

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

Members in Attendance:

Magi Gerety
Janet Aboytes
Lynn Hathaway

Coordinator:

Lisa Garcia

Guests:

Ron Hale, DOH, Office of Community Health Partnerships
Michelle Montoya, Youth Shelters
Michelle Quintana, PMS Head Start
Loretta Fernandez, SFPS Adelante Program
Ariel Cordero, Healthy Families Primeros Pasos
Linnea Morris, Healthy Families Primeros Pasos

Members Absent:

Kim Straus
Kristi Readyhough
Jacqueline Baca
Jill Reichman
Marcia Panagakos
Betty Cardenas
Lara Yoder

The meeting began at 12:15 pm.

Introductions were done by those present.

We didn't have a quorum so the minutes couldn't be approved.

There was no one from the executive committee yet so Lisa began going through the agenda items. Kathy Etre, the scheduled guest speaker will be at the April meeting instead of this one. Lisa gave the group an update on funding of the MCH council from the county. Last month, she understood the council would be eliminated but after the last Board of County Commissioner meeting, the funding for next year was restored at the same level as the current year. She explained the approval of the Sole Community Provider funding for Christus St. Vincent based on the playback of the county commission meeting on the county website. The resolution re-structuring the MCH Council can now move forward since it was held back prior to this decision. She shared that the Health Policy and Planning Commission members have been approved so they will be meeting soon and beginning to move forward with the new resolution in place.

Under old business, Lisa updated the group on the RAND Corporation project. Since the council will be in existence for at least another year, she submitted the proposal to the county purchasing department so we can get the ball rolling internally on setting it up. She is now working with IT and legal to get this setup. The RAND Corporation took the MCH resource directory information and extracted about 40% of the listing and created the database on this. They only used the information that they will need for their study but we can add to it at a future date as a community resource. Their web developer has provided advice to us on how to set up the website and to make it easier to find during a search. Ron suggested that we have a link to mycommunitynm.org. That is a state sponsored website but when Lisa researched it previously, it would cost to participate and the MCH Council doesn't have money for this. Lisa shared a design format to advertise the interactive webpage to include in the welcome baby packets. She also shared some handouts on fatherhood.gov resources along with womenshealth.gov. Lisa shared information from the Zero to Three Conference with the group. One workshop she attended indicated that 80% of fathers are present at birth but by the age of 2, many are not involved in their child's life. Lisa will try to find more clarification on this presentation. Janet said she read that if the fathers are present at the birth, they are more likely to remain involved. She also indicated that in a couple of other workshops she learned that if a mother is obese, her child has a higher likelihood of being overweight also so although

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we focus on 0-3, a mother's health also impacts her child's health. Arizona has a Kith and Kin project which is focused on childcare in the home (unlicensed, unregistered). It's a good model that we can look at if we decide to focus on trying to reach those people taking care of people in their home and not part of any system.

Lynn had Lisa print a copy of an article that came out in the Santa Fe Reporter recently about childcare called "No Kidding: Child Care in Santa Fe is Growing-Out of Reach". Lynn indicated that the numbers in the article were wrong as reported.

The group went around and shared information about their programs. Michelle Quintana indicated that they are finished opening the new head start centers. They have taken in some very high need families during their expansion phase. At least 20% of participants have IFSP's compared to the 10% required by head start standards. Their issues are much more complex than what they have served in the past. She hasn't heard any more about the federal funding that could impact them. Primeros Pasos report that most of the families they serve are Spanish-speaking families. Janet shared that they are waiting to see how the budget shakes out on a few positions that are funded directly from the school district as well as others that are grant funded. They are also trying to keep the girls motivated to continue coming to school. They are anticipating their grant funds may be reduced next year from several programs. There is a meeting Friday at the Food Depot on Social Enterprise fundraising that Janet will be attending. Michelle from Youth Shelters has a mom's group that meets every Monday. They are also looking at mixing Barry's father's group with her mom's group at the end of the session. The children's museum donates passes to Youth Shelters so they can take the moms and their children there. She has seen an increase in homeless moms lately. Loretta indicated that the Adelante currently has 1,327 homeless children. They are getting families daily and are not seeing any relief. They have a program on Wednesday evenings in partnership with Guadalupe Credit Union. They have at least 70-100 people attending their Thursday evening program at Cesar Chavez. The families get groceries and clothing when they leave the program that evening. They are tutoring about 90 children currently and have a waiting list. The test results show that those who are tutored are scoring higher. Magi indicated they are overwhelmed with referrals although referrals for Las Vegas are currently down. She shared legislation that will affect the children they work with through the FIT program. She also says there are a lot of no shows for clients that is impacting their funding since they can only be reimbursed for services actually provided to a family. New Mexico is the only state that serves children that are 3 years old through the FIT program but in the future, those children will be transitioned to the public school system. New Vistas is getting a new logo design and a lot is being planned in the upcoming future to kick-off the new design along with the programs they have to offer. Ron Hale shared that their office has been calling around to see how health councils are doing being that the funding isn't there from Department of Health. So far, most councils are functioning and several without a Health Council Coordinator. Lynn said that the City funding for city children and youth programs next year will have the same amount of money (\$900,000) as the current year. The city also has an \$8 million deficit for next year. She is retiring in September and is getting things in order for the Children and Youth Commission members to follow until her position is filled. She said there's a great book being released in April with photographs from a variety of their programs and can be used as a great advocacy tool. Lynn will be presenting the book to the city council and would like grantees to attend also. Lisa added that the lullaby CD project is moving slowly within the Department of Health and most likely won't meet the timeframe needed to tie directly with DOH promotion of mental health awareness day. They will still purchase them and plan on distributing them throughout New Mexico at a later date.

The meeting concluded at 2:00 pm.

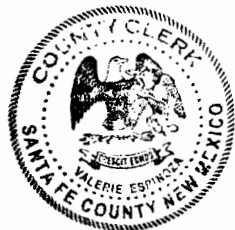
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Approved on April 21, 2011 by:

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Respectfully submitted by:

Lisa Garcia, MCH Planning Council Coordinator

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