



## **Karen Kinsman, MS, PMP**

### **Director/Senior Program Manager, UNM STEM-H Center**

Karen grew up in the Corning, NY area, but also had the opportunity to live in Sao Paulo, Brazil from 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade when her father was tapped as Project Manager for the building & opening of one of Corning's large television tube/screen plants. Following HS, Karen moved to Troy, NY for undergraduate school then to the Adirondack Mountains (Saranac Lake, NY) for work until moving to NM in 1993. She has an MS in Management from Antioch University New England, a BA in Psychology (Addictions Counseling) & Creative Arts in Therapy from Russell Sage College, Project Management Professional Certification, and Facilitation Certification from UNM Anderson School of Management. Karen came to UNM after an early career in addictions treatment, developmental disabilities services management, staff training & development, and finally as Director of Education & PR for a long-term care professional association.

Karen has been Director/Senior Program Manager for what is now the STEM-H Center at UNM since 2002. Karen directs the [UNM STEM-H Center](#) & is part of the Management Team for the UNM Health Sciences Center [Office for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion](#). As Director of the [UNM STEM-H Center](#), Karen has been responsible for growing & diversifying the Center from a single program (regional science fair) to a center offering a robust set of programs/services. The STEM-H Center is a diverse portfolio of signature STEM competitions, professional development training, a resource-rich website, regular e-communications highlighting its own as well as community partner programs, and equipment/curricula reaching thousands of students/educators annually. Karen was an active member of the NM Public Education Department's Math & Science Advisory Council (MSAC) and has held key roles regionally, statewide, and nationally/internationally including formerly Chairing the [International Science & Engineering Fair's](#) Advisory Council and working on the ISEF Operations Team. She is also a board member for the NM Partnership for Mathematics & Science Education, on the Leadership Team of the [STEM NM Ecosystem](#), member of the UNM Center for Water & the Environment's Internal Grant Advisory Committee, and member of the planning group for the Undergraduate Research, Arts, & Design Network (URAD is NSF-funded & directed by Dr. Timothy Schroeder on main campus).

Karen has 30 years' experience in non-profit leadership, addictions counseling, training design/facilitation, project/program management, conference/event management, & organizational consulting. Her passions include creating strategic collaborations/partnerships & coaching/mentoring. She loves music and regularly sings with an area church choir. She was the founding director of the NM Women's Chorus and was a choral accompanist for a number of years in MS, HS, & college. Karen has been a member/officer on several non-profit organization boards including currently as Treasurer of the Russell Sage College Alumnae/i Association. She is the proud mom of a nearly 23-year-old son, Zack, who is currently an Engineering & Applied Mathematics (Data Science) student at Texas Southern University in Houston. Karen and her wife, Holly, live in Albuquerque, NM with their three nutty dogs and a very reclusive cat!