

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

October 30, 2012

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 Administration Building at approximately 9:10 a.m. by County Commission Chair Liz Stefanics.

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

Members Present:
Liz Stefanics, Chair
Kathy Holian, Vice Chair
Robert Anaya
Danny Mayfield
Virginia Vigil

Member(s) Excused:
None



Staff Present:
Katherine Miller, County Manager
Rachel Brown, Deputy County Attorney
Rachel O'Connor, HHS Director
Penny Ellis-Green, Deputy County Manager
Steve Shepherd, Public Safety Finance Manager
Greg Smith, Indigent Fund Coordinator
Lisa Garcia, Health Care Assistance Program
Teresa Martinez, Finance Director
Chris Barela, Constitute Liaison
Patricia Boies, HHS Coordinator

Others Present:
Kathy Armijo Etre, Christus St. Vincent
Alex Valdez, Christus St. Vincent
Judy Williams, HPPC

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III. Introductions

Those present introduced themselves.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Holian moved to approve the agenda as published and Commissioner Anaya seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

V. Approval of Minutes: September 25, 2012

Commissioner Holian moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield and passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

VI. Matters of Public Concern – Non-action

None were presented.

VII. Information Items

A. Comparison of FY-2012 to FY-2013 Claims

Mr. Smith stated at this point there is nothing out of the ordinary to report. The average claim amount is approximately \$1,300.

B. Sole Community Provider Hospital Claims FY-2013

Mr. Smith said the allocations are being drawn down quickly. He said he and Ms. O'Connor will be participating in the SCP-related meetings with the state health care affiliates.

C. Contracted Expenditures for Fiscal Years 2012 & 2013

Chair Stefanics requested that the informational items be placed on line for the public to inspect.

D. Christus/St. Vincent Regional Medical Center

Alex Valdez, CEO, Christus St. Vincent, thanked the County for their supplemental match support. The County's match allocation of \$380,000 will assist CSV in obtaining \$1.2 million. He mentioned a dramatic new shift in the self-paid category from July 2012 to date that has since stabilized to 5.2 percent from 5.7 percent of payments still above last year's numbers. A great deal of the CSV's reserves were used to address the swing.

Mr. Valdez mentioned the efforts he made to secure additional supplemental funds which included discussions with San Miguel, Taos, Mora, Los Alamos and Rio Arriba counties: none of those efforts secured match. He understood that Rio Arriba may be increasing their mill levy to fund Española Hospital and he will re-contact Rio Arriba and San Miguel to impress on them the care that CSV provides. He hoped that working with the State's Human Services Department to streamline efforts may be developed to secure funding.

The Hospital Association will be presenting a plan to the Revenue Tax Stabilization Committee to secure state legislation to enable a county commission to impose a local option tax

on a hospital within the county. Other statutory issues are connected to this recommendation that will be further discussed at the meeting. There is not overall Association support for this plan.

The average daily population in the hospital is 150 to 153 patients daily. Labor negotiations with the Service & Maintenance bargaining unit concluded and a new contract was ratified. No new labor negotiations with any groups will occur for two years.

Kathy Armijo Etre updated the Board on the Community's Health Needs Assessment stating working with the DOH the data for all the core health indicators has been obtained. A consultant will be retained to facilitate the writing of the community profile. CSV is identifying focus groups, designing public forums and completing the community resource inventory.

Ms. Etre said the work on the jail, specifically people who are cycling in and out of the jail and ED, has been included in the High Utilizers Group Services (HUGS) program. Communications between the different personnel dealing with these users has been established. The City of Santa Fe has taken on a project to reduce property crime and this initiative dovetails into what she referred to as a convergence of key personnel working together.

Responding to a question raised by Chair Stefanics regarding the community needs assessment, Ms. Etre said she and the HPPC chair met this morning and are working forward together.

E. HPPC Update

HPPC chair Judy Williams said the HPPC and CSV are on the same page regarding the community profile. She was pleased that an outside consultant would be retained to analyze the data and prepare the profile that will be used to for grant writers with guidance toward planning. A gap analysis and a plan with recommendation to address those gaps are future steps.

At the last HPPC meeting presentations were provided by the City's Resource and Opportunity Center in an effort to reduce homelessness. Funding for a program coordinator was requested. The HPPC also heard a presentation from Project Watch, early childhood initiative funding by SAMHSA with the County serving as fiscal agent.

Chair Stefanics championed developing a provider resource listing within the County. Ms. Williams said she anticipated that would be developed through the gap analysis and be part of the overall plan. Commissioner Vigil recalled that in the past Maternal and Child Health published a health services resource list.

Ms. Williams mentioned the 311-telephone line that many communities have to identify services for the community.

VIII. Matters from Staff

Rachel O'Connor, HHS Director, introduced Patricia Boies, the new HPPC and MCHC coordinator. The prescription drug card use has increased in the County which she attributed to outreach within the public schools.

She reported that the Drug Take Back program was tremendously successful with a secure collection of over 700 pounds of prescription drugs. Also noted were the flu clinics held

at the senior centers where 160 shots were given, and the difficulties staffing the mobile health van.

Chair Stefanics commented that the County Sheriff has purchased an incinerator to dispose of the drugs and advocated holding the program quarterly.

Recognizing the opportunities the program brings, Commissioner Anaya recommended expanding and coordinating the Drug Take Back to other communities in the state.

Chair Stefanics asked that staff consider offering mobile health van services and flu shots to the homeless population.

Ms. O'Connor said staff had just begun to work with Rio Arriba County to sponsor a shingles vaccine clinic early 2013.

IX. Matters from the Board

None were presented.

X. Action Items

A. Approval of Indigent Hospital and County Health Claims

Commissioner Holian moved to approve 771 claims in the amount of \$792,375.48 as presented by staff. Commissioner Vigil seconded and the motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

XI. Executive Session

There was no need for executive session.

X. Adjournment

Prior to adjourning, Commissioner Anaya recognized staff for their efforts to find additional funds for the match. He agreed with the Chair's recommendation to publish information about funding providers on line. He requested additional information about the City's Resource and Opportunities Center (ROC).

Commissioner Vigil said she currently sits on the City's Homeless Housing Task Force, which Hank Hughes chairs, that is directly related to the ROC. Chair Stefanics said a new appointment to that task force will be made in January.

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



Valerie Espinoza
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COUNTY CLERK

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Farrell
Karen Farrell, Wordswork

Approved by:

Liz Stefanics

Liz Stefanics, Commission Chair
Indigent Hospital & Healthcare Board

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