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**HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING COMMISSION**  
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**MINUTES OF THE**  
**SANTA FE COUNTY**  
**HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING COMMISSION**

**February 3, 2012**

A meeting of the Santa Fe County Health Policy and Planning Commission was called to order at 9:20 a.m. by Chair Judith Williams on the above-cited date at the Santa Fe County Health & Human Services Department, 2052 Galisteo Street, Suite B, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum for conducting official business as follows:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Judith Williams, Chair  
Bertha Blanchard, newly appointed member  
James Bond  
George Gamble  
Catherine Kinney, newly appointed member  
Richard Rodriguez, newly appointed member  
Kathleen Rowe  
Anna Vigil

**MEMBER(S) ABSENT:**

Shirley Davidson, excused  
Antoinette Montaña, excused

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Lisa Garcia, Health and Human Services Department  
Marie Garcia, Health and Human Services Department  
Teresa Martinez, Santa Fe County Finance Director  
Katherine Miller, County Manager  
Velma Salinas, Health and Human Services Department  
Steve Shepherd, Health and Human Services Department Director  
Greg Smith, Healthcare Assistance Program

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Nancy Adelsheim, Women's Health Services  
Ron Aldrich, CHRISTUS/St. Vincent Regional Medical Center  
Dr. Laura Brown, Director, Healthcare for the Homeless  
Nat Dean, Disability Advocate  
Arturo Delgado, CHRISTUS/ St. Vincent Regional Medical Center

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Kathy Armijo-Etre, CHRISTUS/St. Vincent Regional Medical Center  
Linda Prince, citizen  
L. Montoya-Rael, CHRISTUS/St. Vincent Regional Medical Center  
Alex Valdez, CEO, CHRISTUS/St. Vincent Regional Medical Center  
Ellen Orr Wittman, M.D./Clinica La Cienega  
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

Chair Williams welcomed the newly appointed Commissioners and they provided a brief history of their respective backgrounds.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Commissioner Bond moved to approve the agenda as published. Commissioner Gamble seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

*Draft Minutes for November 4, 2011*

*Draft Minutes for December 2, 2011*

*Draft Minutes for January 6, 2012*

Mr. Shepherd said staff recommends approval of all three sets of Minutes with minor revisions.

**Commissioner Bond moved to approve the Minutes of the November 4, 2011, December 2, 2011 and January 6, 2012 meetings, as amended. Commissioner Gamble seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

#### **MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN**

Chair Williams asked the guests to introduce themselves.

Dr. Laura Brown is the Medical Director for Healthcare for the Homeless (under La Familia Medical Center). She said they are interested in seeking additional funding for Suboxone treatment given their knowledge of the epidemic opiate addictions in our community, as well as the epidemic of overdose deaths. She offered to come back and present this information to the HPPC in the future.

Ellen Whitman is a Physician Assistant. She said for over 20 years she has had an idea to bring healthcare to rural communities in northern New Mexico. She would like to present a proposal to the HPPC for "Clinica La Cienega" for the purposes of building a clinic, a community center and temporary housing, which would be done in three phases. They are proposing that the Clinic be located on five (5) acres of ranch land at La Bajada Ranch, which is in Santa Fe County.

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

### A. Santa Fe County Finance & Budget (Santa Fe County Staff/Teresa Martinez, Finance Director)

Ms. Martinez introduced herself and the County Manager, Ms. Katherine Miller.

Ms. Martinez said the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) has asked them to come back to the HPPC before the County makes a commitment on the Sole Community Provider funding.

Ms. Martinez referred to the proposed Mil Levy noting that in New Mexico, a property's tax value is one-third (1/3) of its assessed value. The mil rate is applied to the taxable value. She provided examples of what the cost of a mil levy would be to the taxpayer. She explained that 1 mil equates to \$1.00 for each \$1,000 of taxable property value.

Ms. Martinez said the BCC could impose a levy against the net taxable value of the property in the county. The amount imposed is certified annually by the Healthcare Assistance Program Board (Indigent Board) based upon its determination of funds needed to support indigent claims. The mil levy would require one-time voter approval and the election must be conducted in the same manner as for general elections. One mil would generate approximately \$6.5 million.

Ms. Martinez noted that the handout in the Commissioners' packet indicates that the 2009 Indigent claims totaled \$1.35 million and the 2011 Indigent claims came in at \$5.433 million.

## MATTERS FROM THE COMMISSION

### A. Community Needs Assessment Standing Item (Commissioners Gamble and Rowe)

Commissioner Gamble said the HPPC has two documents in their packets that the Subcommittee prepared: The Draft Outline of the *SF County Community Health Profile 2012* and *Indicators and Rate Comparisons for Maternal and Children's Health Santa Fe County 2012*. He briefly reviewed the handouts. He said fundamentally, there are two parts to the health profile: One is a health profile or report card on the current health data in the county-putting together health indicators with input from a range of community providers and specialists. The second part would include recommendations from the HPPC to the BCC regarding health care needs.

Commissioner Gamble said the second part is a piece that is a little more complicated because it will involve substantial input from a number of specialists and groups in the county (both provider and consumer groups) – and how this will happen is yet to be determined for a variety of reasons and one of them is resources.

Commissioner Gamble referred to the second document that was in the Commissioners' packets noting that this is a beginning of health indicators for maternal and child health.

Commissioner Gamble requested that the HPPC look at both the draft outline and the example of the MCH indicators; and bring back some input at the next meeting on things that the Commissioners think are missing, or things that could be viewed differently. He would also like the Commissioners to think about the particular parts of the process that they would be involved with.

Chair Williams thanked Commissioner Gamble for doing this. She said the HPPC will be constrained by resource issues and hopefully the HPPC can get some help doing this. She said the HPPC can talk to UNM about interns and possibly there will be some County funds to help support the gathering of data.

Mr. Shepherd said staff will pursue this.

Commissioner Gamble said the HPPC needs to discuss what the resource needs will be.

**B. Discuss Criteria for Presentations and Requests for Funding  
(Commissioner Williams)**

Chair Williams said in the past the HPPC has asked for presentations or people have asked to make presentations and sometimes the HPPC cannot accommodate them. She explained that service providers, advocates and others often ask to speak to the HPPC about specific programs and requests for funding. Occasionally, providers who are not eligible for support under the indigent care program make such requests. It is often difficult to say no to these requests, and the HPPC have not had the means to provide coherent explanation for decisions to meet with groups or individuals.

Chair Williams said possibly the HPPC could set out some criteria for presentations and requests for funding. Presenters can ask to be placed on an agenda in advance and send information for the HPPC to review in advance. She referred to the handout in the Commissioners' packets entitled "*Considerations for Presentations and Funding Requests Draft 01-06-12*". She said this is either the second or third draft and she did not know what the pleasure of the HPPC is; and whether or not they would like to make changes to this.

Mr. Shepherd referred to page 2 under Schedule and Materials, with regard to the presentation materials being sent electronically to staff at least one week ahead of the meeting. He thinks there should also be a deadline for submission of a request, possibly three weeks ahead of the meeting so that staff has time for agenda planning.

Chair Williams said this is an old version of the draft. She noted that she sent an updated one to staff.

Commissioner Bond suggested that time constraints be added in with respect to presentations – possibly a limit of 10-15 minutes. Presenters can put the amount of time they will need in their request.

Commissioner Rowe said there should be some language regarding the HPPC's ability to cancel requests or presentations.

Chair Williams offered to make these revisions and resend the Commissioners the updated version.

**C. Santa Fe County Healthcare Assistance Program (Indigent Fund)  
(Santa Fe County Staff)**

Mr. Smith said this item will be addressed in detail under Action Items VIII-B and C below.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Approve Criteria for Presentations and Requests for Funding Process**

**Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the Criteria for Presentations and Requests for Funding Process with the above-noted revisions. Commissioner Vigil seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

**B. Recommendation for Amounts of Sole Community Provider Match for FY13**

[Material on the Healthcare Assistance Program (Indigent Fund) was distributed in the Commissioners' packets. This included requests for Sole Community Provider funding from Presbyterian Espanola Hospital, Los Alamos Medical Center and CHRISTUS/St. Vincent Regional Medical Center. A copy is hereby incorporated to these Minutes as Exhibit "A".]

Chair Williams said the BCC met on Tuesday and considered recommendations for the Sole Community Provider funding; and they asked that this come back to the HPPC for some recommendations by their next meeting. She noted that the next BCC meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2012.

Mr. Shepherd said the first handout in the Commissioners' packets is the projected eligibility for 2013 that Human Services Department (HSD) staff determined would be the maximum that would be approved for each hospital. The second page includes the three requests that HSD received from the hospitals; the third page is the final FY2012 Approved Base and the next page includes the approved claims that were approved by the Healthcare Assistance Board for FY2011 and FY2012. The following eight pages are copies of a presentation that was made by the HSD to the Association of Counties at their mid-winter conference on January 18, 2012. Mr. Shepherd said this is a good explanation on how Sole Community Provider works and how it is calculated.

Chair Williams asked if the Base Funding for the projected eligibility for 2013 is calculated on the Base for 2012, less the supplemental funding.

Mr. Shepherd said yes.

Ms. Miller provided a background of the Sole Community Provider funding to the HPPC so that they can understand what the County's and the hospital's position is; and how this program has changed over the last couple of years. She explained that the County budget for FY2013 does not happen countywide until May or June timeframe but this commitment happens now. She said one issue that the County deals with is that it is very hard for the County Finance Division to balance a commitment here without knowing what the rest of the requests are. The second issue is the supplemental funding factor that comes in after the fiscal year starts. In addition, County revenues have declined over 20% in the last few years and there are now more demands on the County side with regard to health care. The federal matching rate has dropped as well.

Ms. Miller said SCPF payments are governed by federal regulations and state statute. She noted that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) performed an audit on federal fiscal year 2009 match payments to private hospitals. They determined that \$53 million dollars of improper federal match payments were made, due to improper financial relationships between hospitals and counties. CMS has also approved new certification language.

Ms. Miller explained that there are several factors that have made the ultimate SCP funding to CHRISTUS/St. Vincent Regional Medical Center significantly less than it has been historically. She said the county recognizes this, but it also has the issue and demands of the additional services that they need to provide without a Memorandum of Agreement with the hospital.

Ms. Miller referred to the options for FY2013 SCP funding as follows:

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| 1) Based on 2011 Claims w/3.25% inflationary factor            | \$5,609,619 |
| 2) Based on 2012 Projected Claims w/ 3.25% inflationary factor | \$7,054,880 |
| 3) Based on State level  | \$7,684,179 |

Ms. Miller noted that the BCC heard all of the options on Tuesday and asked that the HPPC provide feedback as to what they should put forward. Again, the next BCC meeting is February 14<sup>th</sup> and this information on the County's commitment has to be at the State on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Miller briefly reviewed the handout on the total revenues for FY2011 (\$8,767,830) and the total expenditures (\$13,127,429). She noted that there is a shortfall of \$4,359,599, which will probably have to come out of the General Fund. She said the County needs another funding source to address healthcare in Santa Fe County.

Ms. Martinez explained that there is a need for a Mil Levy but a Mil Levy would be a little more complicated.

Commissioner Gamble referred to the language regarding the use of SCP funds "*The monies received for the SCPF MUST be used for direct patient care or services related to direct patient care.*" He asked if this was correct.

Mr. Shepherd said yes, this is correct.

Commissioner Gamble asked if the HPPC should discount CHRISTUS/St. Vincent Regional Medical Center's list of uncompensated/undercompensated patient care that they provided, for example, things like bad debt expense.

In response, Alex Valdez said this form was developed by a consultant for the Hospital Association that was presented at a joint meeting of the Human Services Department and the Hospital Association. He said the intent of this form is to be able to figure out how to best define uncompensated care for hospitals. All of the line items that sum up to \$25 million are items that are for uncompensated or undercompensated patient care pursuant to State law. Mr. Valdez said the SCP program is not only a claims program but also a program that helps provide compensation to hospitals for the upper payment limits – the difference between the reimbursement the hospital receives for Medicaid and Medicare and the costs for delivery of those services.

Mr. Valdez asked the HPPC to consider how best the County can take advantage of the federal leverage dollars to better the community, understanding all of the constraints. He said they cannot lose sight of the fact that uncompensated and undercompensated care and indigent care continue to go up.

Commissioner Blanchard said she was not ready to vote on something to recommend to the BCC without a little more detail.

Commissioner Rowe would like to see what CHRISTUS/St. Vincent Regional Medical Center is receiving in terms of charity events - a more complete picture of the income that is generated from these events.

Mr. Valdez said he would be happy to provide this.

Chair Williams noted that she sent Mr. Valdez an e-mail and it would help if CHRISTUS/St. Vincent Regional Medical Center could respond to her e-mail.

Mr. Valdez said they will respond to the e-mail.

Commissioner Bond said philosophically, the County should not spend more than what is projected from GRT revenue.

Ms. Martinez said another factor that is currently happening, is that the Legislature is considering a bill relative to GRT that is called "Hold Harmless" where they will make the local government "whole" from the taxes that were removed on food and medical. She explained that this could impact the County.



**Commissioner Rowe moved that the HPPC recommends the second option (to fund the SCP requests based on the 2012 projected claims at \$7,054,880). Commissioner Vigil seconded the motion. The motion carried. (1 opposed).**

### **C. Recommendation to Allocate Available Healthcare Assistance Program Funding**

Mr. Smith referred to the copy of Resolution 2011-02 that was included in the Commissioners' packet. The Resolution supports the recommendation of the Santa Fe Health Policy and Planning Commission to allocate un-encumbered funding within the Healthcare Assistance Program Budget. There is currently \$388,000 of undersigned funds in the Healthcare Assistance Program; and the BCC, acting as the Indigent Hospital and County Healthcare Board, requested that the HPPC make a recommendation as to how to use those funds to provide funding to critical healthcare programs that provide services for the residents of Santa Fe County.

In October 2011, the HPPC recommended that the funds be used as follows:

\$ 25,000 for indigent burials and cremations (however, this was reduced to \$23,000 due to budget constraints)

\$125,000 for stacked in-state hospital claims

\$ 75,000 for other indigent fund providers that run out of money during the current fiscal year; and

\$165,000 for supplemental Sole Community Provider Matching funds for CHRISTUS/St. Vincent Regional Medical Center.

**\$390,000**

Mr. Smith reported that the County received requests from two providers: one from La Familia Medical Center and the other one from Women's Health Services. Both providers requested \$50,000, totaling \$100,000; leaving a difference of \$25,000 from the amount that was allocated for this specific line item.

Mr. Smith said staff has done a mid-year review on the providers. They looked at what has been paid down based on claims that were submitted and approved. Women's Health Services has approximately \$900 left from \$63,750 that was allocated; and La Familia Medical Center has a balance of approximately \$235,000 from the \$531,000 that was allocated to them.

Mr. Smith explained that Women's Health Services has a huge need for additional dollars to get them through the rest of the year. With that being said, La Familia Medical Center also has a need for additional funding to help them service more individuals within the community.

Commissioner Bond said it seems like La Familia Medical Center is on track, which is in contrast of Women's Health Services. He said he would be a proponent of helping Women's Health Services.

Commissioner Blanchard asked what services La Familia Medical Center provides.

Mr. Smith said La Familia Medical Center, along with Women's Health Services, provide direct health care services. La Familia Medical Center also provides dental services.

Commissioner Rowe noted that the big difference between the two providers is that Women's Health Services does not receive federal funds for the medically underserved.

Commissioner Rodriguez asked how far the \$50,000 would carry Women's Health Services.

Mr. Smith said the \$50,000 would carry them through the rest of this fiscal year-through June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Gamble asked if there was any reason to hold \$25,000 for another need that could come up in the next five months from other providers in the community.

Mr. Smith said no, he did not believe that there will be that need.

**Commissioner Bond moved to grant \$50,000 to Women's Health Services as requested and the remainder \$25,000 to La Familia Medical Center. Commissioner Blanchard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

##### **A. Future agenda items for March 2012/April 2012 (Commissioner Williams)**

**March Agenda**  
HPPC activities  
County budget

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next HPPC Regular Meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 3, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Shepherd noted that staff is working on having the next meeting at the Pasatiempo Senior Center with the health van present.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Having completed the agenda, Commissioner Bond moved to adjourn, second by Commissioner Gamble, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

**Approved by:**



**Kathleen Rowe, Vice-Chairperson**

Respectively submitted by:

*Jo Ann G. Valdez*, Stenographer