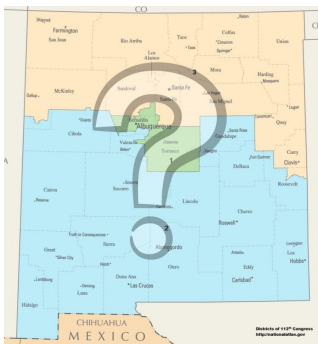




On the Cover of the Rolling Stone... Rio Arriba County Director of Health & Human Services and head of the Community Health Council Lauren Reichelt made the cover of the Rolling Stone! Lauren helped move a mix of county services forward developing behavioral health as a priority. Over the years, the county has been developing behavioral health services for justice-involved individuals, using the sequential intercept model (SIM). One of the most exciting development in their work has been a partnership with Judge Jason Lidyard and a Certified Peer Support Worker (CPSW), where the focus is on adjudication to treatment and recovery. It's a cutting-edge peer probation program, funded by a federal Rural Recovery from the Opioid Epidemic grant (RROE). It's a wide range of Health Council, behavioral health, and justice-related partnerships that have made all of this possible. Lauren and Rio Arriba County making us proud! Read the article [HERE](#)



Buzzword of the Week: Redistricting

There is a Special Session going on this week (and maybe next) mostly for redistricting, but the Governor added a spending plan on the roughly one billion dollars of federal

money the state has received.

The only budget bill that has been introduced so far, appropriates about \$400 million to (mostly) infrastructure projects. The rest will be moved to the general fund and appropriated in January.

Without a doubt, redistricting is the ugliest, most political process that happens in state government. For those of us who aren't legislators, it's almost an opaque process. Boundaries have to change to accommodate changes in population, but there are almost limitless options for doing that. There will be hearings and debates about different plans, but most of the work will be behind the scenes in party caucuses. Some of the most vicious battles will be fought between members of the same party.

Facebook County Communication Admins and Managers: Listen Up!

As part of President Linda Stover's initiative, NMC has partnered with Cathryn McGill, NM Black leadership Council, to produce and promote videos about why counties are important to the overall vibrancy of our great state. Tomorrow, Friday, you will receive a **Zoom invite for Fri. January 7th** from Mason Graham, info@nmbc.org, to learn how to participate in the rollout of the NMC 33 Strong Video Campaign.

Six regional videos have been produced to promote the beautiful things that counties do for their communities. The theme of the campaign will include 'A day without...' This Zoom meeting will provide social media assets and toolkit making it super easy for counties to push out this campaign to constituents. The 10 counties not on FB will have options for reaching the public. (think 2020 Census)

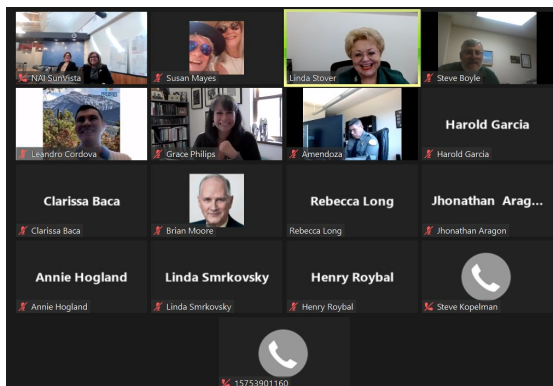
The campaign will kick off with a trailer release during the Opening Session at the 2022 NMC Legislative Conference on **Wed. Jan. 19**. The press will also be invited to attend. Exciting things are happening! #CountiesMatter



Hybrid: In-person and virtual
Review/download the agenda [HERE](#)

REGISTRATION OPEN!

Registration deadline for in-person attendees is **Monday, December 27, 2021**



NMC Executive Committee Recent Actions

- Authorized NMC staff to begin negotiations to purchase office property at 601 Rio Grande Blvd. NW in Albuquerque
- Support the following legislation:
 - PERA—Return to Work for Retirees
 - SB 66—Permitted Percentage Rates for Loans to 36%
 - Proposed NM Tourism Budget

NMCIA Pool Board Recent Actions

- Approved the 2022 reinsurance and other coverages (details to be provided to members soon, as the broker is awaiting final bids for some coverages)
- Approved the 2022 budget
- Approved updated 2022 contributions (deductible options to be provided to members soon)
- Approved the 2022 Open Meetings Act Resolution, changing the date of the March meeting to March 9 and the August meeting to August 10
- Approved the New Mexico County Reinsurance, Inc. (New Mexico Re) formation documents including bylaws and articles of incorporation
- Approved a 10% quota share for law enforcement reinsurance with New Mexico Re

NM EDGE Winter Honing Roadmap/Class Schedule

Classes Tuesdays and Thursdays
January 11–February 1, 2022
New certification for DWI Coordinator [HERE](#)

Mon Dec 13 NACo Webinar: 911 Dispatch-Innovations for Addressing Behavioral Health Crisis Calls Noon – 2PM

Link to NMC Meetings [Annual Calendar](#)

Link to NMC Loss Prevention Trainings [RSVP](#)

All trainings open to county elected officials & employees

Thu Dec 9	Online Harassment Prevention Training 2PM – 3:30PM Register
Tue & Thu Jan	Live online NMEDGE Classes Jan. 11, 13, 17, 18, 25, 27
Mon Jan 17–18	Live online NM EDGE Classes
Tue Jan 18–20	Hybrid NMC Legislative Conference in person & virtual, Santa Fe County
Tue Jan 18	Legislative Session Begins Noon
Tue Jan 18	Hybrid NMCIA Membership meeting 9AM Eldorado Hotel
Tue Jan 18	Hybrid NMC Board of Directors meeting 2PM Eldorado Hotel
Thu Jan 27	Virtual NMC Executive Committee meeting 11AM
Wed Feb 2	Deadline for Bill Introduction
Sat Feb 5	NMC Board of Directors meeting 8:30AM Santa Fe County
Thu Feb 10	Virtual NMC Executive Committee meeting 11AM
Sat Feb 12–16	NACo Legislative Conference D.C.
Thu Feb 17	Legislative Session ends Noon
Tue & Thu Mar	NM EDGE Classes Live Online, Mar. 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31
Wed Mar 16	NMCIA Board of Directors meeting 8:30AM TBD
Wed Mar 23	Legislative Regional meeting 10AM Doña Ana County
Thu Mar 24	Legislative Regional meeting 10AM San Miguel County

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