

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

November 29, 2011

Chair Virginia Vigil called this meeting of the Indigent Hospital & Health Care Board to order at approximately 9:07 a.m. in the County Administrative Legal Conference room.

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

Members Present:

Virginia Vigil, Chair
Liz Stefanics, Vice Chair [9:15 arrival]
Danny Mayfield [9:11 arrival]
Robert Anaya
Kathy Holian

Member(s) Excused:

[None]

Staff Present:

Kathy Miller, County Manager
Penny Ellis-Green, Deputy County Manager
Rachel Brown, Deputy County Attorney
Steve Shepherd, Health Services Director
Greg Smith, Indigent Fund Coordinator
Joseph Gutierrez, Community Services Director
Lisa Garcia, Health Care Assistance Program
Chris Barela, Constituent Liaison

Others Present:

Alex Valdez, Christus St. Vincent
Kathy Armijo Etre, Christus St. Vincent

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Holian moved to approve the agenda as amended. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Anaya and passed by unanimous [3-0] voice vote. [Commissioners Stefanics and Mayfield were not present for this action.]

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 25, 2011

Mr. Smith mentioned that a few grammatical changes were made to the minutes. Commissioner Anaya moved to approve the minutes as submitted. His motion was seconded by

Chair Vigil and passed by unanimous [3-0] voice vote. [Commissioners Stefanics and Mayfield were not present for this action.]

V. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN – NON-ACTION ITEMS

None were presented.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Comparison of FY 2010 to FY 2011 Claims

B. Sole Community Provider Hospitals FY-2012

C. Contracted Expenditures for Fiscal Years 2011 and 2012

Mr. Smith noted that on item A, the numbers were slightly off from last year due to the fact that last year's first three or four months had a very high number of claims. However, on average the claims are on target.

Turning to item B, the sole community provider match figures, Mr. Smith said they are on pace with Los Alamos and Española Hospital draw-downs. Quite a few claims are being processed from St. Vincent. Approximately \$1.6 million has been drawn down as of last month.

The non-SCP providers are also on track to draw down their full allocations.

[Commissioner Mayfield joined the meeting.]

D. Christus St. Vincent Regional Medical Center – Standing Item

Kathy Armijo Etre stated CSV has been working the Health Policy and Planning Commission (HPPC) on a needs assessment in order to maintain non-profit status. They have engaged many partners, including Early Childhood Group, Santa Fe Public Schools, and CORE. If more input is deemed necessary focus groups will be held jointly between the HPPC and CSV.

Alex Valdez, CSV CEO, indicated that a comprehensive needs assessment, digging deep into the topic was essential.

[Commissioner Stefanics joined the meeting.]

Mr. Valdez thanked Commissioners Stefanics and Holian for a very beneficial meeting with SupportCo. He is hopeful resolution with CMS to the SCP supplemental issue will be reached by the end of the year. He noted the deadline continues to change. Mr. Valdez said he and Mr. Smith had the chance to speak about the FY 11 claims and resolution appears to be forthcoming.

Mr. Valdez stated the hospital continues to aggressively enroll participants into Medicaid. The MASH unit has been active and a second group will focus on it.

Commissioner Stefanics noted the meeting with SupportCo was productive and interesting.

E. HPPC Update – Standing Item

Commissioner Stefanics pointed out every other page of the minutes were missing and Mr. Shepherd said they would be mailed out.

VII. MATTERS FROM STAFF

None were presented

VIII. MATTERS FROM THE BOARD

Commissioner Anaya suggested that staff work with the school district of Moriarty and all the school districts to take advantage of their informational signs when they are not being otherwise used to advise the public of meetings or the location of the mobile health van. Commissioner Stefanics added they could announce the County prescription discount cards. Commissioner Anaya said there could be an electronic sign place outside of First Choice.

Commissioner Anaya noted that Representative Rhonda King has been working with the Juvenile Justice Board and hopes the County will be able make use of funding they have been granted for youth programs in the southern part of the county. Also, there was a call for coordinating activities and more Commission participation on the board.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Resolution No. 2011-1, a Resolution Requesting a Decrease to the Indigent Hospital Fund (220) Transfer to the Indigent Health Care Fund (223) and to Budget a Supplemental Payment to the Sole Community Provider Program in the Indigent Hospital Fund (220)/\$165,000**

Mr. Smith explained this is in preparation of getting the payment ready to submit pending go-ahead from the state and CMS.

Commissioner Stefanics moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Anaya seconded. The motion carried by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

- IX. B. Resolution N. 2011-2, a Resolution Affirming the Recommendation of the Santa Fe Health Policy and Planning Commission Concerning the Fiscal Year 2012 Health Care Assistance Program Budget**

Mr. Smith said this affirms the recommendation made by the HPPC of the allocation of the \$380,000, consisting of \$23,000 for indigent burials and cremations, \$125,000 for stacked in-state hospital claims, \$75,00 for other indigent fund providers, and \$165,00 for supplemental sole community provider payment.

Commissioner Anaya moved approval. Commissioner Stefanics seconded and the motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

Commissioner Mayfield stated he had heard the state was having trouble securing a site for cremated remains. Mr. Smith noted that there was an article in *The New Mexican* relating to

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the issue. In Santa Fe County the procedure for unclaimed remains is to store them at Direct Funeral Services in Albuquerque for two years, after which they are scattered in the mountains with a non-denominational service.

Commissioner Mayfield suggested Santa Fe County could help out the state with storing the remains. Mr. Smith said there is nowhere in the County to store them.

Commissioner Stefanics noted that options for burial were available for other entities and she asked if there was an overlap. Mr. Smith said the service providers are required to do due diligence and that the Indigent Fund is the payer or last resort. He added that local options for storing cremains were available. Direct Funeral Services in Albuquerque charges \$600 for pick-up, storage, documentation and disposal of unclaimed bodies. In the last five years there were approximately eight unclaimed deceased.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A closed session was deemed unnecessary.

X. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Indigent Hospital and County Health Care Claims

Commissioner Holian moved to approve 952 claims totaling \$870,568.10 as recommended by staff, and Commissioner Anaya seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting adjourned at approximately 9:40 a.m.



Valerie Espinoza
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COUNTY CLERK

Respectfully submitted by:
Debbie Doyle, Wordswork

Approved by:

Virginia Vigil, Chair
Board of County Commissioners



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I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 2ND Day Of February, 2012 at 09:34:04 AM And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1659245 Of The Records Of Santa Fe County

Deputy With My Hand And Seal Of Office
Valerie Espinoza
County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

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