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A Meeting of the Santa Fe County Health Policy and Planning Commission was called to order at 8:45 a.m. by Chairman Larry Martinez on the above-cited date at the Santa Fe County Health & Human Services Department, 2052 Galisteo Street, Conference Room, Suite B, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Roll call indicated a quorum for conducting official business as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Martinez, Chairman
Arturo Gonzales, Vice Chairman
Terrie Rodriguez, Vice Chairman
Rick Adesso
Nancy S. Adelsheim
Erika Campos
Louis Carlos
John Cassidy
Melissa Manlove
Dr. Frantz Melio
John "Jack" White
Judith K. Williams

MEMBER(s) ABSENT:

Fiquet Hanna Duckworth, excused
Valery Henderson, excused
Patricio Larragoite, excused
Elizabeth Reynolds, excused
Beverly Russell, excused
Ardis M. Thomas, excused
Lydia Zepeda Jennings, excused

STAFF PRESENT:

Lisa Garcia, Maternal & Child Health Council
Marie Garcia, Health and Human Services Division
Steve Shepherd, Health and Human Services Division Director
Julia Valdez, Constituent Services Liaison for BCC Commissioner Liz Stefanics

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OTHERS PRESENT:

Robin Hunn, Project Access
Lynda Longacre, Project Access
Steve McKenzie, Department of Health
Angelica Solares, RIOS Net (Research Involving Outpatient Setting Network)
Joyce Varela, Santa Fe County DWI Program
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the agenda as published. Commissioner Adelsheim seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: November 6, 2009

Chairman Martinez noted that he had some minor editorial revisions to the Minutes and would be willing to share those, if anyone is interested. He asked members if there were any corrections or additions to the Minutes.

Commissioner Melio moved to approve the Minutes of the November 6, 2009 meeting, as amended. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: December 4, 2009

Chairman Martinez noted that he had some minor editorial revisions to the Minutes and would be willing to share those, if anyone is interested. He asked members if there were any corrections or additions to the Minutes.

Page 4, last paragraph, 1st sentence was changed to read: "*Ms. Beardsley reviewed the budget for fiscal year 2011 noting that the total budget is \$1,126,813.*"

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the Minutes of the December 4, 2009 meeting, as amended. Commissioner Adesso seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion on DWI Program Budget for FY 2011

Chairman Martinez noted that the Commission needs to take formal action on two items that were not addressed at the last HPPC meeting due to the lack of quorum. The first is to formally adopt the report that Rebecca Beardsley of the County DWI Council presented to the Commission with regard to the FY 2011 budget for the County DWI Program (as reviewed) to the Board of County Commissioners.

Chairman Martinez mentioned that Ms. Beardsley also spoke about the coordinated efforts of a number of law enforcement authorities including Rio Arriba County, as well as the City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County, conducting DWI checkpoints. She reported that this has been successful and they are looking at doing additional traffic stops.

Chairman Martinez asked if there were any questions with respect to the report that Rebecca Beardsley presented on the County DWI Program.

In response, Commissioner Rodriguez said that she would like to see more detail on the prevention and treatment efforts, particularly what the \$368,850 for prevention entails. She said it was her perspective that the DWI funds were going to be for additional traffic stops, for law enforcement and for saturation patrols. She said she did not know if this is considered prevention or enforcement. Also, what is the \$87,500 for treatment for -who would actually be doing the screening? She said she would assume that this would go towards a contract to the Santa Fe Recovery Center.

Chairman Martinez asked Mr. Shepherd if the funding for the CADDy program would be coming out of the \$368,850.

Mr. Shepherd said he believes it is. He explained that the State mandated DWI screening is being done on DWI offenders when they are sentenced by the court. He explained that treatment is limited or tied to those individuals who have a DWI. The State Department of Finance and Administration will only fund these cases for treatment. He noted that some of these individuals are referred to the CARE Connection.

Chairman Martinez explained that the motion, if made and passed, would be simply stating that the HPPC has received the report and reviewed it, not necessarily that they are endorsing it.

Commissioner Rodriguez noted that the Underage Drinking Alliance works with the City and the County on coming up with some kind of plan and a lot of the funding that they were looking to implement some of the programs recommended by the Alliance were also recommended to come out of the DWI funding. She said that Rebecca Beardsley was going to take the Alliance requests to the Health Policy and Planning Commission but she does not know if any of those requests were considered by this Commission, as well as some of the recommendations that came out of the Joint City/County Education Task Force. The 90 Day report from the Education Task Force will be coming out next month.

Chairman Martinez mentioned that he is a member of the Education Task Force and he attended a meeting yesterday and the specific items/initiatives that would be funded under DWI were articulated. He noted that the recommendations of the Education Task Force will be submitted to the full Task Force during a meeting that is scheduled for February 11, 2010.

Referring to the minutes of the December 4th HPPC meeting, Commissioner Williams noted that Ms. Beardsley is requesting approval/consensus of the Commission to present the DWI Council budget as reviewed to the Board of County Commissioners, rather than approving the budget itself.

In response, Chairman Martinez said yes, and reminded the Commission that it is an advisory group and therefore does not have the legal authority to change anything.

He said basically the HPPC is a group of interested advocates with respect to health care who can raise questions and issues on health care that the Board of County Commissioners would like guidance on.

Commissioner Adesso asked if the Commission could address the report separately from the budget.

Chairman Martinez said yes and explained that Rebecca Beardsley is required to present the budget to the HPPC before she presents it to the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Gonzales said he thinks it is an endorsement, and this is why Ms. Beardsley brings it before the HPPC. He said the Commission has some concerns about treatment-the fact that so little funding is available for treatment.

Chairman Martinez mentioned that the HPPC has - what is known as an Affiliated Agreement between the DWI Council and the HPPC - and he probably needs to revisit precisely what the wording is with respect to this.

[Copies of a breakdown of the budget for the DWI Program were distributed.]

Mr. Shepherd reported that some changes have been made to this budget since the December meeting for a variety of reasons: One is that treatment was scaled back and that has to do with legally funding treatment out of this program. Mr. Shepherd explained that it is much easier for them to fund treatment out of the Indigent Fund because they can do direct contracts. However, the funding for the Indigent Fund will be cut due to the decrease in GRT revenue. The line item for treatment was reduced by approximately \$77,500; the line item for screening increased from \$96,200 to \$116,400 and the line item for prevention was increased from \$368,850 to \$470,987.

Ms. Joyce Varela was present on behalf of Rebecca Beardsley. She clarified that the CADDy Program is funded out of prevention. She said with regards to treatment, they were having a hard time getting the providers to bill them and they were turning back a lot of money because of this, so they decided to put the funding in another category where they would use the funding instead of turning it back.

Commissioner Campos asked Ms. Varela if it was possible that the treatment providers did not understand the process.

Ms. Varela said that staff went over the process with them and they also called them asking them for the billing paperwork.

Commissioner Campos said the Sobering Center is also a provider that will need funding.

In response, Mr. Shepherd said that \$100,000 is earmarked for the CARE Connection for the Sobering Center.

Chairman Martinez mentioned that there is a meeting scheduled for Monday morning, January 11th at 11:30 a.m. with Commissioner Liz Stefanics to talk with some of the Indigent fund providers and some of these providers offer treatment services. This will take place at the Santa Fe County Health Policy & Planning Commission Conference Room, Suite B, Santa Fe. The primary care providers are also invited to attend the meeting. Chairman Martinez noted that there are a lot of providers who are not billing down what is available under the Indigent Fund.

Commissioner Melio asked if the County was cutting treatment by \$77,500 because of barriers in the paperwork.

Commissioner Manlove said given the extreme difficulties in behavioral health treatment in this state and the problems with Optum Health, those providers that are also trying to bill Medicaid are completely discombobulated with all of the processes. She said it is tough for the providers unless they have dedicated full-time claim processing staff within their organizations.

Chairman Martinez referred to the article in the *Albuquerque Journal* that states that Optum Health has agreed to pay a \$1.1 million fine that is related to them not having a system in place that enables them to make timely payments to providers.

Commissioner Campos said it also has to do with the difference between the County Indigent law and the way that the State law is structured.

Commissioner Gonzales mentioned that there was an excellent article that came out in the *Albuquerque Journal* on Sunday by Jim Roeber from the Department of Health about the fact that we have done a great job with DWI; however, we haven't solved the problem of substance abuse and alcoholism. He indicated that people are dying from liver and esophageal cancer. There is domestic violence as well. He said it seems to him that those treatment dollars should be used for the other group of people who are not DWI, as well. He noted that the County Indigent Fund can be used for behavioral health. Mr. Shepherd said there is a section that pays for behavioral health services.

Chairman Martinez asked what the Commission would like to do with respect to the DWI Program budget as presented.

Commissioner Williams suggested that the HPPC send a message to the Board of County Commissioners about the concerns that the HPPC had with regards to treatment dollars, and the fact that primary care providers are not drawing down the Indigent Fund for many reasons.

Commissioner Melio moved to table the issue of making a recommendation on the DWI Program Budget for FY2011 until the HPPC has an idea if there is any way to reallocate the funds for treatment; and the HPPC receives additional information. Commissioner White seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

The second item is that the HPPC Executive Committee has reviewed the applications for the District II position that was vacated by Dan Burke and made the recommendation that the Board of County Commissioners consider Tita Gervers and Kathleen Rowe, as possible candidates to fill the vacancy.

Commissioner Gonzales moved to endorse the recommendation of the HPPC Executive Committee for the Board of County Commissioners to consider Tita Gervers and Kathleen Rowe as prospective candidates to fill the vacancy for the District II position. Commissioner Adesso seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Maternal and Child Health (MCH) (Lisa Garcia)

Ms. Garcia noted that she needs the Commission's endorsement to recommend the appointment of Katy Yanda to serve on the Maternal and Child Health Council. The appointment of Ms. Yanda will be on the Board of County Commissioners agenda at the end of January.

Commissioner Adesso moved to endorse the recommendation to appoint Ms. Yanda to serve on the Maternal and Child Health Council. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Garcia reported that the Request for Proposal has come out from the Department of Health to fund the Maternal and Child Health Council. The County Legal Department is presently reviewing it. Ms. Garcia noted that she is asking for \$126,000 for this four-year funding cycle. It was \$132,000 for the last four-year cycle.

Ms. Garcia said that the Department of Health is eliminating direct service providers from their contracts for the Health Council. They will reduce the funding by 25% every year, which means the Council was only allowed to offer \$46,000 to direct service providers. The Department of Health will not fund direct service providers after this four-year cycle.

Commissioner Campos asked why the Department of Health will not fund direct service providers.

Ms. Garcia said the majority of Health Councils in the state do not fund direct service providers so they are trying to get away from this and are phasing it out.

Chairman Martinez asked Ms. Garcia how many organizations were receiving direct service grants.

Ms. Garcia said three of them: Teen Health Centers, which is Presbyterian Medical Services; La Familia Promotoro Program and the Temporary Child Care Assistance Program.

Ms. Garcia noted that the MCH Executive Committee met to discuss which providers they thought would be good recipients of the Department of Health funding that may be available and they decided they would be the Las Cumbres Infant Mental Health Program, New Vistas Early Intervention Screening Program and the Young Fathers Program.

PRESENTATION

A. RIOS Net (Research Involving Outpatient Setting Network) (Angelica Solares, Community Outreach Specialist)

Ms. Solares provided an overview of the Research Involving Outpatient Setting Network as follows:

- RIOS Net is a Practice-Based-Research Network conducting research on topics of concern seen in primary care practices. Members of the network are doctors and health care providers who are located throughout New Mexico, involved in projects/studies and working to improve health care.
- RIOS Net was funded in 2000. It began as a collaborative between 30 health care providers. They address the needs of rural and historically underserved populations and has grown to over 250 members.
- RIOS Net has a Community Advisory Board and Board of Directors that includes representatives from various regions of New Mexico. The Community Advisory Board consists of 11 members and the Board of Directors consists of 20 members. They meet three times a year.
- The topics that have been identified by the RIOS Net membership as priority areas for projects include Diabetes/obesity, tobacco/alcohol use, complementary and alternative medicine, cancer prevention, family violence, chronic pain, access to care, wellness and health, preservation and Hepatitis C.
- Ms. Solares explained that Diabetes is a huge problem in New Mexico. 7.3% of New Mexico adults have diabetes. Obesity is a risk factor for Diabetes and 59.7% of New Mexico adults are overweight or obese. 24% of high school students in New Mexico are overweight or at risk of becoming overweight. Ms. Solares noted that there may be an association with Diabetes and a skin condition called Acanthosis Nigricans.
- The findings indicate that 94% have 1 risk factor, 40% have 3 risk factors and Acanthosis Nigricans increases with increasing number of factors. The follow up survey with the providers shows that 88.46% of providers commonly check the back of a patient's neck for Acanthosis Nigricans.
- A summary of the current projects was included in the Commissioners' packets. Ms. Solares reported that one of the projects of RIOS Net is the Childhood

Health Initiative for Lifelong Eating & Exercise Project (CHILE). This continuing project that is led by the UNM Prevention Research Center aims to reduce risk for later development of diabetes in Head Start children through a set of interventions to increase physical activity, reduce time spent in front of video screens, decrease television viewing time, decrease consumption of sweetened beverages and high-fat foods and increase intake of nutritious foods. RIOS Net clinician members are participating in the project by supporting and communicating to families the principal messages of the project. The project is in the second year of the intervention.

Commissioner Carlos asked Ms. Solares how people can access this data. Ms. Solares said they have a website at <http://hsc.unm.edu/rios> or she can be reached at Asolares@salud.unm.edu and 505.272.1571.

MATTERS FROM THE COMMISSION

A. Health Para Todos Radio Station Update

Chairman Martinez reported that they will be interviewing Senator Jerry Ortiz y Pino on the next broadcast scheduled for January 15^h. The focus will be health care reform both at the state and federal levels.

Commissioner Gonzales noted that they will be broadcasting from the State Legislature again this year.

Chairman Martinez asked the Commissioners if they have seen the Human Services Department's PowerPoint presentation with respect to the Medicaid reductions. He noted that this is available on the Human Services Department's website. The Commission discussed the proposed Medicaid cuts.

B. Christus/St. Vincent Regional Medical Center (Behavioral Health Assessment Update)

Commissioner Campos reported that CSV has been working on having an H1N1 workshop on January 16, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. They are also planning to do one for Santa Fe High School and they will be getting the word out about this.

Commissioner Campos said the Behavioral Health Assessment continues and it should be coming out about the time that they will be receiving applications for the Community Benefit Fund. She noted that Commissioner Russell will be sending out the application form to the members who are on the Community Benefit Fund Committee today or Monday. The applications will probably be going out to the list of organizations that they have around February 3rd. Commissioner Campos mentioned that they should have something on the behavioral health continuum of care by that time.

Chairman Martinez noted that the consultant for CSV (Kathy Armijo Etre) has been meeting with quite a number of community groups, providers and stakeholders on the

behavioral health assessment. He asked Commissioner Campos what precisely will be the product of what she is working on.

In response, Commissioner Campos said it should be two-fold. There is a data quantitative component and a qualitative component-the quantitative component compares the care that is available in the community to the national methodology for each component of continuum care. The qualitative component tells about peoples' general experiences and identifies their ideal experience.

Chairman Martinez asked if there will be a specific recommendation with respect to CSV Psychiatric Unit.

Commissioner Campos said the assessment will include data on the hospital's Psychiatric Unit but she does not know if there will be a specific recommendation.

Chairman Martinez said it may be time for the Commission to revisit the Call to Action.

C. Community Benefits Fund

This agenda item was discussed above.

Chairman Martinez raised another matter from the Commission and referred to the e-mail that he sent out to the Commissioners about the meeting he had on December 9, 2009 with County Manager Roman Abeyta and Julie Berman who is working on behalf of Santa Fe County. The meeting was requested by Mr. Abeyta to discuss some proposed changes in the Health Policy and Planning Commission's operation. In order to establish a higher level of uniformity with the operations of other advisory commissions or committees, it has been proposed that the terms of appointment of the Health Policy and Planning Commission be staggered. Chairman Martinez was asked to give a response to the proposal, which he did, however, he realized afterward, that his response represents only one opinion. Therefore, the HPPC Executive Committee discussed this issue, and as a result, they requested a meeting with the County Manager. This is scheduled for January 11th at 2:00 p.m. at the County Manager's office. The Executive Committee was informed of the Commissioners whose term will expire on April 30, 2010 and April 30, 2011 under a proposal developed by Ms. Berman. Chairman Martinez offered to provide a report to the Commission and noted that the overall response from the Commissioners was agreement that there should be staggered terms.

Commissioner Carlos said he just got off the phone with Rebecca Beardsley about the matters concerning the budget for the DWI Program and she clarified that treatment funding is only for DWI offenders. He noted that most of the time this money does not get utilized and goes back into the DWI Fund, which in turn goes back to the County's General Fund.

Secondly, Ms. Beardsley said that she will also have to look for funding in the amount of \$154,000 to fund the DWI enforcement officers because these positions have been slashed.

Lastly, Ms. Beardsley indicated that the budget for the DWI Program needs to be approved by this Commission today because the budget has to go before the Board of County Commissioners - for their approval – at their January 26th meeting. The Budget is also due to the Department of Finance and Administration by January 19th. Therefore, Ms. Beardsley respectfully requested that the Commission approve the budget for the DWI program today. There followed an extended discussion regarding the significance of action to be taken by the HPPC. Specific discussion involved a motion to allow the budget for DWI to go forward that was modified to communicate the concerns of the HPPC regarding the reduction of treatment funding.

As a result of these discussions, Commissioner Carlos moved to approve the request to present the FY2011 Budget for the County DWI Program (as reviewed) for presentation to the Board of County Commissioners with concerns regarding the amount of money available for treatment following the reduction, and that is available to youth treatment. Commissioner Adesso seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

{Chairman Martinez noted that this motion will negate the original motion made by Commissioner Melio and passed by the HPPC earlier in the meeting.}

MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

None presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

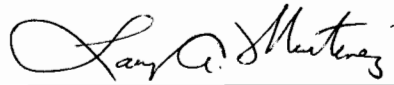
- A. The next HPPC Regular Meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2010. There will be no meeting in February due to the fact that the Legislative Session is scheduled for that time.**
- B. The next Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2010.**
- C. The next Jail Health Subcommittee Meeting that is scheduled for January 20, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. has been postponed.**

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ADJOURNMENT

Having completed the agenda and with no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Manlove moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Carlos and passed by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

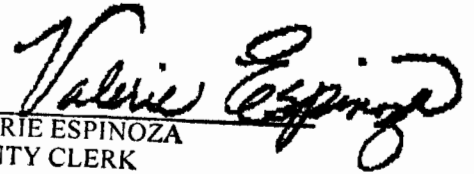
Approved by:



Larry Martinez, Chairman

Respectfully submitted by:
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

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