

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
INDIGENT HOSPITAL & HEALTH CARE BOARD

January 28, 2014

This meeting of the Santa Fe County Indigent Hospital & Health Care Board was called to order on the above-cited date in the Santa Fe County Legal Conference Room, at the County Courthouse at approximately 9:08 a.m. by County Commission Chair Danny Mayfield.

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum with the following Board members present:

Members Present:

Danny Mayfield, Chair
Robert Anaya, Vice Chair
Kathy Holian
Liz Stefanics

Member(s) Excused:

Miguel Chavez

Staff Present:

Katherine Miller, County Manager
Rachel Brown, Deputy County Attorney
Rachel O'Connor, Community Services Director
Patricia Boies, Community Services
Lisa Garcia, Health Care Assistance Program
Lorice Griego, Health Care Assistance Program
Teresa Martinez, Finance Director
Chris Barela, Constitute Liaison

Others Present:

Kathy Armijo-Etre, CSV
Frances Ong, Housing Authority Board member

III. Introductions

Those present introduced themselves.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Anaya moved to approve the agenda and Commissioner Holian seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [3-0] voice vote. [Commissioners Stefanics was not present for this action.]

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V. Approval of Minutes: November 26, 2013

Commissioner Anaya moved approval and Commissioner Holian seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [3-0] voice. [Commissioner Stefanics was not present for this action.]

VI. Matters of Public Concern – Non-action

None were offered.

VII. Matters from Staff

Rachel O'Connor announced that the newly hired nurse on the mobile health van has resigned to take a job closer to her home in Bernalillo County. They will continue to operate the van on a part-time basis and have posted the position again. Ms. Miller suggested advertising in the *Nurses Quarterly*. Ms. O'Connor stated they have some leads.

Chair Mayfield asked about the possibility of partnering with La Familia. Ms. O'Connor said they also have a nurse shortage, but they are exploring various avenues and she is hopeful. Chair Mayfield asked if a partnership with one of the nursing schools was a possibility. Ms. O'Connor said they are looking at partnering with the Community College.

Ms. O'Connor also pointed out that Senior Services Director Teresa Casados has taken another position. Greg Smith will be serving in that capacity in the interim.

[Commissioner Stefanics joined the meeting.]

Chair Mayfield asked how Ms. Casados' absence would affect the County's dealings with the Area Agency on Aging. Ms. O'Connor said they are monitoring that.

Ms. O'Connor mentioned staff is working with the New Mexico Association of Counties regarding a bill on sole community provider funding with an eye to offering 1/16 or equivalent of GRT. There was a hearing before the Senate Finance Committee on HSD's proposal which was not well received. Direction was given to find something more palatable to the counties.

Ms. Miller stated Brent Ernst from HSD said they are "hanging back" on presenting the 1/8 bill and she didn't believe they have a sponsor. With 1/16 the match is still short and distribution remains to be decided. Commissioner Stefanics noted that some counties aren't supporting the Association position; she will be bringing forward a resolution of support at the regular BCC meeting.

Chair Mayfield indicated he heard there was a possibility of losing five hospitals if the 1/8 goes through. Ms. Miller said those five hospitals are struggling financially and HSD's proposal for 1/8 might not rescue them. She outlined the distribution breakdown HSD is recommending, including \$36 million from the counties. She added some counties don't understand the repercussions. She said the state already gets 1/16 GRT from the counties that the counties have no control over and now they are looking for more, using a local-option tax to bail out small hospitals.

Commissioner Stefanics stated she spoke to Association members and learned Senator

Rodriguez approved language for a 1/16 bill. Ms. Miller said she met with Rep. Varela yesterday who said he was not sponsoring the HSD bill and felt that 1/16 seemed more reasonable to him.

Returning to Matters from Staff, Ms. O'Connor said they are looking for a re-entry specialist who would be in charge of Medicaid enrollment and narcotic distribution upon release from the jail. An RFP has been issued for someone to help with Medicaid enrollment in the rural areas of the county. La Familia was granted the contract and Maria Perez will be doing outreach. A small grant from the Association of Counties has been received for radio PSAs targeting rural areas.

Chair Mayfield suggested working with Office of the Superintendent on outreach.

Ms. O'Connor noted La Familia has a contract to treat pregnant, opiate-addicted women and are still in the startup phase with 13 women enrolled. Additionally, the LEAD task force RFP for case management was put out.

Commissioner Stefanics asked about disseminating information about the health van, and Ms. O'Connor said a rack card is being designed.

VIII. Information Items

A. Comparison of FY-2013 to FY-2014 Claims

Ms. Boies said draw-down is proceeding as scheduled. She explained that since there was no meeting in December those claims were not approved.

B. Sole Community Provider Hospital Claims FY-2014

Ms. Boies said there were not as many hospital claims but this will be made up soon. Chair Mayfield asked how far back the claims can go and Ms. Boies said they can be submitted months later. Ms. Garcia added hospitals have 240 days to submit. Chair Mayfield asked for a history of claims for the past four or five years.

Ms. Armijo-Etre said the paperwork presents numerous problems, particularly with homeless people. Ms. Garcia said if the time limit is not met the debt is written off. Chair Mayfield ascertained that the claims were not sent to collections. He also asked for a running percentage of draw-down.

C. Contracted Expenditures for Fiscal Years 2014

Ms. Boies said the community providers are on schedule; drug and rehab facilities will be submitting more inpatient claims so that number will rise. A claim has come in from Holy Cross Hospital in Taos, which will be covered by contingency funds or by readjustments. In response to a question from the chair, Ms. Miller said this sheet is provided to the delegation. The providers are also talking to the legislators.

D. Update from the County Manager on HSD Indigent Tax Proposal/Legislation

Ms. Miller stated she covered this material under Matters from Staff.

E. HPPC Update

Ms. Boies said HPPC Chair Judy Williams wrote an op-ed piece about the negative consequences to community-based programs of losing indigent funding. The HPPC continues to work on the health action plan implementation steps. Education and outreach about enrollment in Medicaid and the insurance exchange continue to be a focus.

Commissioner Holian asked about the December 4th health forum. Ms. Boies said both she and Ms. O'Connor attended and the meeting covered many health-related bills, involving licensure, etc. Commissioner Stefanics asked if there were any bills that would aid county health councils and outreach. Ms. Boies said there was legislation pending to provide funding for health councils.

Commissioner Stefanics noted that the City has resolutions regarding a hospital study group that mentions County involvement. She asked that the HPPC follow that and make a recommendation. Ms. O'Connor said they have been following development of the resolutions.

F. Christus St. Vincent Regional Medical Center

Ms. Armijo-Etre announced the CARE Connection has discontinued participation in the ATR grant, which is closing down. Life Link is taking that over. The CARE Connection is being restructured to focus on adult high-utilizers. In the past six months one person has utilized services over 100 times. For the top 25 users there have been \$1.5 million in charges for in-patient and out patient services. Only one of the top 25 is insured; the rest are self-pay, Medicaid or Medicare.

Between 2010 and 2013 the assessment center has seen 5,600 people and 3,300 have used the sobering center. The ATR program started out with \$200,000 but has dwindled to \$49,000. Three FTEs were involved in that program.

Ms. Armijo-Etre spoke of a new initiative from the hospital directed at adolescents. *[Exhibit 1]* This also focuses on high utilizers. The young people present with suicide, sexual assault, drug and alcohol withdrawal, depression and anxiety. The hospital's strategic plan aims to serve this population. Once an adolescent is in the program they're "wrapped around." The SKY Center will receive referrals and integrate care.

Commissioner Anaya asked for a written summary of changes in CARE Connection. In response Ms. Armijo-Etre stated the sobering center will not be impacted by the changes.

Commissioner Stefanics asked about staffing changes occurring at the hospital. Ms. Armijo-Etre stated the hospital did go through a series of layoffs and most of those positions have been absorbed and people placed elsewhere in the hospital. They continue to retool and changes are being driven by overall changes to healthcare. She said in a future meeting she will share information about improvements at the hospital in the ICU, geriatric care and heart

medicine. Commissioner Stefanics requested that the CEO visit when possible.

IX. Action Items

A. Approval of Indigent Hospital and County Health Claims

Commissioner Holian moved to approve 656 claims in the amount of \$1,031,893.82 as recommended by staff. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Anaya and passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote.

X. Matters from the Board

None were raised.

XI. Executive Session

There was no need for executive session.

XII. Adjournment

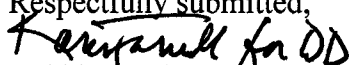
Having completed the agenda and with no further business to come before the Board, this meeting adjourned at approximately 10:12 a.m.

Approved by:


Daniel W. Mayfield, Chair
Indigent Hospital & Health Care Board




GERALDINE SALAZAR
COUNTY CLERK
2/25/2014

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Doyle, Wordswork



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I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 26TH Day Of February, 2014 at 03:12:31 PM And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1730885 Of The Records Of Santa Fe County

Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office,

Geraldine Salazar
Deputy County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

ADOLESCENT HUGS

Intensive out-patient behavioral health services for youth under 22 years of age

CSVSMC has joined with the SKY Center to offer wraparound, therapeutic, and non-traditional services for individuals under the age of twenty-two who are at high risk. Youth in our community are abusing prescription drugs, alcohol, and experiencing trauma, depression, anxiety, and suicidal thoughts. In the healthcare setting, we often see these youth yet are limited in our ability to help.

We are pleased to introduce Adolescent HUGS, a partnership between CHRISTUS St. Vincent and the SKY Center. You can now refer youth to the SKY Center for a range of services, including individual and group counseling, identification and fostering of mentoring relationships, parent coaching, connection to primary care, and medication management.

See the article on the backside for additional information.

To Make a Referral:

1. **Suggest a referral to the SKY Center to the Adolescent** (or for children under 14, to his/her parent. If a child is 14 years of age or older, parental consent/signatures are not *required* by NM State Statute.)
2. **If the adolescent (or the legal guardian/parent for children under 14 years of age) is interested and gives consent, obtain his/her signature on the CSV Release of Confidential Information** (see attached).
3. **Fax the CSV Release of Confidential Information to the SKY Center at 505-983-0833**

That's all it takes to get help to a child or adolescent who is struggling and needs help!

SKY CENTER Phone 505-473-6191
or contact: Anna Rayne-Levi at (505) 670-4542 or Bob Kristy at (240) 463-2104



CHRISTUS St. Vincent Announces Adolescent HUGS Initiative

'It is estimated that one in five adolescents has a diagnosable mental health disorder (in Santa Fe) and that one quarter of adolescents will experience a major depressive episode before they reach adulthood.' *Santa Fe County in 2013: A Community Health Profile*, Santa Fe County and CHRISTUS St. Vincent Regional Medical Center. p. 88. May 31, 2013.

CHRISTUS ST. Vincent Regional Medical Center (CVRMC) loves Santa Fe's young people and is committed to supporting families through the challenges they face. In this spirit, on January 1, 2014, a new initiative and partnership was launched with one of Santa Fe's respected non-profits, SKY Center, a subsidiary of the New Mexico Suicide Intervention Project. CVRMC has linked with SKY Center to offer top-notch, wrap-around, therapeutic and non-traditional services for individuals under the age of twenty-two, including individual and group counseling, identification and fostering of mentoring relationships, parent coaching, connection to primary care and medication management. These services will be offered free of charge, and are tailored to address the complex issues many adolescents in our community are grappling with like depression, thoughts of suicide, abuse, violence, addiction, fractured family relationships and other obstacles which threaten their bright futures.

This initiative was launched by the CHRISTUS St. Vincent Department of Community Health. Adolescent HUGS (High Utilizer Group Services), is the next critical, and life-changing program to join our cadre of award-winning HUGS initiatives. Other HUGS programs including Adult HUGS, which offers assertive treatment and services to adults, Women's HUGS, which provides assistance to high-risk domestic violence victims, and the burgeoning Senior Care HUGS, which will support individuals over the age of 65 have already demonstrated through measurable results, their ability protect, connect and create positive change in the lives of many in our community.

Please look for our updates in subsequent newsletters. We are excited to share our progress through the Adolescent HUGS initiative, and the results we achieve together.

If you would like any additional information about Adolescent HUGS or are concerned about an adolescent in our community, please contact Anna Rayne Levi at anna.levi.rayne@gmail.com or (505) 670-4542 or Bob Kristy at rekristy@gmail.com (240) 463-2104).

Authorization for Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information

Patient Identification

Printed Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Address: _____

Social Security #: _____ Telephone: (____) _____

Information To Be Released - Covering the Periods of Health Care

From (date) _____ to (date) _____

Please check type of information to be released:

<input type="checkbox"/> History and physical exam	<input type="checkbox"/> Consultation reports	<input type="checkbox"/> Discharge summary
<input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory test results	<input type="checkbox"/> X-ray reports	<input type="checkbox"/> Progress notes

Other, (specify) _____

Purpose of Request

<input type="checkbox"/> Treatment or consultation	<input type="checkbox"/> At the request of patient	<input type="checkbox"/> Billing or claims payment
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Other, (specify) _____

Who and Where to Send / Release Information Paper CD CCD

Name: _____
Address: _____

Drug and / or Alcohol Abuse, and / or Psychiatric, and / or HIV/AIDS Records Release

I understand that if my medical or billing records contain information in reference to drug and/or alcohol abuse and psychiatric treatment I have been afforded the opportunity to sign a specific authorization.

Initial One: Yes _____ No _____ Not Applicable _____

I understand if my medical or billing records contain information in reference to HIV/AIDS (Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome) testing and/or treatment I have been afforded the opportunity to sign a specific authorization.

Initial One: Yes _____ No _____ Not Applicable _____

Time Limit & Right to Revoke Authorization

Except to the extent that action has already been taken in reliance on this authorization, at any time I can revoke this authorization by submitting a notice in writing to the facility Privacy Officer at 455 St. Michael's Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Unless revoked, this authorization will expire on the following date or event _____ or 90 days from the date of signature.

Re-disclosure

I understand the information disclosed by this authorization may be subject to re-disclosure by the recipient and no longer be protected by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. The facility, its employees, officers and physicians are hereby released from any legal responsibility or liability for disclosure of the above information to the extent indicated and authorized herein.

Signature of Patient or Personal Representative Who May Request Disclosure

I understand that I do not have to sign this authorization, and my treatment or payment for services will not be denied if I do not sign this form unless specified above under Purpose of Request. I can inspect or copy the protected health information to be used or disclosed.

I authorize CHRISTUS ST. VINCENT Regional Medical Center to release the protected health information specified above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Authority to Sign if not patient: _____

Identity of Requester Verified via: Photo ID Matching Signature Other, specify _____

Verified by: _____



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