

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
INDIGENT HOSPITAL & HEALTHCARE BOARD

November 10, 2009

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 Mike Anaya.

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

Members Present:

Mike Anaya, Chair
 Harry Montoya, Vice Chair
 Kathleen Holian
 Liz Stefanics
 Virginia Vigil

Member(s) Excused:

None

Staff Present:

Rachel Brown, Deputy County Attorney
 Joseph Gutierrez, Community Services Director
 Greg Smith, Healthcare Assistance Program Manager
 Priscilla Vigil, Indigent Claims Investigator

Others Present:

Larry Martinez, HPPC

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon motion by Commissioner Holian, and second by Commissioner Stefanics the agenda was unanimously [3-0] approved. [Commissioner Montoya and Commissioner Vigil were not present for this action.]

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 29, 2009

Commissioner Holian moved approval and Commissioner Stefanics seconded. The motion passed without opposition. [Commissioner Montoya and Commissioner Vigil were not present for this action, both arriving shortly thereafter.]

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR FY 2010

Mr. Smith said there was nothing out of the ordinary to report for the fiscal year at this point.

B. Comparison of FY 2009 to FY 2010 Claims

No data to report.

C. Sole Community Provider Hospital

No data to report.

D. Contracted Expenditures for FY 09 and FY 10

Fiscal year-to-date data provided.

Commissioner Stefanics broached the subject of balances left on the table by contracted providers. She asked if attempts were being made to get them involved in using that money.

Mr. Smith said he has had lengthy discussion with several of the providers. He said some providers, including La Familia, are not taking on any new clients, which leaves things stagnant. Commissioner Stefanics recommended sending the providers a note voicing the concern that money is being allotted and not used and there is a risk of losing funds for future years.

Commissioner Vigil agreed and asked how this has been dealt with in the past. Mr. Smith said occasionally providers wait to the end of the fiscal year. However, if they are not taking on new clients that makes the problem more difficult.

Commissioner Stefanics asked for a report outlining Mr. Smith's efforts and the providers' responses on this matter. The primary providers can be invited to a meeting in the future. Substance and alcohol providers generally don't leave that much on the table, stated Mr. Smith.

NEW BUSINESS**A. Update: Health Policy & Planning Commission**

Larry Martinez stated the HPPC met last Friday and he thanked County Manager Roman Abeyta for attending the meeting. He said plans were made to move forward with the community benefit fund process in the absence of an MOA. The hospital has dedicated \$410,000 for this fund. The committee consists of Beverly Russell, Valerie Henderson, Lydia Zepeda-Jennings and Erika Campos, HPPC members who are not eligible to receive community benefits funds. Proposals are due in mid-January and decisions will be made by the end of February. He explained that proposals are prioritized according to the precepts in *A Call to Action*. This year the emphasis is on behavioral health and substance abuse issues. Among the recipients in the past are La Familia, Sangre de Cristo Community Health Partnership, PMS, and WHS.

Mr. Martinez said there is no MOA forthcoming due to lawsuits taking place in the southern part of the state.

Mr. Martinez indicated that Optum Health has been fined \$1 million for contract violations. He said the problem stems from their inability to register clients with multiple providers, resulting in payments not being made. He said an emergency meeting was to take place that morning and a monitor will be required in the future.

Commissioner Stefanics asked if this should trigger a readjustment of indigent funds for behavioral and substance abuse. Mr. Martinez said that should be looked at because of the growing recognition of the importance of those fields. He noted research has shown 70 percent of all clinic visits have a behavioral health component. This shows the importance of the SBIRT program and the need for resources. New Mexico is last in the country in per capita expenditures for behavioral health. He pointed out Ayudantes will no longer be the community mental health center in Rio Arriba County and this will have an impact on Santa Fe County. Additionally, Hope Springs has gone out of business.

Chairman Anaya asked what could be done to help Ayudantes. Mr. Martinez said they got an extension on the 1/12 draw-down system, delaying going to fee for service like the other providers. Mr. Smith said staff has tried over the years to help them file claims without great success. Commissioner Montoya said there have been attempts to help them with their cash flow in the past.

B. CHRISTUS St. Vincent Regional Medical Center

No report was presented.

C. Matters from the Board

Referring to the health van schedule for November and December, Commissioner Stefanics asked about “outreach” and suggested including Somos un Pueblo Unido along with coordinating with a grocery store that sponsors health related activities.

Commissioner Stefanics asked if domestic violence related services were eligible for reimbursement under mental health. Mr. Smith said he didn’t see why not. Esperanza and Rape Crisis could possibly benefit. Mr. Martinez pointed out that these organizations have received community benefit funds. He noted this area has been highlighted in the most recent *A Call to Action*.

Commissioner Vigil said the County has historically supported Esperanza and possibly Rape Crisis.

Commissioner Holian stated her constituents have called complaining about helicopters around the hospital disturbing the neighborhood. She asked that there be a meeting between the hospital and homeowner associations. Mr. Martinez said he has been involved in this issue and a series of meetings are planned to hear neighbors’ concerns. Some neighbors have filed claims. He said the meetings will be publicized. Chairman Anaya noted it should be remember that the helicopters are there to save lives.

Mr. Martinez said he also gets calls about drivers ignoring the stop signs at San Mateo and Galisteo and suggested Hospital Zone signs could be put up in the area.

D. Approval of Indigent Hospital and County Healthcare Claims

Mr. Smith said there were no outstanding issues.

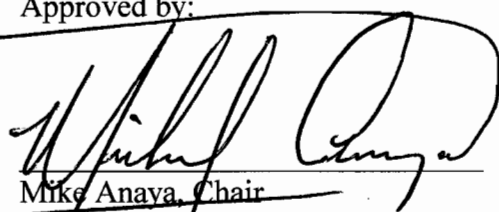
Commissioner Holian moved to approve 119 claims totaling \$640,320.62 as

recommended by staff, and Commissioner Stefanics seconded. The motion passed by unanimous 5-0 voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45 a.m.

Approved by:


Mike Anaya, Chair
Board of County Commissioners



Submitted by: Debbie Doyle, Wordswork



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