

Vice Chancellor for Community Health

The Vice Chancellor for Community Health is responsible for linking UNM HSC resources in its School of Medicine, College of Nursing, College of Pharmacy and University Hospitals and for linking its education, clinical service and research activities with the priority health needs of New Mexico's diverse geographic and ethnic populations. To carry out this responsibility, the Vice Chacnellor supervises the Office for Community Health and under this Office are three Executive Directors of Centers for Minority Health, one each for Hispanic Health, Native American Health and African-American Health; the Health Extension (HEROs) Program; the Institute for Public Health; the Partnership for the Reduction of Health Disparities; the Emerging Infections Program; the Center for Telehealth and Cybermedicine Research; the NM Immunization Coalition and the Endowment for the Reduction of Health Disparities.

Job duties:

1. Direct and integrate the activities of multiple, major operations of the Health Sciences Center, ensuring they are generally cohesive, consistent, and effective in supporting the University's mission, goals, and strategic plan, including the new strategic goal to improve the health of NM more than any other state by 2020.
2. Develop strategies and operations to ensure efficient and effective implementation of major cross-University initiatives.
3. Oversee the development, implementation, and maintenance of multiple project objectives and short- and long-range plans; develop tracking and evaluation programs
4. Manage and administer a large, diverse team of professional staff, many based off campus in communities around the state
5. Create collaboration and partnerships between departments, schools, leadership, University administration, and community stakeholders.
6. Consult, coordinate, and serve as principal liaison with University leadership on strategic matters of community health, innovative educational programs, and interprofessional partnerships.
7. Develop and manage annual budgets for the organization
8. Recommend and participate in the development of University policies and procedures; serve on University planning and policy-making committees.
9. Maintain currency of knowledge with respect to the University's strategic directions and plans, and relevant state-of-the-art systems and technology.
10. Provide expertise and guidance in matters relating to community health improvement

Major activities include:

- Vision 2020: mobilizing the HSC through symposia, newsletters and community programs to achieve the Vision that NM will make more progress in health and health equity than any other state by 2020
- Regional UNM HSC academic “hubs:” creating a decentralized network of community hospitals, branch campuses or federally qualified health centers that address the mission areas of the HSC in their own region
- Health Extension Rural Offices (HEROs): establishment of UNM HSC-linked, community-based health extension offices in different regions and counties to maintain and monitor County Health Report Cards and assist communities in improving their health status with support from the University
- Centers for Minority Health: each is charged with monitoring and addressing health disparities in health status in the Hispanic, Native American or African American population in NM mobilizing resources in education, service and research
- Telehealth: supporting the development of telehealth programs at UNM HSC and helping communities access the broad range of telehealth resources that may improve access and quality of care
- Disparities Endowment: these NIH funds support research and education endeavors conducted by junior faculty and students related to ethnic disparities in health