

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
INDIGENT HOSPITAL & HEALTHCARE BOARD

October 26, 2010

This meeting of the Indigent Hospital & Healthcare Board was called to order on the above-cited date in the Legal Conference Room at the County Courthouse at approximately 9:05 a.m. by Chair Harry Montoya.

Roll was called and indicated the presence of a quorum with the following County Commissioners present:

Members Present:

Harry Montoya, Chair
Virginia Vigil, Vice Chair [9:10 arrival]
Kathy Holian
Liz Stefanics [9:10 arrival]
Mike Anaya

Member(s) Excused:

None

Staff Present:

Katherine Miller, County Manager
Penny Ellis-Green, Deputy County Manager
Steve Ross, County Attorney
Rachel Brown, Deputy County Attorney
Dennis Manzanares, Assistant County Attorney
Greg Smith, Healthcare Assistance Program Manager
Priscilla Vigil, Indigent Claims Investigator

Others Present:

Larry Martinez, HPPC
Mary Justice, CARE Connection
Alex Valdez, CEO for CHRISTUS St. Vincent
Kathy Etre, Contractor for CHRISTUS St. Vincent

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No changes were suggested and upon motion by Commissioner Holian and second by Commissioner Anaya the agenda was unanimously [3-0] approved. [Commissioners Vigil and Stefanics were not present for this action.]

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 28, 2010

Upon motion by Commissioner Anaya and second by Commissioner Holian the minutes were approved [3-0] as submitted. [Commissioners Vigil and Stefanics abstained were not present for the action.]

reflects the year-end rush. Commissioner Stefanics expressed concerns about the trend for the rest of the year and asked that a projection be made.

D. Approval of Indigent Hospital and County Healthcare Claims

There were no issues that required meeting in executive session.

Commissioner Stefanics moved to approve 959 claims totaling \$1,065,345.42 as recommended by staff, and Commissioner Anaya seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting adjourned at approximately 9:55 a.m.



ATTEST TO:
Valerie Espinoza
VALERIE ESPINOZA
COUNTY CLERK

Approved by:

[Signature]
Harry Montoya, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Respectfully submitted by:
[Signature]
Debbie Doyle, Wordswork



COUNTY OF SANTA FE)
STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss
INDIGENT MINUTES
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I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for
Record On The 29TH Day Of December, 2010 at 11:35:33 AM
And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1621528
Of The Records Of Santa Fe County
Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office
[Signature] Valerie Espinoza
Deputy County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

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MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN – NON-ACTION ITEMS

None were offered.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR FY 2010

- A. Comparison of FY 2010 to FY 2011 Claims**
- B. Sole Community Provider Hospital**
- C. Contracted Expenditures for FY 10 and FY 11**

Referring to item A, Mr. Smith pointed out that claims are up by 1,000, representing \$1.6 million higher, so the claims are in fact coming in at a greater rate. He expected the dollars to be drawn down by the end of the year.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. UPDATE: Health Policy and Planning Commission**

HPPC Chair Larry Martinez stated a Healthcare Reform Committee meeting will be held November 11th regarding the second half of the report on federal healthcare reform and the impact of the state budget. The latter will have a more immediate effect on the providers. There have been significant reductions in funding for maternal and child healthcare, family planning, and school and adolescent health.

He reported that Barbara Nail-Chiwetalu presented a training on health literacy to the HPPC emphasizing what people need to know about their own health. It is predicted that within a few years one third of the American public will be diabetic, which will be a drain on health resources.

Mr. Martinez said Kay Duckworth, an alternative medicine provider and new member of the HPPC will be making a presentation at the November 5th meeting. Santa Fe has one of the highest penetrations of complementary medicine in the country.

Commissioner Montoya asked about the cuts to rural healthcare, and Mr. Martinez explained they come from reductions at the State Department of Health. Secretary Alfredo Vigil said there was no “wobble room” in facilities providing 24-hour care and thus the other programs had to take cuts. Further cuts are coming.

Alex Valdez said Medicaid also took about a \$7.5 million hit for CHRISTUS St. Vincent, with another \$6.7 million cut anticipated. Statewide there will be an \$80 million impact.

Mr. Martinez said the matching ratio will be 69-31 as opposed to the current 80-20 from the stimulus package.

- B. CHRISTUS St. Vincent Regional Medical Center**

Speaking to the subject of integrative medicine Mr. Valdez stated Dr. Catrona Lodog will be running an integrative medicine program in the Sports Medicine program. She has worked with Dr. Weil in Arizona.

Mr. Valdez distributed budget material for the coming year. *[Exhibit 1]* He said he is comfortable with the role CHRISTUS St. Vincent is playing with the CARE Connection and Sobering Center.

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Other issues discussed by Mr. Valdez:

- The contract for jail medical director has been a complex process but he hoped that it would be completed soon.
- The County needs to terminate the jail pharmaceutical contract with Diamond Drugs, after which the hospital will take up the contract.
- Paratransit will be coming before the City Council tomorrow. Subsequent to that he will ask the City to accommodate nearby County residents and CHRISTUS St. Vincent will compensate them.
- The hospital will no longer be billing the County for inmate care; they will work with the County to get the claims processed. He anticipated they would be working with a difficult population and need demographic information from the County.

Referring to the estimate of \$500,000, Mr. Smith said he just received a bill for \$1.3 million. Mr. Valdez said they would figure out how to handle that.

Referring to Community Health, Mr. Valdez stated the uncompensated care mentioned includes both uncompensated and undercompensated care. Among the goals are preventing unnecessary hospitalizations and re-admissions. Behavior health has a profound impact on the community and the 25 most frequent users of emergency services have been identified and strategies are being developed to intervene and manage the healthcare of these people. The emphasis is on harm reduction.

Other initiatives include chronic disease management, collaboration with Women's Health Services, training staff on domestic violence issues and early childhood programs.

Mr. Valdez distributed stickers given to providers that recognize the role of Santa Fe County taxpayers, along with other materials of interest. *[Exhibit 2]*

Commissioner Stefanics asked if Dr. Lodog was on the website. Mr. Valdez said he would check. In response to another question from Commissioner Stefanics, he said Kathy Etre would be the contact person for paratransit.

Amplifying on the 25 most frequent ER users, Ms. Etre stated they are using case management and assertive community treatment (ACT). It is too early to determine the long-range impact. The new domestic violence coordinator is Kristin Carmichael. Commissioner Stefanics encouraged keeping track of repeat offenders.

Regarding the jail contract, Commissioner Stefanics asked if that couldn't be pulled back from the hospital due to liability issues.

Commissioner Montoya asked about the vacancies in the CARE Connection staff. Ms. Etre said they are being covered with temporary staff and hires are being made.

Commissioner Stefanics asked if the hospital has anyone that could help set up electronic medical records at the jail. Mr. Valdez said he would look into it.

C. Matters from the Board

Commissioner Stefanics asked about the 1620 claims referred to and Mr. Smith said that