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SUBJECT: Health Care and Health Services Task Force

NMSU is moving in an exciting new direction and is well poised to capitalize on our state's strong economic climate, new and potential regional partners, a robust higher education system and strong state support for public education, and tremendous talent. Our Strategic Plan, NMSU LEADS 2025 offers a roadmap for this direction and identifies "Health" as a Grand Challenge area on which the university desires to focus <https://leads2025.nmsu.edu/>.

To help us develop future strategies related to Health as a focus for our work, we are convening a taskforce to study and provide recommendations to guide how NMSU might proceed in order to better service our students and our community with respect to health care and health services in the Southern New Mexico Border Region. You have been nominated to serve on the task force! Please contact Task Force Chair Dr. Sonya Cooper at socooper@nmsu.edu if you agree to serve.

Charge: Given NMSU's current (42) health-and social sciences-related programs (see attached), please recommend major areas of synergy in terms of educational programs, research, outreach and extension opportunities, capitalizing on our location, and identifying local governmental and non-profit partners, and industry and economic/workforce development partners with whom we might work in the future. How do we better align related efforts currently underway across the NMSU system and amplify the full potential of our programs and mission? How do we make more visible the health care and health services we already provide? Please identify new opportunities and strategies. What new potential partners in the community and region might exist? Finally, please identify any current barriers to achieving this vision which would need to be addressed in order to move forward with newly identified opportunities and strategies.

cc: Sonya Cooper, Task Force Chair and Interim Dean, Health Sciences and Services
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