

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

**October 29, 2013**

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 10:05 a.m. by County Commission Chair Kathy Holian.

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

**Members Present:**

Kathy Holian, Chair  
Miguel Chavez  
Liz Stefanics

**Member(s) Excused:**

Danny Mayfield, Vice Chair  
Robert Anaya

**Staff Present:**

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

**Others Present:**

Judy Williams, Health Policy & Planning Commission, Chair  
Frances Ong, Housing Authority Board member

**III. Introductions**

Those present introduced themselves.

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Stefanics moved to approve the agenda and Commissioner Chavez seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [3-0] voice vote.

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**V. Approval of Minutes: September 24, 2013**

Commissioner Stefanics moved approval and Commissioner Chavez seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [3-0] voice.

**VI. Matters of Public Concern – Non-action: None were presented.**

**VII. Information Items**

- A. Comparison of FY-2013 to FY-2014 Claims**
- B. Sole Community Provider Hospital Claims FY-2014**
- C. Contracted Expenditures for Fiscal Years 2014**

Ms. Boies stated that in the past couple of months the program has received fewer claims from Christus, resulting in a reduction in the comparison figures with last year, and that nothing within the reports was particularly noteworthy.

Commissioner Stefanics requested that staff develop a resolution, similar to what was presented approximately three years ago, allowing community providers to submit claims for undocumented immigrants. She recalled that the League of Women Voters and community clinics supported the concept and several counties provide for submission of such claims.

Ms. Boies said the current rules and regulations governing the Healthcare Assistance Program specify that an applicant have a social security number. She said she would review the matter. Chair Holian said she supported expanding eligibility to undocumented immigrants.

**D. HPPC Update**

HPPC Chair Judy Williams informed the Board that the HPPC was briefed by County and DOH staff on a project to hire a person to work at the Department of Corrections on opioid-addiction, rescue drug therapy and health insurance enrollment. San Francisco is the only other community offering the opioid-related therapy and training. The HPPC continues to work on the implementation activities for the health action plan.

Commissioner Stefanics said NACo's Health Steering Committee features different pilot programs around the country and she would forward the opioid program for pregnant women and the new jail initiatives to the committee.

**E. Christus St. Vincent Regional Medical Center**

There was no representation from the hospital. Commissioner Stefanics said it was important that the hospital send a representative. She had requested that Alex Valdez provide an analysis on what effect the Medicaid expansion for adults would have on the hospital's indigent claims. That was never received. She recently met with Bruce Tassin and Earl Potter and repeated the request. She asked that staff contact Christus and advise them that the Commission has requested this information in the past and desires the analysis and will be adding it to the agenda.

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Ms. Boies said that Ms. Armijo-Etre is out of town and that she had understood that CEO Tassin would be attending.

Ms. Miller said she would be attending the 7:30 a.m. meeting with Christus tomorrow. The Commissioners expressed their displeasure at the meeting hour.

### **VIII. Matters from Staff**

Ms. Boies highlighted the following from Ms. O'Connor's report:

- Staff has been developing and distributing materials related to health care reform and Medicaid/HIX (health insurance exchange) enrollment
- The October 8<sup>th</sup> event regarding HIX was very poorly attended
- An offer has been extended to an RN for the mobile health van and there is now a job posting for the full-time driver
- The Community Services Department is organizing a food drive to benefit the Food Depot, from November 18 -22, with food barrels at locations throughout Santa Fe County
- Fourteen flu shot clinics have occurred and been very successful; two more are planned
- Drug Take Back occurred on October 26<sup>th</sup> and a preliminary number of 150 pounds of medication was collected
- Staff held a meeting with indigent providers to discuss the impact of the State's plan on the providers

Ms. Miller reported that she has attended a few meetings with HSD, the Hospital Association, Association of Counties, and LFC. While the State's proposals are changing, it appears at this juncture they have backed down from funding the total shortfall for uncompensated care and enhanced Medicaid rates and instead are focused on the increased Medicaid rates. That requires a steady revenue stream and the State is suggesting they'll take 1/16 rather than 1/8 GRT. In order to cover CSV, the County needs approximately \$2.5 to \$3 million. Currently, the County's 1/16 generates \$2.1 million.

Ms. Miller said she continues to argue with the State that they are taking away local government autonomy and authority. The State was asked to impose one of the three 1/8 so it is the State rather than counties imposing the tax. The biggest issue that comes up is that the State is taking a local tax and sending it elsewhere and while the State appreciates that fact, Ms. Miller said they lack an alternative.

Commissioner Stefanics said the Association of Counties has taken a position against the State on this matter and passed a resolution representing that.

Ms. Miller remarked that more counties will come out significantly ahead with the State's plan. At this point, Ms. Miller said she was unsure whether there was a legislator prepared to sponsor HSD's bill; however, if a county will benefit, a sponsor will be found.

Santa Fe County has committed its sole community provider funds for the fiscal year, yet as of January 1, 2014 the sole community program will cease. Statute says payments shall be made based on commitment and this issue needs to be reviewed.

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Commissioner Stefanics suggested it may be necessary for HSD to seek an amendment to the State's Medicaid plan and if so, that process can easily take a year. Ms. Brown said she understood the State has completed a waiver process in the Centennial Care program.

**IX. Matters from the Board**

The Commission discussed their desire to meet with the CSV Board and a lunch meeting was suggested.

Responding to Chair Holian's question regarding County Medicaid enrollment data, Ms. Boies said she understood employer enrollment has been good and she would provide data on individual enrollment as it becomes available.

**X. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Approval of Indigent Hospital and County Health Claims**

Commissioner Stefanics moved to approve 912 claims in the amount of \$538,040.37 as presented by staff. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Chavez and passed by unanimous [3-0] voice vote.

**XI. Executive Session**

There was no need for executive session.

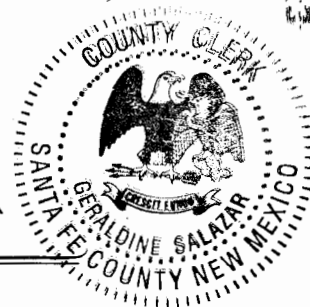
**XII. Adjournment**

Having completed the agenda and with no further business to come before the Board, this meeting adjourned at approximately 9:55 a.m.



Approved by:

*Kathy Holian*  
Kathy Holian, Chair  
Indigent Hospital & Health Care Board



*Geraldine Salazar*  
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Respectfully submitted,  
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