM Department of Health about a state climate health program.

April
Awarded a 2-year grant from MSCCH; Sent first email communication to 90 stakeholders. Con't. member outreach and expanded core team. Initiated work on climate-smart healthcare initiative.

May
Presented at NM Breastfeeding Task Force; Contracted with NM Foundation for fiscal sponsorship; Awarded Con Alma Health Foundation ED Discretionary Grant; Organized joint meeting with UNM and PHS hospital leaders on sustainability; Held full-day planning retreat with core team and policy consultant.

June
Wrote Op-Ed on climate and health published in all major NM newspapers; Signed letter of support for a national heat stress standard; Presented at NM Asthma Summit and UNM Grand Rounds; Identified Executive Committee and Board members; Held second strategic planning meeting.

July/August
Met with NMED to advocate for state occupational heat standard; Joined electric vehicle (EV) coalition; Advocated for electric school buses; Continued outreach with stakeholders, including students; Awarded grant from the Energy Foundation; Launched our first Workgroup focused on Healthcare Decarbonization.

September
Advocated for adoption of Advanced Clean Cars and Trucks (ACC) rules: Provided key testimony, published Op-eds, and gave public comment. Set terms and positions for Board of Directors; Launched Speakers Bureau (n=7); Presented to NM Interfaith Power and Light and Santa Fe County HPPC; Presented to LHHS Interim Committee on state climate and health program and fund.

October/November
Started core group to develop the organization; Advocated for a state public health and climate program and fund; Met with the Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health (MSCCH) to discuss becoming a state affiliate.

December
Launched year-end donation campaign, raising almost $10,000; Hired half-time Program Manager; Organized our second Workgroup, focused on Policy & Advocacy with a legislative Kickoff event for January 2024.
Membership

The New Mexico Health Professionals for Climate Action welcomed **114 new members** in 2023.

Growth was fastest in Q1 and leveled off by the end of Q3.

Forty-two percent (n = 48) of members indicated they work in the public health sector. Thirty-eight percent (n = 43) of members indicated they work in healthcare. The remaining professions represented included students (4%), people who work in both healthcare and public health sectors (4%), advocacy (2%), and academia (2%).
Impacts

In our inaugural year, New Mexico Health Professionals for Climate Action has made great strides in its mission to mobilize New Mexico health professionals to advocate for climate solutions that protect health and promote equity. The organization has brought together healthcare and public health professionals and students from various disciplines from all areas of New Mexico to address the urgent need for collaboration in climate action.

Through our advocacy and organizing efforts, NMHPCA has raised awareness about the impact of climate change on health in New Mexico. The organization has also worked to develop and implement policies and initiatives aimed at reducing the state's reliance on fossil fuels, promoting sustainable practices in healthcare, and improving community adaptation and resiliency to mitigate serious health impacts. Overall, NMHPCA has been a powerful, new force in advancing the cause of climate action and public health in the state.
Impacts

Key Achievements

• Established a strong nonprofit with a fiscal sponsor, website, broad member base, committed and diverse board, 3-year strategic plan, volunteer Executive Director + half-time Program Manager, and two Workgroups

• Advocated for the Advanced Clean Cars and Trucks rules to accelerate the decarbonization of the transportation sector; the rules were adopted in November 2023.

• Conducted nine presentations to health professional and student groups about climate change and health and what they can do to support equitable climate solutions and adaptation strategies

• Initiated efforts to support decarbonization and sustainability initiatives at NM hospitals and healthcare facilities.

• Advocated for other national, state, and local policies related to climate solutions and adaptation strategies, including national food policy, occupational heat standards, clean power rules, electric school buses, and research-based adaptation measures.
### Impacts

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<th>Implementation Activities</th>
<th>Outputs</th>
<th>Outcomes</th>
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<td>Establish healthy, sustainable organizational structures for NMHPCA.</td>
<td>Recruited 7 Board Members&lt;br&gt;Bylaws draft developed&lt;br&gt;Created strategic and actions plans for 2023-2025</td>
<td>The organization is poised to carry out its mission and be sustained</td>
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<td>Advocate for climate solutions from a health perspective.</td>
<td>Established 2 workgroups&lt;br&gt;Championed 5 climate health policies</td>
<td>The Advanced Clean Cars II/Advanced Clean Trucks Rule adopted at State and local levels</td>
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<td>Educate public health and healthcare professionals, clinicians and the public about climate change and health.</td>
<td>Presented on NMHPCA and about climate health to 9 stakeholder organizations&lt;br&gt;114 members joined the organization</td>
<td>Mobilized Healthcare and Public Health professionals to discuss climate change and health</td>
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<td>Build relationships with key partners</td>
<td>Created a NMHPCA presentation and adapted for various engagements&lt;br&gt;Identified 6 partner organizations or climate coalitions</td>
<td>Advanced state climate &amp; health adaptation efforts</td>
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**IMPACT**

A healthy, thriving, and sustainable future for all New Mexicans
As a family doctor, I care for patients of all ages and backgrounds. I see patients for injuries, acute health issues, chronic illnesses and wellness visits. I am a strong believer in preventing health problems before they arise by addressing the individual and societal factors that can keep people from feeling their best.

That’s why I am calling on New Mexico leaders to adopt new standards aimed at cutting pollution from the tailpipes of cars and trucks. This month, the Environmental Improvement Board and the Albuquerque hearing a proposal from Gov. Lujan, deployment of vehicles that can run rules would help clean up our air and reduce the risks to our well-

Letters to the editor

New Mexicans should support clean air, better health and a brighter future

To the editor:

I’m an emergency medicine physician. I have had (and continue to face) patients with heart attacks, respiratory emergencies, stroke, trauma, and the patients continue to come in with dehydration, heat exhaustion, heat stroke, and other heat-related conditions. All of this is happening concurrently.

It has been a long day of medical emergencies, and the challenge of caring for patients who are suffering from the extreme heat is even more challenging.

I have been working with my colleagues to find innovative ways to reduce the burden of pulmonary disease caused by inhaling diesel soot and other fine particulate pollution produced by burning petroleum fuels. A young man recently told me, “I used to love to ride my bike. I can’t even ride a bike anymore since I’m so fatigued and out of breath. I’ve been exercising.”

Research shows that for every 10 micrograms per cubic meter reduction in fine particulate pollution, we can cut the risk of death from respiratory disease by 27%, death from heart disease by 10% and death from all causes by 3%. Further, cutting vehicle pollution can help reduce the risks posed by our warming climate.

As temperatures have been warming, emergency departments are seeing more cases of heat exhaustion, dehydration, and heat stroke co-occurring with other diseases, including in otherwise healthy people. Respiratory ER visits also rise during wildfires, which are becoming more frequent and severe as our climate gets hotter. Every ounce of climate-changing pollution we can prevent will help preserve the livability of communities across New Mexico, and the world.

Researchers estimate that the public health benefits of adopting new rules limiting car and truck pollution are worth more than $1 billion for New Mexico through 2050. For me, though, thinking about how it will affect my patients is more concrete and meaningful than a dollar figure, no matter how impressive. Clean air is often the difference between a child going to school or falling further behind in their learning. Clean air is a parent being able to show up to work rather than having to take another unpaid sick day or being at risk of losing their job. Clean air is a person being able to ride their bike or tend their garden or work in the fields, rather than lying sick in bed.

I urge New Mexicans to support new Clean Car and Clean Truck rules, and I ask state regulators to adopt the strongest possible version of these standards. Together, we can take a big step toward clean air, better health and a brighter future.

Paul W. Charlton
Gallup

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## Fiduciary Report

### 2023 Revenues

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<td>Con Alma Health Foundation (Executive Director’s Discretionary Grant)</td>
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<td>(Mona Sarfaty Fund for Climate, Health, and Equity)</td>
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*Revenues exceeded expectations by $18,769
The 2023 budget was for $28,341 which is in available funds*
# Fiduciary Report

## 2023 Expenses

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<td>Delta Management Group</td>
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## 2023 Year-End Budget

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**End of Year Balance** $33,460.43
Looking Toward the Future

Our organization is entering an exciting phase of growth and transformation. We are currently undergoing a name change to better reflect our mission and vision for the future: Healthy Climate New Mexico.

As part of our development campaign, we are focused on increasing our monthly donors to ensure sustainable support for our initiatives. Additionally, we are working towards becoming our own 501c3, which will provide us with greater autonomy and funding opportunities.

Building strong relationships with legislators and funders is a key priority as we seek to expand our capacity and reach. Simultaneously, we are dedicated to building our Climate Smart Healthcare Work Group, expanding our media presence, and growing our membership for MORE impact to protect health and promote equity in NM.
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