

Santa Fe County Maternal and Child Health Planning Council
Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2011

Members in Attendance:

Kim Straus
Lara Yoder
Janet Aboytes
Lynn Hathaway

Coordinator:

Lisa Garcia

Members Absent:

Marcia Panagakos
Kristi Readyhough
Jacqueline Baca
Jill Reichman
Magi Gerety
Betty Cardenas

Guests:

Ron Hale, DOH, Office of Community Health Partnerships
Nan Schwanfelder, Brindle Foundation
Roberta Cheek, Care Net Pregnancy Center
Michelle Montoya, Youth Shelters
Michelle Quintana, PMS Head Start
Liz Mueller, SFHS Teen Parent Center
Laurie Allocca, Holy Faith Pre-School
Wren Abbott, Santa Fe Reporter

The meeting was called to order at 12:25 pm.

Introductions were done and there were several announcements. Kim announced that there is a bill before the legislature to amend the constitution that would increase the take from the permanent fund for education starting at birth and would raise the permanent fund distribution to 7% where the additional funds would be dedicated to early childhood programs (home visiting, child care subsidy, FIT, other education services). Lisa mentioned a few other bills that she identified that could have an impact on families with young children. They are to create task forces for a family friendly workforce and substance abuse in prenatal care. She also passed out flyers about the Christus St Vincent facilities throughout the community. Lara shared that at the Life Link is the local agency for a couple of new housing projects. They are specifically for people who are homeless or have disabilities.

Michelle updated the group on some of the new head start sites. They received some funds to expand their early head start programs. They had been at the same funding level in Santa Fe for over 10 years for early head start. There were only 24 early head start slots and 33 home based slots. With AARA funds, they released new funding to expand early head start. PMS received funding to increase center based slots by 120 and 11 home based slots. They have opened 5 new sites that are serving children weeks-3 years old. They hired 46 new staff positions, 38 were teachers and 1 is a home visitor. In addition, they added a half-time early head start education coordinator, Laurie Allocca. In total, they are serving 188 children in Santa Fe County. Their waiting list for early head start is 150 income eligible families. In addition, they have over 40 families on the waiting list that are over income guidelines (above poverty level). They currently have over 30 children with IFSP's in the program. All children receive developmental and social-emotional screenings, including physical and dental care. They get basic health screenings or refer families to a health care facility where they can get them. Michelle explained the partnership they have created with the schools. There are 2 new centers on high school campuses, taking over the nursery at Santa Fe High and opening two portables at Capital High. At the high schools, 2/3 of the families are teen parents and the others are filled by the community at large. The head start requirements state that they have always be 100% enrolled so they can't hold a slot for students. Janet added that they are still providing parenting education just as they did previously. They also have an academic online classroom in the middle of campus and are still providing case management even though head start has a family service assistant. There are challenges as teens have babies on whether there will be a slot for them. There hasn't been any issues regarding this yet but Janet and Michelle continue discussions.

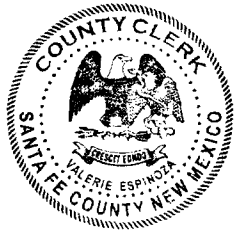
Laurie shared that her center, Holy Faith Childcare is closing because the church can't continue subsidizing the program any longer. Kim shared that the same thing is happening at Santa Fe Community College. Laurie shared that the Santa Fe New Mexican is going to be doing an article regarding the closing. She shared that if their center could have been receiving the full

Approved on April 21, 2011 by:

Kim Straus _____ *Lara Yoder* _____

Kim Straus, Interim Co-chair

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Respectfully submitted by:

Lisa Garcia, MCH Planning Council Coordinator

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