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Laura Parajon, MD, MPH is the deputy cabinet secretary for the New Mexico Department of Health. She has served in a variety of community-based positions, including Medical Director for the City of Albuquerque's COVID-19 Response for People Experiencing Homelessness, Medical Education Director for Community Health Initiatives, and Executive Director for Community Health at UNM.

Her list of Accolades and Awards includes Exemplary Teacher, Community Service Award 2020 (her second award of this type), Recognition for Service to Nicaragua in Rural and Community Health, and a Cordes Fellow (a scholarship award given to exceptional high-impact, innovative, entrepreneurs and executives for non-profit organizations that have demonstrated a commitment to economic justice and poverty alleviation).

Parajón graduated Magna Cum Laude from Brown University and completed her medical degree and family medicine residency at the University of New Mexico where she also earned a Masters' Degree in Public Health.

"My goal is always to work towards health for all people. For me, this means listening to communities and their priorities, building from their strengths and resources, and acting together to serve everyone - especially the most vulnerable," said Dr. Parajón.

