

THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTE

VISION: Health equity is achieved. Social and health issues continue to be prioritized through evidence, policy, civic engagement and social justice.

MISSION: To challenge the status quo by creating an environment in which social and health conditions allow individuals, families and communities to thrive.

What is a Public Health Institute?

Public health institutes (PHIs) are **nonprofit** organizations dedicated to **advancing public health practice** and making systemic **improvements in population health**. Public health institutes drive the kind of improvements that **impact the health outcomes of groups** (as opposed to just individuals) and **help all people to access** the conditions and resources they need to live healthy, happy lives.



Why a Public Health Institute is needed in New Mexico?

With organizational and technical support from the NMPHI, partners, communities and other initiatives will be better equipped to collect and use public health data, implement and monitor evidence-based public health programs, and, ultimately, save lives and money.

What We Do

<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Build unique partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Support policy and systems change
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Leverage resources and partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Promote informed and shared decision making
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Provide evidence based and timely health information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Increase focus on intersectoral work to address social inequities and economic disparities

How We Do It

- **Health policy and policy analysis through an equity lens: Equity in Policy Institute**

NMPHI will partner with UNM’s College of Population Health and RWJF Center for Health Policy, to co-host an “Equity in Policy Institute.” The institute will focus on racial and geographic health equity and social justice issues to advance the health and well-being of children and families in New Mexico.

- **Health informatics and Data Commons: Access to Accurate and Timely Data**

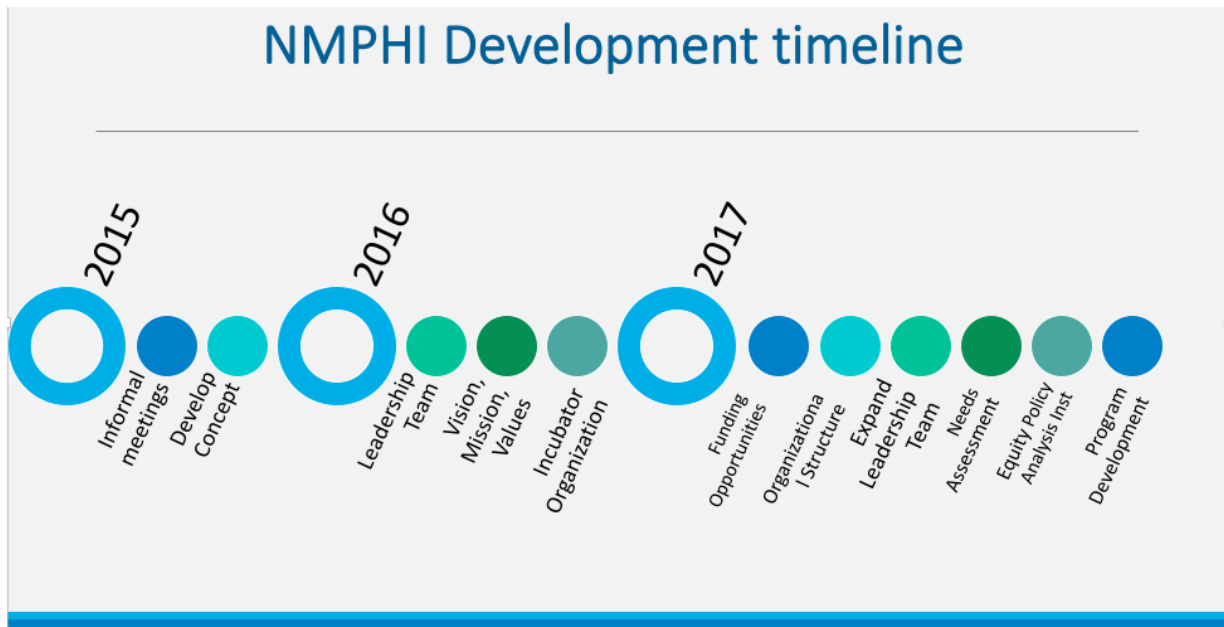
The NM Community Data Collaborative ([NMCDC](#)) has built an extensive collection of shared databases including NM DOH population health measures, resources, and outcomes. NMCDC will provide direct access and use of this data commons to the partners and participants in the regional forums. The NMCDC data and other tools will be used as a basis for participants to analyze and understand the issues that impact their communities.

- **Analysis of existing Needs Assessments: Determine resources/assets and needs/gaps**

Complete a “systematic review” and critical analysis of existing reports, papers and community assessments that focus on public health or population health systems in NM to inform us about further potential functions of NMPHI. What trends or developments are taking place? What type of system level activities are occurring?

- **Stakeholder convening and facilitation**

Provide the opportunity for rural and frontier New Mexicans to begin transforming the behavioral and population health systems to meet local needs and resources. We will invite and engage community members from multiple fields or interests to develop a roadmap for improving behavioral and population health.



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