

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING COMMISSION

December 6, 2013

Santa Fe, New Mexico

This regular meeting of the Santa Fe County Health Policy & Planning Commission (HPPC) was called to order by Chair Judith Williams at approximately 9:00 a.m. on the above-cited date at 2052 S. Galisteo, Suite B, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present:

Judith Williams, Chair
Kathleen Rowe, Vice Chair
James Bond
Shirlee Davidson
Vivian Heye
Catherine Kinney
Reena Szczepanski
Sun Vega

Member(s) Excused:

John Abrams
Bertha Blanchard
Bryan Conkling

Staff Present:

Rachel O'Connor, Director, Community Services Department
Patricia Boies, Health Services Division Director
Deborah Mier, RN, Mobile Health Van

Others Present:

Tom Starke, County DWI Planning Council
Martha Cook, NAMI Board
Bruce Wetherbee, Former President, Northern New Mexico Central Labor Council

Ms. Boies announced that Allan Bendorf submitted a letter of resignation.

IV. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was amended to hear the director's report directly after approval of minutes.

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Commissioner Bond moved to approve the agenda as amended. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Rowe and passed by unanimous voice vote.

V. Approval of Minutes: November 1, 2013

Commissioner Bond moved to approve the minutes. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Kinney and passed by unanimous voice vote.

VII. Matters from the Commission

A. Director's Report

Ms. O'Connor noted the following:

- An RFP was issued for the outreach of Medicaid/health insurance exchange enrollment in Santa Fe County – one proposal was received from La Familia in collaboration with Maria Perez/Health Action New Mexico; a contract will be awarded to them
- Santa Fe County Healthcare Assistance staff is being trained to assist in Medicaid enrollment
- Christus St. Vincent (CSV) and the County will collaborate on a pilot evidence-based exercise program to reduce falls within the elderly population starting in the Santa Cruz area
- Issues arose with the Narcan-related position at the jail and a vacant Public Safety position may be reclassified for the position
- HSD is discussing Medicaid “presumptive eligibility” for individuals leaving jail custody
- Deborah Mier was introduced as the new nurse for the mobile health van
- Staff is scouting new locations for the mobile health van and has parked at the City's Resource Opportunities Center via Healthcare for the Homeless

Ms. Mier said she has seven years of experience in nursing, has worked in a trauma center and overall was really excited for this opportunity with the County. She mentioned that they took the van out to the Community College last week and saw over 25 people.

Ms. O'Connor said the sole community provider (SCP) issue has not been resolved and the State's proposal to take the second 1/8 from the counties still stands. That 1/8 had been for SCP funding and the State proposes to use it for the increase in the Medicaid rates. Meetings continue to occur with HSD and the counties and no agreement(s) have been reached. Santa Fe County is one of the top three counties that will contribute the most and receive the least back. The questions are how healthcare will be addressed at Santa Fe County and whether Santa Fe County can continue to provide healthcare. A new funding stream will need to be identified. Ms. O'Connor said what happens at this legislative session will be significant.

Chair Williams remarked on a successful alternative sentencing program in San Juan County that relies entirely on indigent care tax money it may cease without that revenue.

Ms. O'Connor said the County Commission wants to maintain county healthcare and passed two resolutions expressly opposing HSD's proposal. She said delaying the taking of the second 1/8 would provide the County the necessary time for Healthcare Reform to occur.

VI. Matters of Public Concern

Bruce Wetherbee, former President, Northern New Mexico Central Labor Council, and now involved with nurses at CSV, said the president of District 1199, Fonda Osborn, asked that he speak to this Commission on her behalf requesting a spot on this Commission's January 2014 agenda to make a presentation regarding concerns having to do with staffing at CSV. CSV administration is not communicating and District 1199 is requesting time to discuss the issue with the HPPC and perhaps arrange a meeting together with CSV.

Mr. Wetherbee also requested that the HPPC allow him time on their next agenda for a presentation on building healthy work and living places.

VII. Presentation/Discussion

A. Status of Enrollment in NMHIX and Medicaid

Ms. Boies said enrollment numbers were not available at this point.

Commissioner Szczepanski said the State runs the small business exchange and the federal government runs that for individuals. The State uses getinsured.com to set up the small business exchange and there have been glitches, she anticipated more information would be available as the enrollment files are transferred to carriers. The figures for October for the individual exchange were 172 enrolled in the State. The files were reported to be of a poor quality with a great number of field errors. The word is that healthcare.gov is now up and running significantly better.

Commissioner Szczepanski displayed the home page of healthcare.gov noting the plans can be seen without having to set up an account and one can ascertain whether one qualifies for premium subsidy without setting up an account.

Commissioner Szczepanski said the outreach events have not been successful in enrollment. She noted that other states that have defaulted completely to the federal government are going door-to-door conducting enrollment. New Mexico has data identifying areas of high uninsured population but it is not being utilized.

Ms. O'Connor said the County would be focusing on radio ads. Commissioner Szczepanski recommended the ads discuss both Medicaid and the exchange.

Remarking on the State's high illiteracy rate, Commissioner Davidson said she was encouraged by the number of enrollees and anticipated continued growth. Commissioner Szczepanski agreed and said it was important to get eligible people signed up to the Medicaid program.

Enroll America is working in states that have completely defaulted to the Feds.

Ms. Boies said the County has prepared a letter for the 2,300 individuals who received assistance through the County's indigent fund, outlining how they can enroll in Medicaid and/or the Exchange.

Commissioner Szczepanski said her office is researching how the conversion from family Medicaid to expansion Medicaid will proceed.

VII. Matters from the Commission

A. Update on Health Action Plan

Commissioner Kinney said each of the identified priority goals will be assigned a staff person and at least one HPPC member liaison. Evidence-based approaches will be emphasized. She distributed materials specific for each of the identified problems. Staff is revising the County government planned actions and expected results. The first task for the liaisons is to obtain the updated materials and review the evidence-based reports in preparation for meeting with the community groups. Tasks were also outlined for the proposed community collaborative convener.

Commissioner Vega volunteered to work on the "lack of mental health services" with Shirlee Davidson.

Martha Cook, NAMI Board member, offered that the district collaborative meets every three months and she provided the NAMI newsletters. She volunteered to work with the HPPC liaisons on the mental health services issues.

Commissioner Kinney was recognized for her work in preparing the next step on the health action plan.

Liaisons were encouraged to contact staff if they need help in developing a work plan.

C. Other Matters from the Commission

Chair Williams recognized staff for their tremendous work.

Chair Williams updated the Commission on the December 4th conference Judge Marlow Sommer convened entitled, "It Takes a Village: Revitalizing the Continuum of Care." Joanie Morales, Alternative Sentencing Coordinator, was instrumental in developing the conference which was basically a day of presentations from law enforcement, public defenders, the DA office, probation officers, judges, treatment components, and San Juan County regarding their alternative sentencing program.

Chair Williams said there needs to be a great deal more communication and coordination. The need for jail diversion, halfway house and continued treatment were all discussed.

Tom Starke, Santa Fe County DWI Planning Council, mentioned that most of the people needing help with alcohol/drug abuse qualify for Medicaid and need help signing up for it. He spoke to the importance of getting the offenders – described as frequent fliers – on Medicaid. There will be follow up on the questions that were not answered at the conference and a

summary is being prepared. The primary driver was coordination and integration across the groups in the community that are trying to help offenders. Mr. Starke said he was overwhelmed by the caring nature of the conference attendees.

Commissioner Davidson also attended the conference and said that a report was provided on the individual who used ER more than anyone in the County and how a team was developed that helped him to get sober and employment. She said this is the model that works and she lauded Life Link, Recovery Center and PMS Community Guidance Center for this success story.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

There was agreement to hold the first meeting of 2014 in February.

- Presentation from CSV regarding the Needs Assessment priorities and how those fit together with the HPPC's priorities
- If the HPPC should hear from CSV healthcare workers it was equally important to hear from CSV administration. Mr. Wetherbee said it is not a contract issue; instead it is patient issue. He noted 183 experienced nurses have left CSV in 22 months. He explained that it was County Commissioner Kathy Holian who directed him to attend this meeting as a first step.
- Status reports from the liaisons.

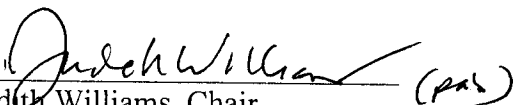
IX. Announcements

A. Next HPPC meeting Friday, February 7, 2014, 9 a.m., 2052 Galisteo St.

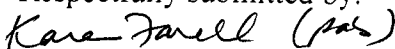
X. Adjournment

This meeting was declared adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Approved by:


Judith Williams, Chair
Health Policy & Planning Commission

Respectfully submitted by:


Karen Farrell, Wordswork

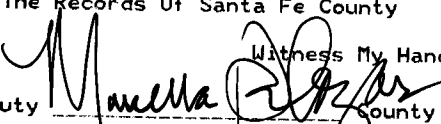


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