

Maternal and Child Health Planning Council

January 17, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Members present: Janet Aboytes, Elais Ponton, Bonnie Keene, Lori Pearson Kramer, Aimee Putnam, and Nicolle Gonzales

Nonvoting members present: Kim Strauss, Brindle Foundation; Magi Gerety, New Vistas; Kristin Lemon, Las Cumbres Community Infant Program; Marisol Atkins, First Born Program

Members absent: Kristi Halus

Staff present: Patricia Boies, Health and Human Services Division

Others present: Anna Rayne-Levi, CHRISTUS St. Vincent Community Health Department, Katie Dry, Brindle Foundation

Patricia Boies called the meeting to order at 12:05.

After introductions and welcome to new member Nicolle Gonzales, Ms. Boies reported that House Bill 33, to provide funding for county health councils, will be considered by the 2013 New Mexico Legislature. Additional bills were described by Ms. Atkins, on home visiting accountability standards and oversight, and Ms. Gonzales, on guidelines for birthing centers and licensure.

Ms. Boies introduced Anna Rayne-Levi, CHRISTUS St. Vincent Community Health Department, who has been facilitating a series of focus groups with different organizations involved in health care, in preparation for planning for community health needs. (Kelly O'Donnell, the consultant selected by the County and CHRISTUS St Vincent, is in the process of preparing a county health profile/needs assessment, after which the County and CHRISTUS will separately prepare their own health action plans.)

During the facilitated discussion, people commented on what already exists that is positive, including:

- New Mexico is a leader in the field in infant mental health and collaboration. Early childhood development indicators and infant mental health have come far in a relatively short time with relatively few resources, thanks to a great group of leaders and advocates.
- The Medicaid program in New Mexico is robust, compared to other states, including no limits on prescriptions.
- Resources for teen parents in Santa Fe County are good compared to the rest of the state, with more choosing to stay in school.

Priorities expressed included the following:

- Make hospitals and work places more baby-friendly
- More infant day care
- More mental health care for adolescents, including male counselors for boys, and bilingual counselors
- Health education at the schools should include hand-washing, health promotion, food and nutrition
- Better availability of healthy, affordable, fresh food, as local as possible, in schools, senior centers, and everywhere
- More supportive activities for children, besides the Children's Museum and Warehouse 21
- Desire for the medical community to be more accepting of home birth outside the hospital
- Pediatricians and family practice doctors need to be better informed about breastfeeding
- Doctors often don't know to refer to mental health resources at Las Cumbres or New Vistas
- Need for more specialists and nurse practitioners
- Need for better access to services for the seriously mentally ill
- Any policy or law that is passed should ask: "Is this good for our children?"
- Culturally congruent care must reflect the community served.

Ms. Boies reported that a weekend nurse has been hired for the mobile van, in addition to a nurse for two days a week, and that the County is still seeking a full-time nurse practitioner for the van.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30.

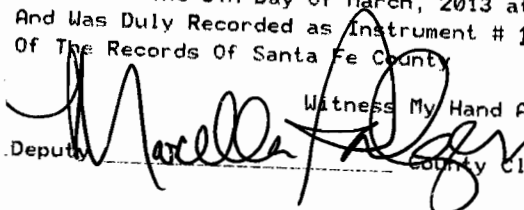
Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Boies

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