



County & Tribal Health Councils
An Instrumental Function of Public Health in Service of New Mexico



Indian Affairs Committee
October 2nd, 2024
Zia Day School, Pueblo of Zia

Land Acknowledgement

The New Mexico Alliance of Health Councils humbly recognizes and acknowledges we are on unceded territory and ancestral lands of the original peoples of New Mexico's Pueblos, Apache Nations, and the Navajo Nation.

Together, we acknowledge the history of genocide, dispossession, colonization and ongoing systemic inequities, while strengthening and respecting relationships with Indigenous peoples.

We give thanks to the past, present and future stewards of this land and respect all tribal nation's sovereignty. In offering this Land Acknowledgment, we affirm Indigenous resiliency, self-determination, and self-governance of New Mexico's tribes and nations who are still here today.



THE CHALLENGE & OPPORTUNITY:

- NEW MEXICO, 47TH IN EDUCATION, 50TH IN HEALTH & SAFETY (Americas Health Ranking Study)
- NEW MEXICO, 50TH WORST STATE TO BE A CHILD (Annie E. Casey 2024)
- HEALTH COUNCILS: ADDRESSING PUBLIC HEALTH PRIORITIES AT THE LOCAL LEVEL AND SYSTEMS LEVELS

THE ALIGNMENT:

- CRITICAL FUNCTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH STATEWIDE (LOCAL & SYSTEMS)
- ALIGNMENT WITH GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
- ALIGNMENT WITH NMDOH'S NORTH STAR
- ALIGNMENT WITH NM HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY'S GOALS

THE SOLUTION:

- SHORT AND LONG TERM STRATEGY: INVESTING IN COUNTY & TRIBAL HEALTH COUNCILS, THE LOCAL TRUSTED COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH HUBS, FOR ADVANCING HEALTH EQUITY

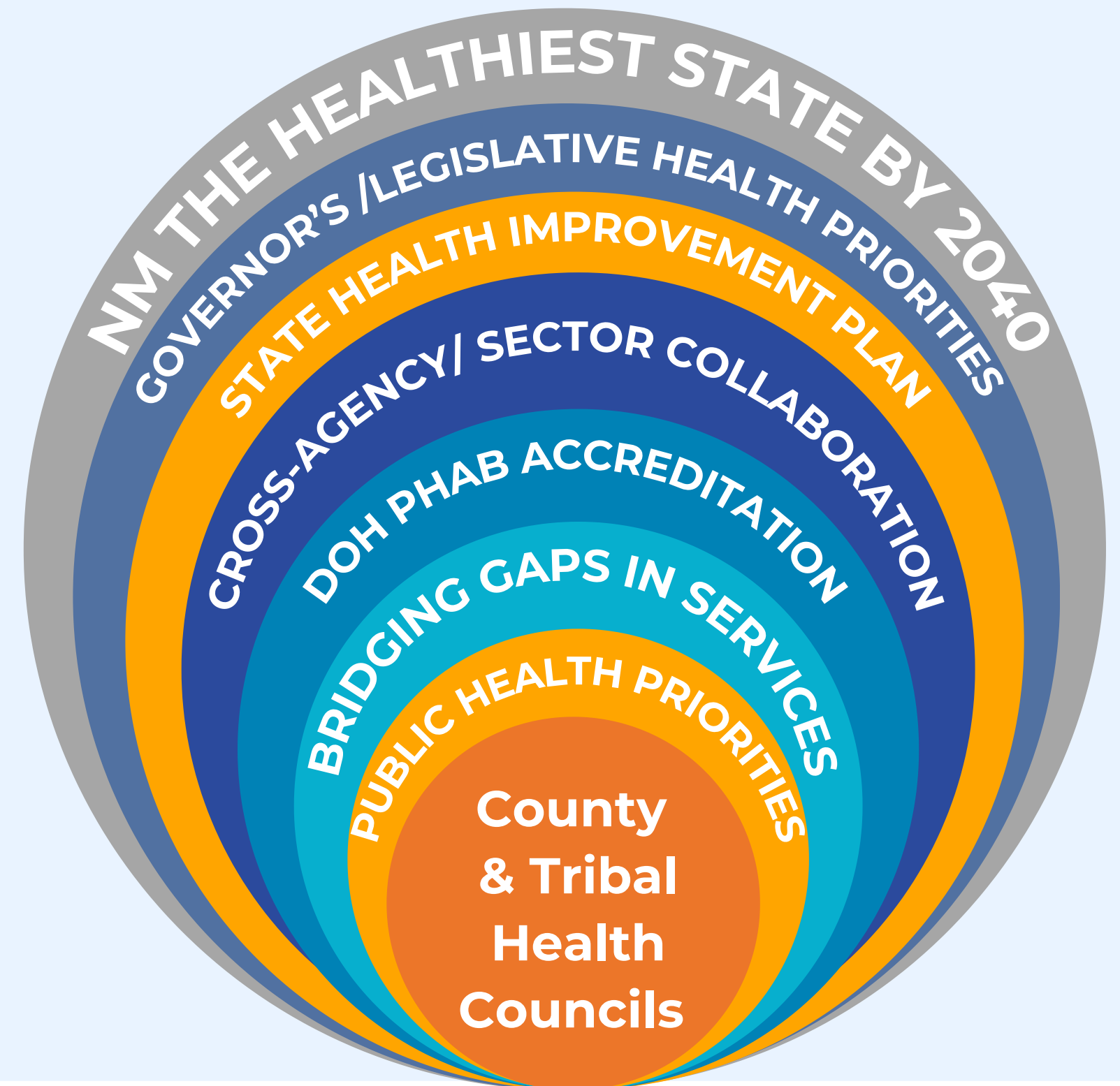
Health Council Aligned with Governor Grisham's & Legislative Priorities, NMDOH, HCA and Other State Agencies

ALIGNMENT OF NMDOH AND HEALTH COUNCIL PRIORITIES & INITIATIVES

NMDOH MISSION	NMDOH GOALS	KEY COMPONENTS
Promote Health and Well-Being	Expand Equitable Access for all New Mexicans	State Health Assessment
Improve Health Outcomes	Improve Health Status for all New Mexicans	State Health Improvement Plan
Ensure Health Equity	Ensure Safety in NM Health Care Environment	Public Health Accreditation Board
	Support services for staff	Quality Improvement

Visit NM Health Website <https://www.nmhealth.org/>

GOVERNOR GRISHAM	NM HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY	SYSTEMS COLLABORATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BEHAVIORAL HEALTH • AGING CARE & SERV. • FIREARM SAFETY • HOUSING/ HOMELESS • VACCINATION • COMMUNITY OUTREACH • FOOD ACCESS • STRATEGIC WATER 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACHIEVE HEALTH EQUITY: BY ADDRESSING POVERTY, DISCRIMINATION, AND LACK OF RESOURCES • MEDICAID SERVICES • FOOD IS MEDICINE RX • SERVE AS EXTENTION TO FIELD OFFICES 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STATE TRIBAL COLLABORATION ACT • CLOSED LOOP REFERRAL SYSTEM • STATEWIDE RESOURCE DIRECTORY: SHARENM • COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE FORUM • STATEWIDE COLLABORATION DOC



33 County and 10 Tribal Health Councils

WHO THEY ARE:

County & Tribal Health Councils were established in 1991 by the New Mexico legislature, originally under Maternal and Child Care Act. The function of Health Councils was reaffirmed in 2019 by the County and Tribal Health Councils Act (HB 137).

THERE ARE...

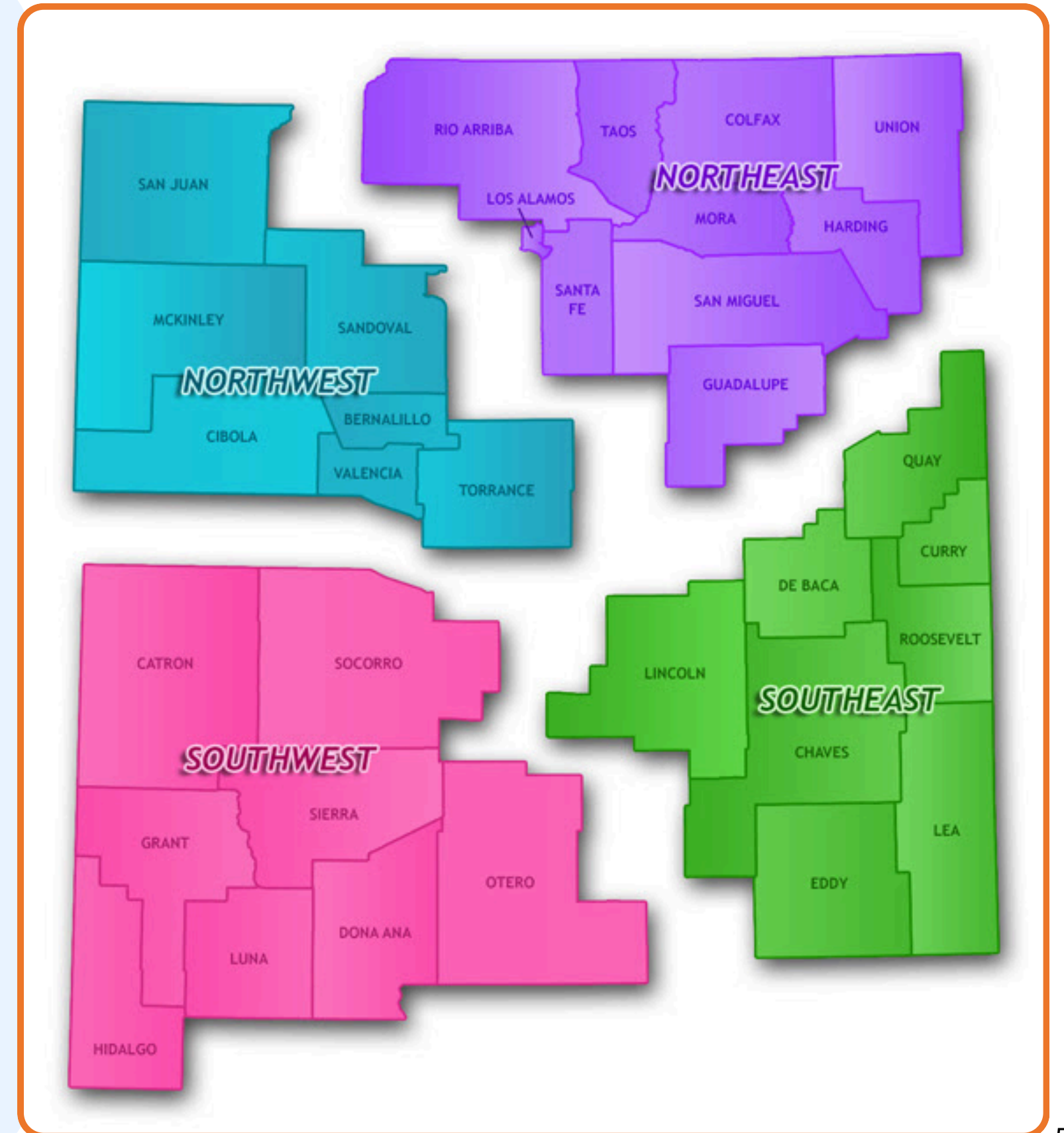
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&

10 TRIBAL
HEALTH COUNCILS
IN NEW MEXICO

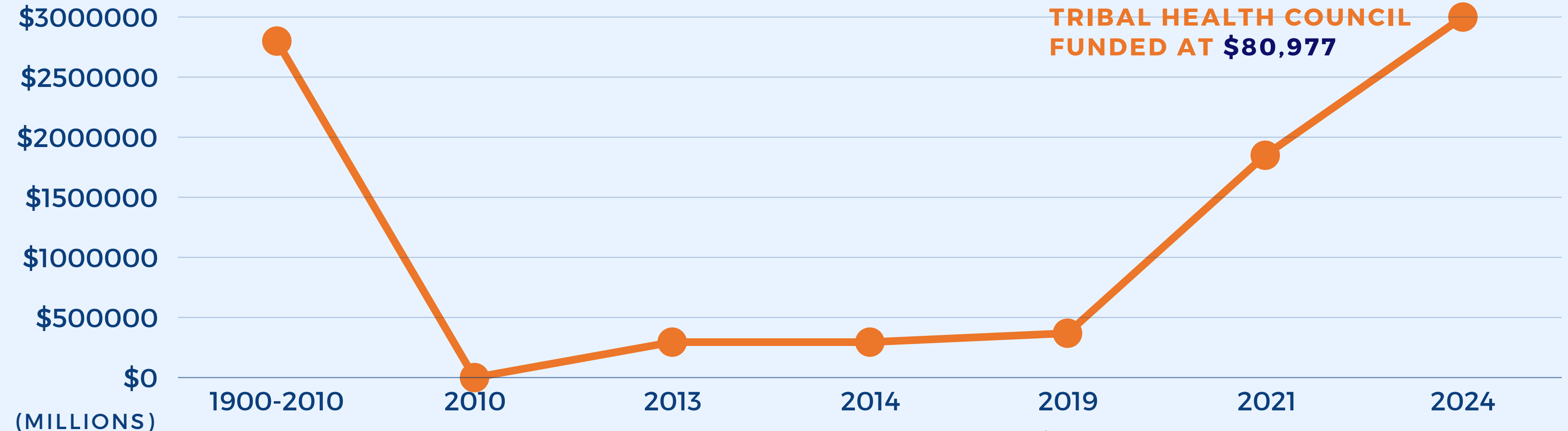
Tribal Health Councils

- Pueblo of Acoma
- Pueblo of Cochiti
- Pueblo of Nambe
- Pueblo of Picuris
- Pueblo of San Ildefonso
- Pueblo of Santa Ana
- Pueblo of Santa Clara
- Pueblo of Santo Domingo
- Pueblo of Tesuque
- Canoncito Band of Navajos



NM County & Tribal Health Councils: Funding

FY2025: EACH COUNTY & TRIBAL HEALTH COUNCIL FUNDED AT \$80,977



HEALTH COUNCILS FUNDED: \$2.8 MILLION

HEALTH COUNCILS DE-FUNDED: -\$2.8 MILLION

HEALTH COUNCIL FUNDING REINSTATED BY LEGISLATURE: \$195,000

NMDOH APPLIES FOR PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION FUNDED: \$2.95 MILLION

HEALTH COUNCIL FUNDING BY LEGISLATURE INCREASES: \$369,000

NMDOH RECEIVES CDC & KELLOGG FUNDING AT \$50,000 PER HEALTH COUNCIL ENDED MAY 2024

REACHED OVER 350K W/ EMERGENCY RESPONSE

HEALTH COUNCILS SECURE ONE-TIME APPROPRIATION OF \$3 MILLION FROM LEGISLATURE: TOTAL OF \$3.6 M

Health Council Community Membership

Membership depends on the structure of the Health Council and is focused on engaging and centering community members. Each Health Council operates according to the Health Council bylaws that are specific to their governance structure.

109 Statewide paid staff and Health Council members as of August 2024:

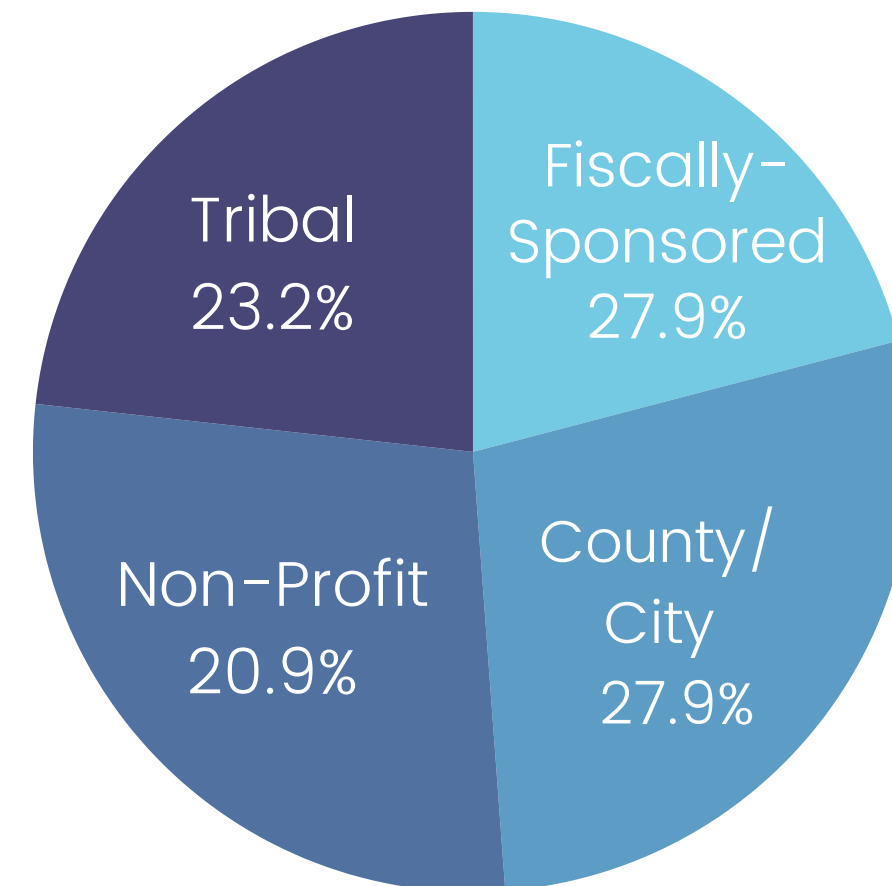
STATEWIDE:

- Total HC paid staff reported statewide = 96
- Average paid HC staff per Health Council = 2.67
- Total HC members reported statewide = **643++**
- Average HC members reported per Health Council= 30.62

TRIBAL ONLY:

- Total Tribal HC paid staff reported = 15
- Average paid Tribal HC staff per health council = 2
- Total Tribal HC members reported statewide = 124
- Average Tribal HC members reported per Health Council= 13.7

As of August 2024, these are the governance structures that make-up the network of County & Tribal Health Councils:



Each Health Council operates according to the recommendations from County or Tribal leadership and/ or related bylaws.

1. Tribal Government
2. County/City Government
3. Non-Profit Corporation
4. Fiscal Sponsorships/ Agents

Health Council Governance Structures

HEALTH COUNCILS ARE THE REPRESENTATION OF DIVERSE COMMUNITIES, INTIMATELY AWARE OF COMMUNITY NEEDS AND CRITICAL IN THE COORDINATION OF ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND SYSTEMS OF CARE. FOR OVER 30 YEARS, HEALTH COUNCILS HAVE SERVED AS THE LOCAL COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH HUBS, LET'S LEVERAGE THEM FOR SUCCESS.

LEADERSHIP ROLE: HEALTH COUNCIL COORDINATOR

HEALTH COUNCILS: EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

- Organizational Management & Development
- Grants Sourcing, Management & Reporting
- Planning & assessment
- Data Collection & Reporting
- Outreach & Membership
- Facilitation & Project Mat
- Coordination of Services
- Marketing & Communications
- Knowledge of health issues
- Public Health Education
- Intervention & Prevention
- Community Engagement & Building

- Develop and support Health Council Leadership
- Community outreach for building Health Council Membership
- Lead Health Council member engagement, recruitment and retention
- Coordinate monthly meetings, location and facilitation
- Increase community awareness of Health Council role and function
- Represent the Health Council in local, County and statewide collaborations in service of communities
- Liaison with fiscal agent, meet reporting requirements and financials
- Collaborate with key partners in coordination of services and care
- Community health assessment, planning and implementation
- Drive Health Council capacity/development in addressing CHIP priorities
- Coordinate Health Councils activities such as community health events
- Lead public health education, prevention and intervention initiatives
- Progress reports to the Health Council's outcomes and impact
- Progress reports to the New Mexico Department of Health and NMAHC
- Evaluate and report on outcomes in partnership with NMDOH/NMAHC
- Collaborate in statewide advocacy efforts in support of County & Tribal Health Councils
- Collaborate/ inform statewide public health systems (CCF, CHNA, CLR)

Health Councils are the Voice of Community Members, who can inform policies to ensure equity and improve systems of care for New Mexicans.



Health Councils ~ Advocacy In Action!
New Mexico Legislative Session 2024

Functions of Health Councils

2019 County and Tribal Health Councils Act House Bill 137

Health councils are mandated to identify community needs and priorities, identify and coordinate access to critical resources; evaluate the community's system of care with an equity approach; coordinate public health education, prevention and intervention efforts, and engage in advocacy efforts to improve community health. Health Councils are the representation of local communities and a strong voice for health equity.

Conduct county or tribal assessments and inventory of health resources

Identify health priorities determined through community-based planning

Identify resources and implementation of strategies to address health priorities

Monitor health care programs and services to identify gaps and reduce duplication

Collaborate with other entities to develop programs, networks, partnerships, and coalitions

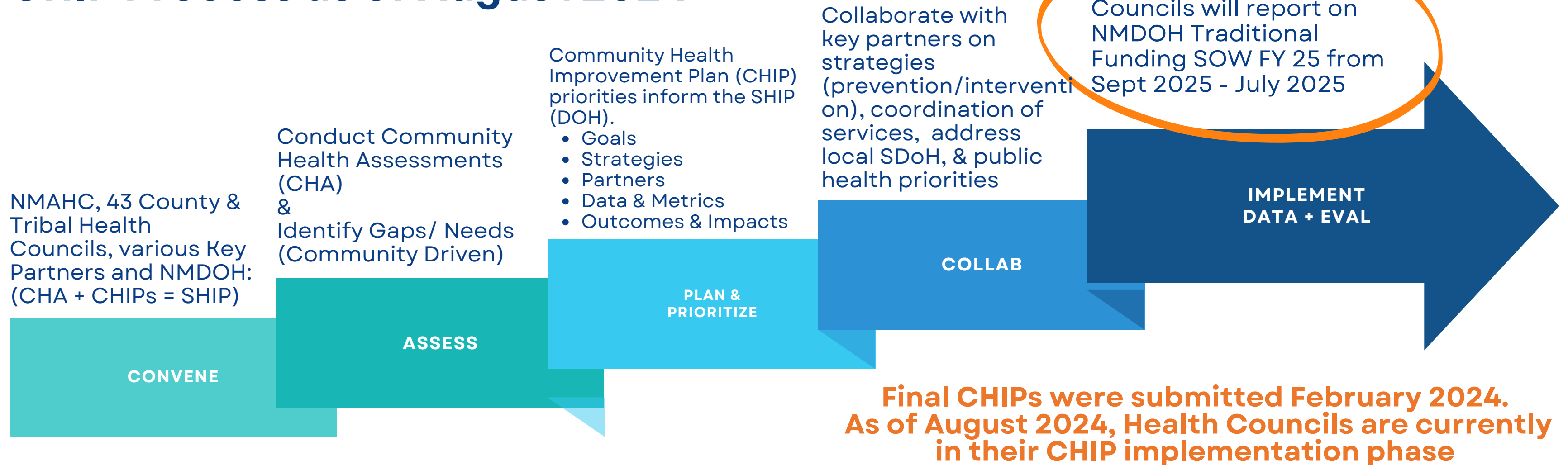
Advise the board in its jurisdiction and other entities regarding policies that affect health

Facilitate communication among local jurisdictions, state agencies, and other entities

Identification of additional public and private resources to improve health

Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

CHIP Process as of August 2024



State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP)
with NM Department of Health
Community Health Needs Assessment
(Sector Collaboration)



County & Tribal Health Council CHIP Priorities, as of September 2024

Overview of CHIP Priorities: County & Tribal Health Councils

Promoting Health Equity

Addressing Social Determinants of Health + Improving Population Health

56%

Behavioral Health Prevention

(Ongoing Mental Health & Substance Misuse Disorders)

21 Health Councils

16%

Mental Health & Suicide Prevention

6 Health Councils

13%

Substance Use Disorders & Misuse

5 Health Councils

11%

Access to Affordable Housing & Economic Stability

4 Health Councils

8%

Elder and Aging Care

3 Health Councils

8%

Chronic Disease Preventive Care

3 Health Councils

8%

Access to Quality Health Care Services

3 Health Councils

6%

Access to Healthy & Nutritious Foods

3 Health Councils

3%

Violence Prevention & Firearm Related Injuries

1 Health Councils

Health Council Strategies

Health Education; Prevention and Intervention; Coordinate Access to Services; Data collection and Analysis; Advocacy and Policy; Built Environment; Engagement and Partnerships; Funding Raising and Sustainability; Capacity Development; Workforce; Attitude and Beliefs; Prevention and Harm Reduction, Systems of Care, etc.

Tribal Health Council CHIP Priorities

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Promoting Tribal Health Equity

Addressing Social Determinants of Health

Improving Tribal Population Health

44%

Behavioral Health Prevention
(Ongoing Mental Health & Substance Misuse Disorders)
Substance Use Disorders & Misuse

33%

Chronic Disease Prevention
Diabetes

11%

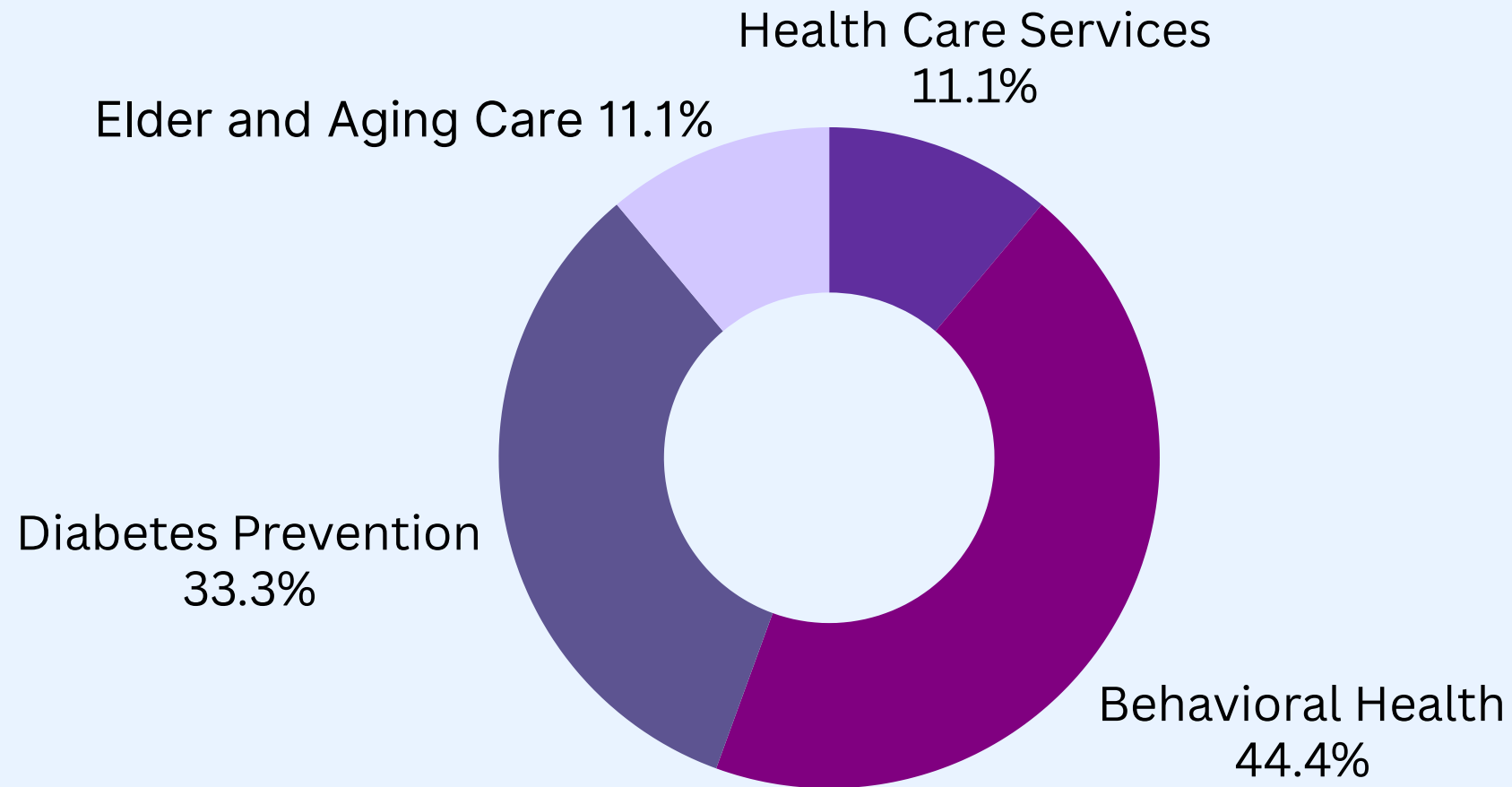
Elder and Aging Care

11%

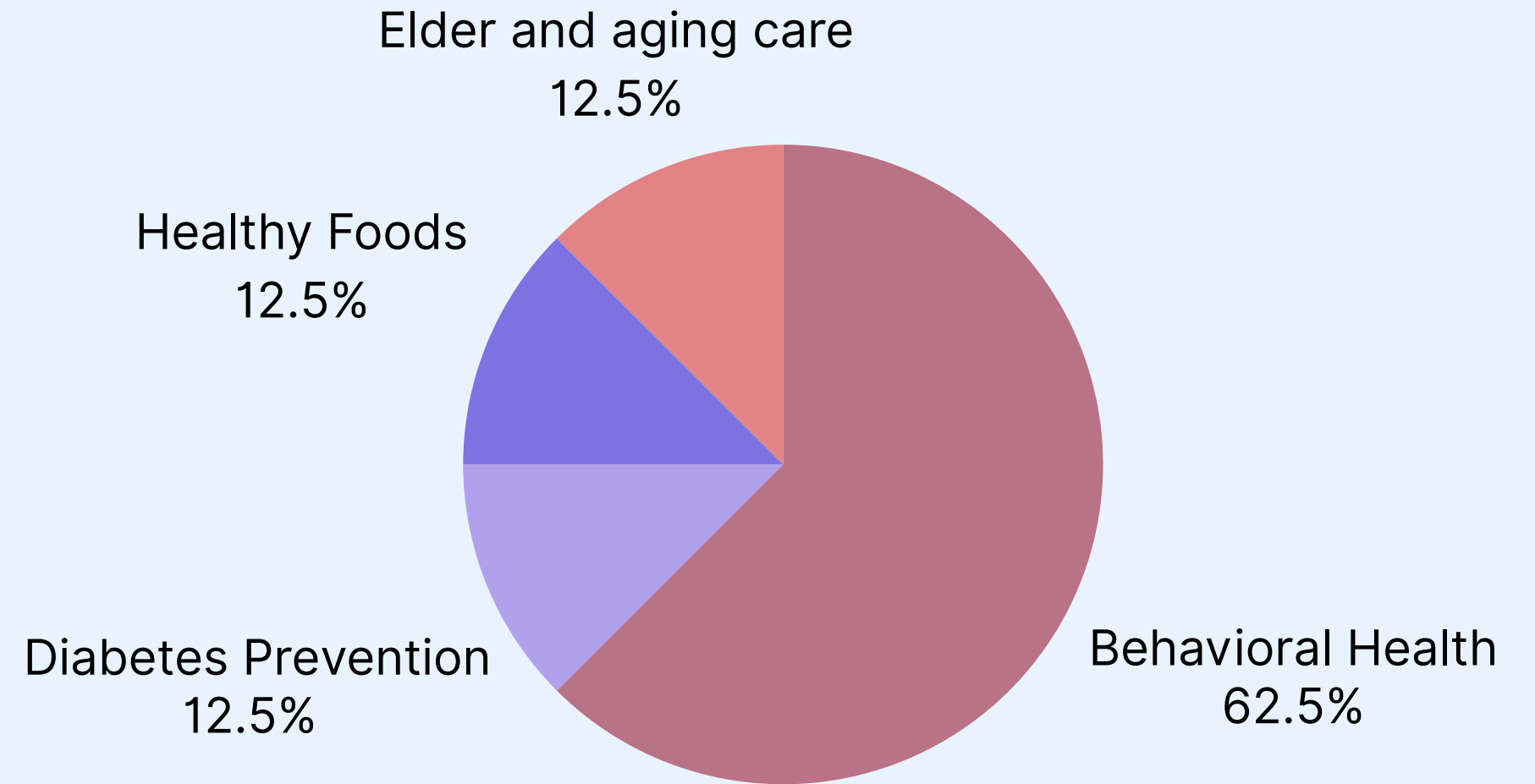
Access to Quality Health
Care Services

Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

Tribal Health Councils Only



Metro Region



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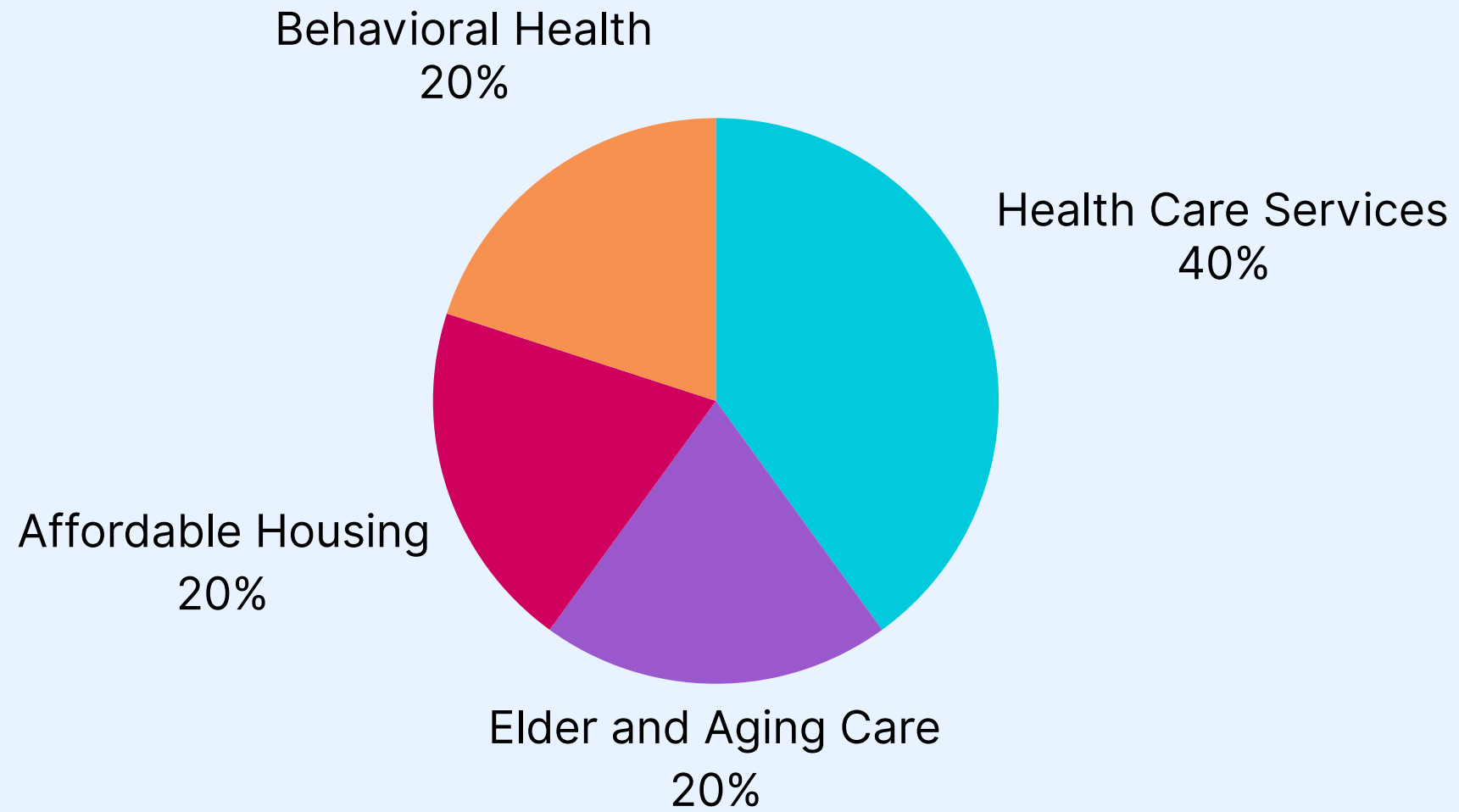
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METRO HEALTH COUNCILS

- Bernalillo County
- Sandoval County
- Torrance County
- Valencia County
- Cañoncito Band of Navajos
- Cochiti Pueblo
- Santo Domingo Pueblo

Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

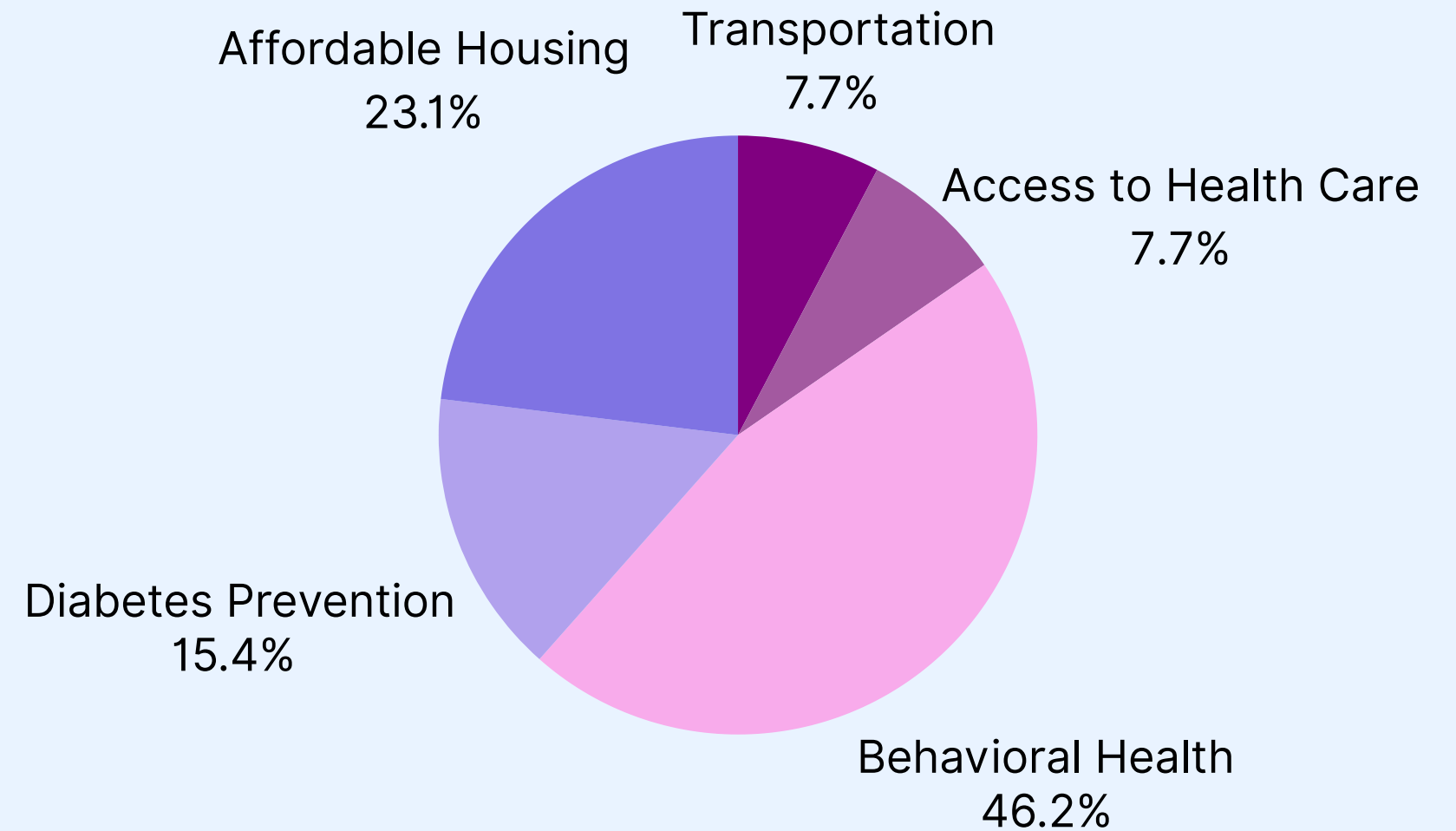
Northwest Region



NORTHWEST HEALTH COUNCILS

Cibola County
 San Juan County
 McKinley County
 Acoma Pueblo

Northeast Region

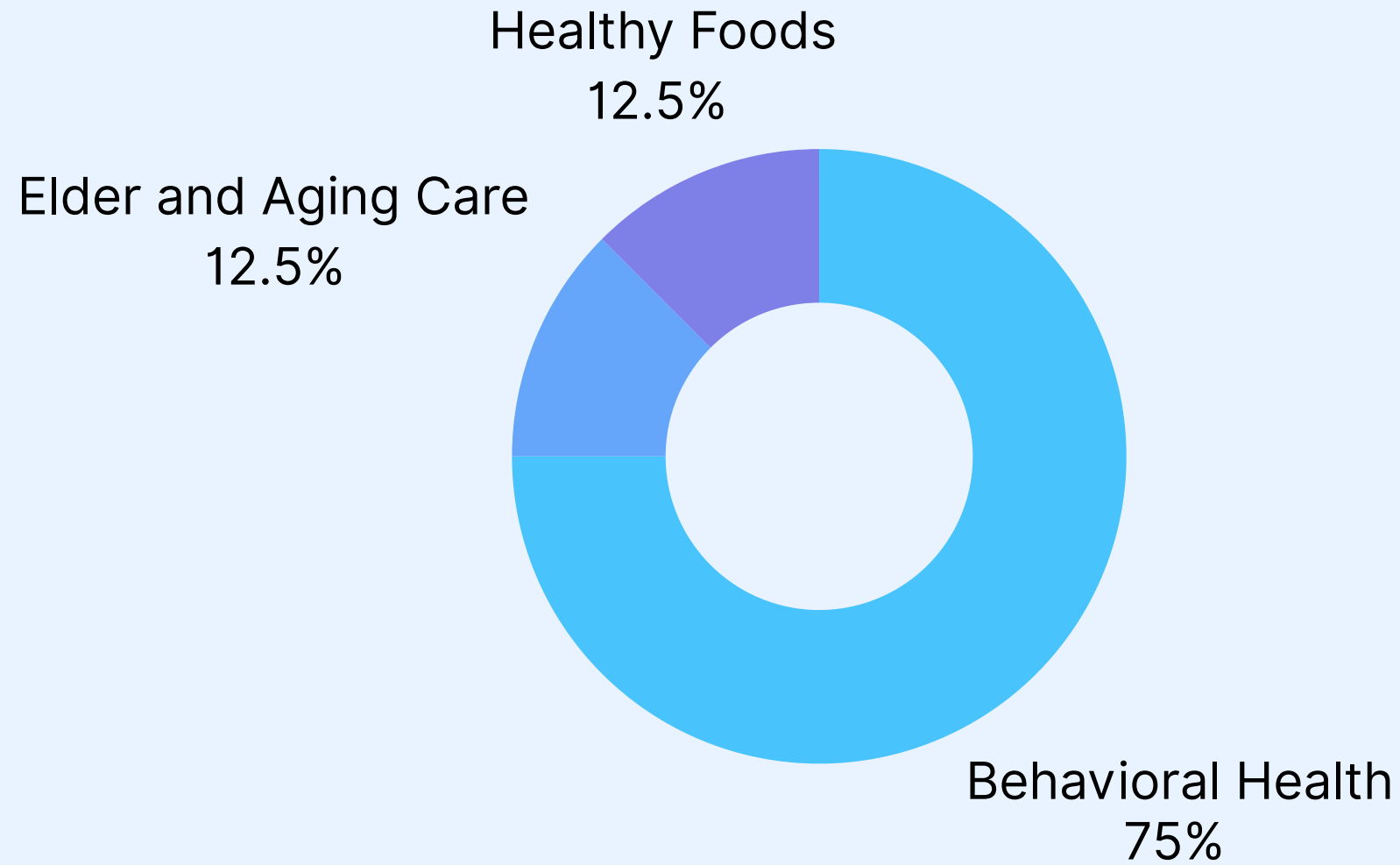


NORTHEAST HEALTH COUNCILS

Colfax County	Santa Fe County	Nambe Pueblo
Harding County	San Miguel Count	Picuris Pueblo
Los Alamos County	Guadalupe County	San Ildefonso Pueblo
Mora County	Taos County	Santa Clara Pueblo
Rio Arriba County	Union County	Tesuque Pueblo

Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

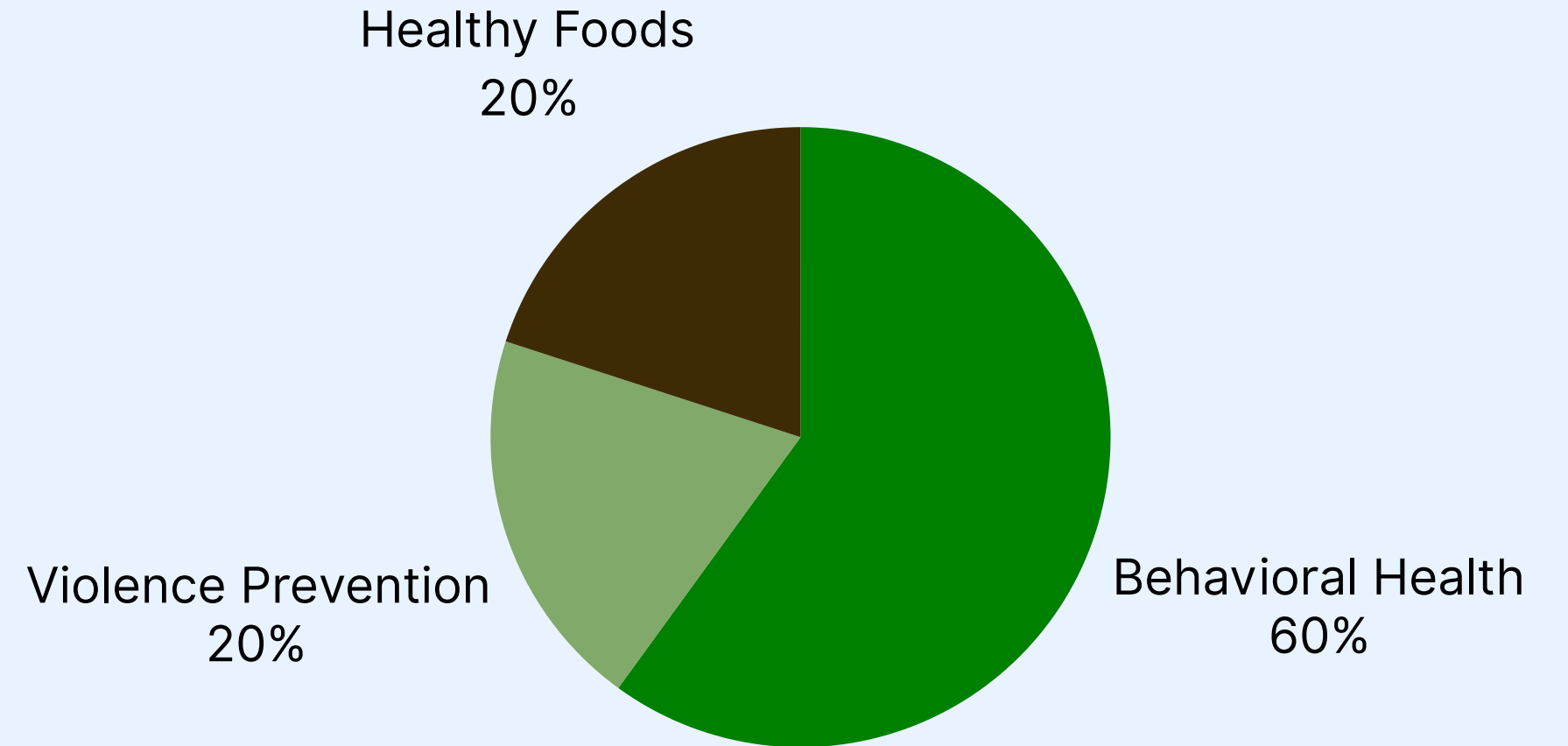
Southwest Region



SOUTHWEST HEALTH COUNCILS

- Catron County
- Dona Ana County
- Grant County
- Hidalgo County
- Luna County
- Otero County
- Sierra County
- Socorro County

Southeast Region

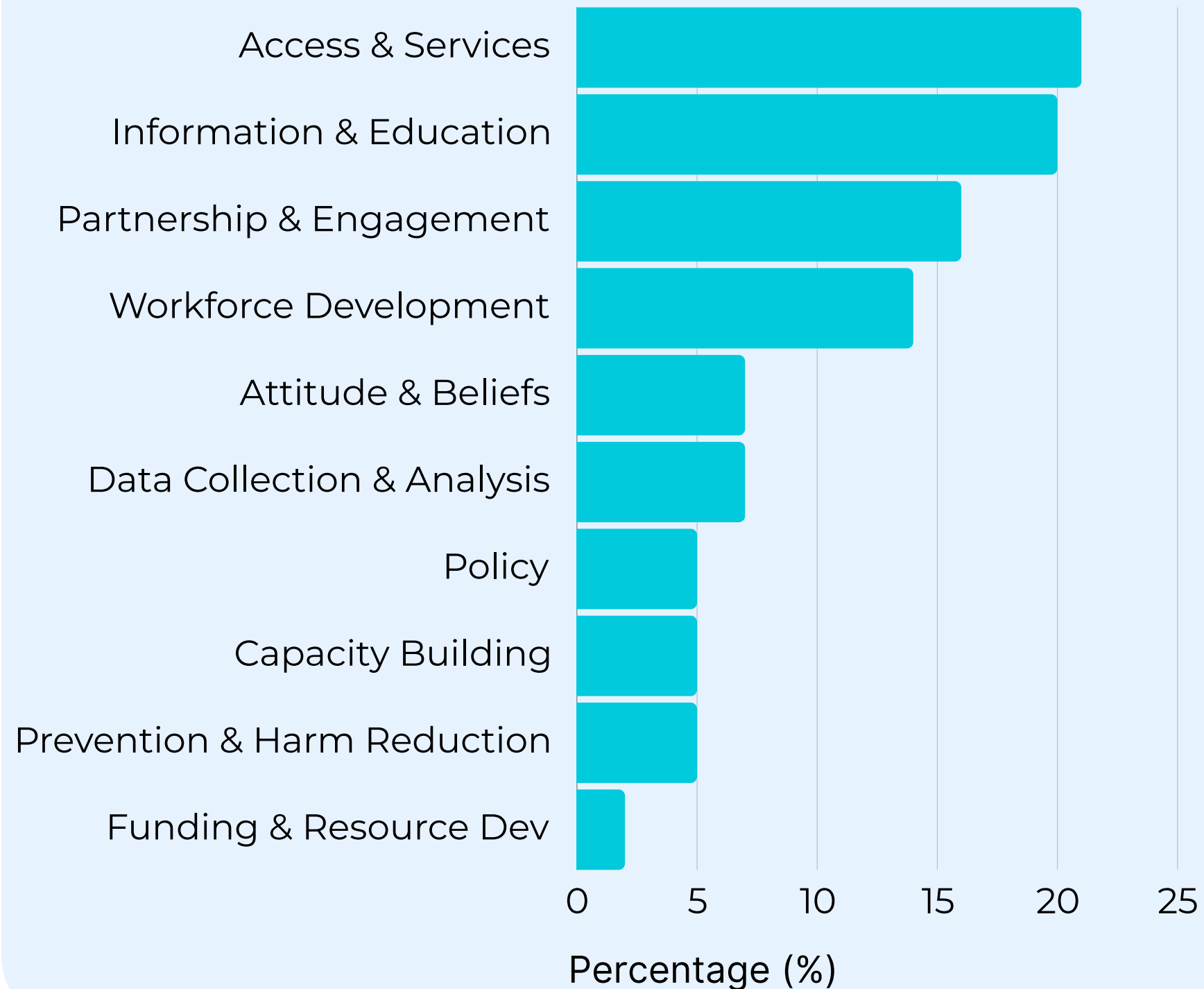


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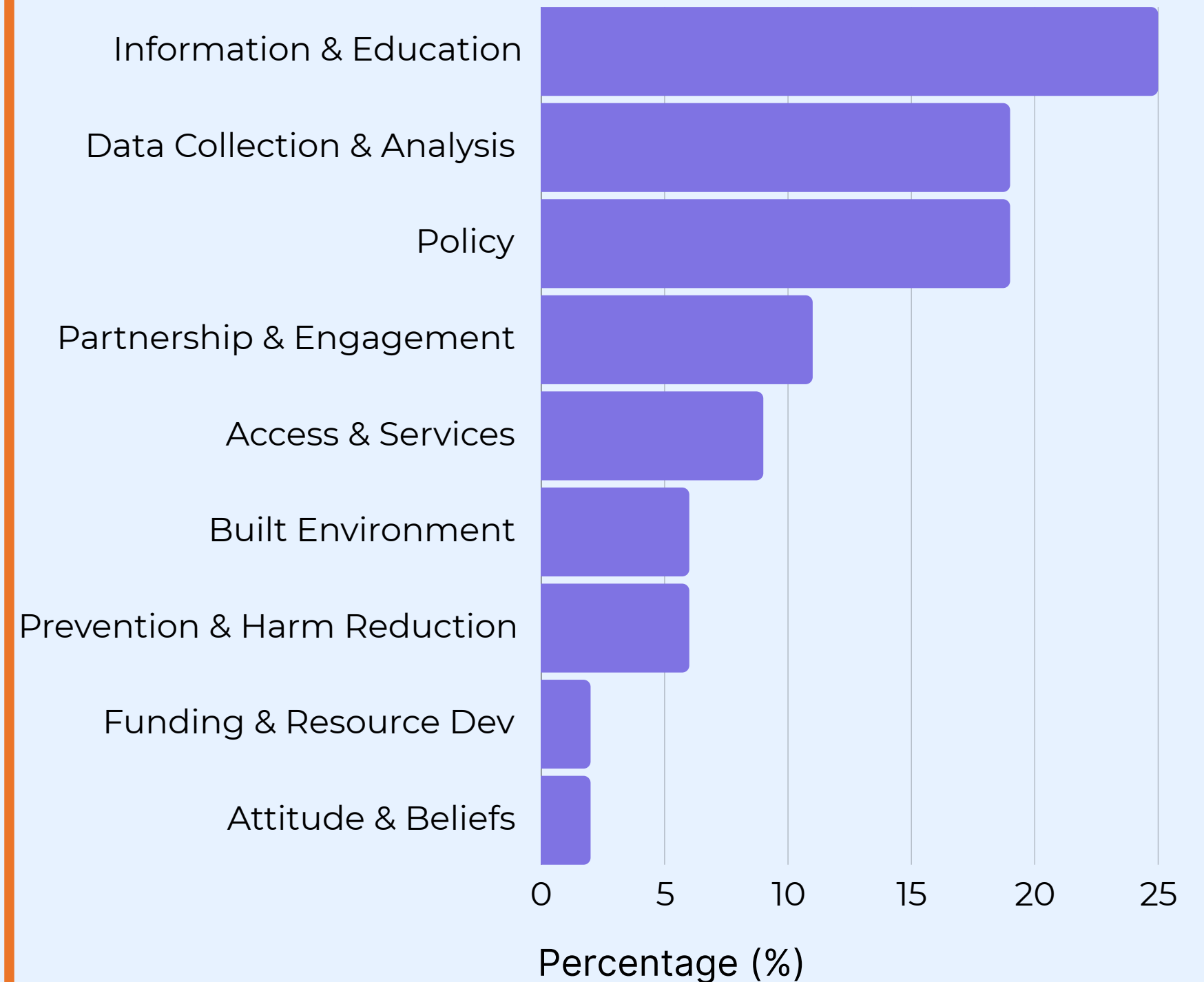
- Chaves County
- Curry County
- De Baca County
- Eddy County
- Lea County
- Lincoln County
- Quay County
- Roosevelt County

Community Health Improvement Plan & Strategies (CHIP)

County CHIP Strategies



Tribal CHIP Strategies



Impacts of County & Tribal Health Council CHIP Priorities and Efforts

Impacts of County & Tribal Health Councils' CHIP Priorities: Behavioral Health, Mental Health, and Substance Use Disorders and Misuse October 2023 - August 2024

4,647

Number of Narcan
lifesaving kits distributed
statewide by County &
Tribal Health Councils

1,840

Number of community
members and partners
trained on administering
Narcan, trainings hosted by
Health Councils

1,184

Number of community
members and partners
trained on Mental Health
First Aid/ QPR, hosted by
Health Councils

143

Number of community-
based mental health and
substance misuse trainings
for both youth, adults, and
families on prevention
hosted by Health Councils

74

Number of Behavioral
Health assessments and
interviews completed for
additional data conducted
by Health Councils

1,260

Number of Behavioral
Health resource guides
distributed to households &
SHARENM Behavioral
Health resources shared by
Health Councils

2,025

Number of viewers
reached on social media
discussing prevention
efforts on Behavioral
Health by Health Councils

295

Number of community
members reached with
988 resources and mental
health awareness walks
hosted by Health Councils

441

Number of statewide
partners addressing
Behavioral Health in
collaboration with County
and Tribal Health Councils

501

Number of drug testing
kits and timed pill
boxes provided to
community members by
Health Councils

Impacts of County & Tribal Health Council CHIP Priorities and Efforts

Impacts of Priority: Access to Affordable Housing & Economic Instability August 2023 - August 2024

81

Number of community Housing assessments completed for additional data gathering conducted by Health Councils

112

Number of community members engaged with Town Halls discussing Housing Instability concerns by Health Councils

30

Number of pallet homes created by Health Councils for tent cities in partnership with County municipality

5,927

Number of community members living in tent cities supported with social service-related needs by Health Councils

\$26,528

Amount of in-kind gift cards collected for food, gas, etc. provided to homeless or at-risk individuals by Health Councils

Impacts of Priority:

Access to Quality Health Care Services October 2023 - August 2024

13,182

Number of community members reached with health promotion activities hosted by Health Councils

20

Average number of **community members who received transportation** monthly per Health Councils

Impacts of Priority:

Access to Healthy & Nutritious Foods Fall 2023 - August 2024

248,519

Pounds of food distributed to community members by Health Councils

24,183

Number of food boxes distributed to households by Health Councils

Impacts of County & Tribal Health Council CHIP Priorities and Efforts

Impacts of Priority: Tribal Health Chronic Disease Prevention January - August 2024

392

Number of Tribal members educated about diabetes prevention and other related chronic illnesses by Tribal Health Councils

Impacts of Priority: Elder and Aging Care January - August 2024

416

Number of elder assessments and steady risk interview completed by elder population conducted by Health Councils

24

Number of dementia support groups hosted by Health councils

32

Number of caregiver and burnout support meetings hosted by Health Councils

5

Number of walk in showers installed by Health Council for elder population

Number of gunlocks distributed to community members by Health Councils: October 2023-August 2024

4,928

Focused on Workforce Development

(Dona Ana, Guadalupe, Union, Nambe Pueblo, +++)

52%

Addressing Substance Abuse (Opioid)

(Bernalillo, Catron, Colfax, Hidalgo, Curry, Luna, Torrence, Otero +++)

78%

Improving Access to Rural Primary Care

(Torrance, Catron, Los Alamos, Union, Luna, Valencia, Name Pueblo, Acoma Pueblo, Harding, Santo Domingo Pueblo, Canoncito Band of Navajos +++)

57%

\$12M RECURRING FUNDING REQUEST FOR NEW MEXICO'S COUNTY & TRIBAL HEALTH COUNCILS (FY2026)

The New Mexico Alliance of Health Councils is advocating for **re-establishing recurring optimal funding** for New Mexico's County & Tribal Health Councils, per [HB137](#).

Representative Liz Thomson has submitted a funding request in the amount of \$12 million.

- Of which \$11M will average to at least **\$250,000 per County & Tribal Health Council** to fund operational, administrative, and programming costs to fulfill all functions in service of their communities. This will leverage this critical function of public health in service of communities statewide.
- \$1M will fund a 501c3 to provide systems collaboration, ancillary service and advocacy in support of Health Councils statewide.

Prior to FY2025, Health Councils were funded at \$15,333 per County & Tribal Health Council.

- Thanks to HB67 co-sponsors and Legislative support, Health Councils statewide received a **one-time appropriation of \$3 million** to fund their operations and services to advance health priorities, averaging at **\$80,977** per Health Council, including base funding at \$15K
- **Securing 109** Health Council Coordinator positions for one fiscal year, stabilizing the work achieved thanks to CDC funding.

The **New Mexico Alliance of Health Councils** is a 501c3 organization providing systems collaboration for collective impact, policy and advocacy, and ancillary services in support of New Mexico's 33 County & 10 Tribal Health Councils and community partners.



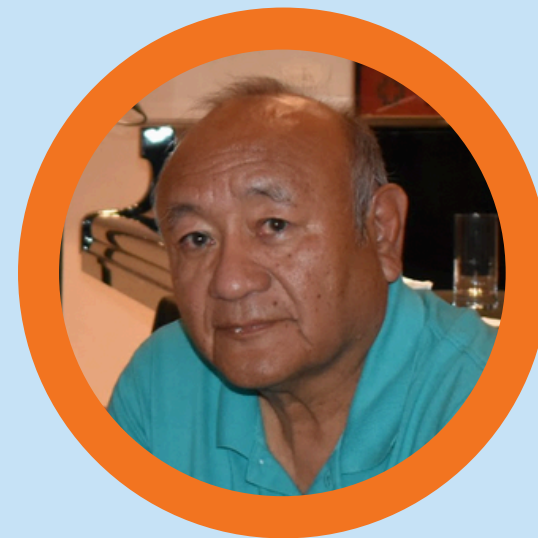
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