

Santa Fe County Maternal and Child Health Planning Council
Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2010

Members in Attendance:

Kim Straus
Marcia Panagakos
Lara Yoder
Magi Gerety
Lynn Hathaway

Members Absent:

Valery Henderson
Jacqueline Baca
Jill Reichman
Kristi Readyhough
Betty Cardenas
Janet Aboytes

Coordinator:

Lisa Garcia

Guests:

Carol Tyrrell, DOH Maternal and Child Health Bureau
Laurie Allocca, Holy Faith
Don McAvinchey, DOH Healthy Families First
Shirley Coca-Barela, City of Santa Fe

Nan Schwanfelder, Brindle Foundation
Tekla Johnson, United Way of Santa Fe
Michelle Montoya, Youth Shelters
Becky Kilburn, RAND Corporation

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 pm.

Introductions and announcements were done. Kim shared that there is a summit on child homelessness and also that Adelante is holding a spring food drive. The MCH Council has used past meetings to collect food to send to Adelante. Magi announced that New Vistas just passed their audit. Don shared that the Santa Fe Public Health office is teaming up with Women's Health Services on May 13th as part of their Spread the Health Program. They are sponsoring a "Healthy Day in the Park" at Salvador Perez Park and planning activities from 12pm-3pm. This is part of Women's Health Week.

Lara introduced Becky Kilburn from the RAND Corporation. She indicated she wanted to get input from the MCH members and guests on information that the RAND Corporation can add to the survey instrument they are developing and implementing in the future. The questions they add should relate to infant care since the instrument will be implemented with families that have participated in the First Born home visiting program. Although the survey won't be conducted for another year, she would like to receive recommended questions now so they can be field tested and incorporated in the survey. In the last 5 years, the federal government and almost every state have dramatically increased the amount of spending for home visiting services. These services are one of the only strategies that has evidence of the overall health of children (child abuse and neglect, emergency room visits, parenting behaviors). She explained the Nurse-Family Partnership Program and shared that the way this program is set up, New Mexico doesn't fall under the criteria of this program. They are documenting that other models have similar outcomes. They are working with United Way of Santa Fe First Born Program and setting up a lottery system to implement this evaluation project. It was suggested that Becky sends Lisa the questionnaire that's been developed already so we can see if some of the questions already designed would give us information that would help us. They will do in-home interviews after the child turns 1 year and again after the child turns 2. They would also like to add a geo-coding project to this which would include a web based application that would map out a family's home to some of the community services. The resource directory would also be used to expand the accessibility to for families. All the data will be collected from the RAND research team. They anticipate about 800 families and could add about 5-8 questions that we identify as important. They would design the survey questions and bring them back to the council for review.

Kim mentioned to Becky that there is an infant care study group that Michael Coop is working with to design questions about infant care in Santa Fe County. Focus group settings may be a more comfortable place to gather information from families. Marsha generated discussion about whether there was a way to find out which women refuse home visiting services but later choose to sign up for some program. The study is only going to look at those that do participate in the program and not those that don't. Tekla was explaining how the lottery system for First Born will work and how families will be able to participate. She indicated that they would begin referring people to other programs in the community when needed. Becky indicated that having a control group of non-participants aren't effective in comparing to those who are participating. Marsha was interested in seeing what happens to the people that refuse home visiting services as she sees them in the hospital. United Way is trying to get people on the First Born wait list prenatally. Becky will provide the instrument to Lisa to review and distribute to the members. Kim said that there may be information that we as a council can address that we may not be aware of now. Marsha thought that information about medical homes would be

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There was no quorum so the minutes were not reviewed and will be distributed again at next month's meeting.

Under reports, Kim provided an overview of the executive committee meeting. We discussed the county commission meeting when Kim presented the profile/plan. The commissioners also wanted to know the impact on the county budget of which there is none since the program is funded by DOH. We also discussed DOH funding issues and mentioned that we would have to seek future funding for the Coordinator position as well as the Community Infant Program if the funding gets cut. Lisa shared the county survey with the council where the county employees ranked important county programs. The Maternal and Child Health category fell just about in the middle of all the rankings. Kim suggested that the council do more to raise visibility of the council to county employees. Lisa also shared information about the infant massage class. It was very successful to the 25 attendees. Kim read a letter from the Brindle Foundation that was received from one of the attendees. Kim credited the council in choosing to bring the infant massage class to home visitors in Santa Fe using the training money that Brindle awarded to the Council last year.

Lisa didn't have a written Coordinators report but shared with the group what she has focused on this past month. Budgets and funding cuts are still not clear and will update the group as she finds out more. She shared the text4baby program that was forwarded recently to the home visiting network. National Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition is the program providing this service. She will send out another e-mail with the flyers attached as pdf documents instead of having people search through the website to find the flyers. According to the website, 90% of women have cell phones so this campaign is trying to reach women of childbearing age with health information. Lynn brought up the issue of the Board of County Commissioners regarding the consolidation of various boards and commissions. The MCH council would be a workgroup instead of an independent Council. They may not be able to do that since the council is in state statute. At the current time, we can't appoint any members to the council until this is resolved at the County Manager's office. We will keep the Council informed on the status of this also.

Lisa also reported briefly about the HPPC meetings since Valery wasn't able to attend the meeting. The HPPC was interested in hearing updates about the funding for MCH through DOH and she will attend if she knows anything by their April meeting.

Don shared the fatherhood report. There is a new alliance for fathers that has been formed in New Mexico. There were many agencies involved statewide and the White House is interested in coming to New Mexico to participate in a forum. Its purpose is to raise the role of a parenting father here in New Mexico. September or October is the date the Alliance is looking at holding a forum, with or without White House representation. New Mexico is the first state that went to Washington D.C. to ask for the forum instead of them asking states to host the forum.

Under old business, Lisa reported that she and Kim met with Michael Coop and the infant study group steering committee members. The TTAP program at SFCC and the MCH council will be co-hosting a community forum sometime in April-May to hear information from parents, community leaders (county commissioners, city counselors, legislators) about infant care issues that they have been faced with. They would like the parents to share information about obstacles they came across when trying to find infant care for their child(ren).

Lynn suggested that we should be working with Senator Bingaman's office in re-defining what counts as effective home visiting programs. Kim suggested a letter of thanks for being more inclusive of more home visiting models. Lynn added that examples of what we have had over the years and what works. Copy the county commissioners and other legislators. Don indicated that Healthy Families America has lots of evaluation of that home visiting model that has been replicated nationwide.

Lisa mentioned under new business that the executive committee discussed the need to go to outlying areas to see what services are available in surrounding communities. Don suggested that county commissioners of those districts could recommend people/agencies that could provide us with information unique to their community. The county just purchased a new van for the El Dorado Senior center that we could use.

The meeting concluded at 2:05 pm.

Approved on April 15, 2010 by:

Kim Straus

Kim Straus, Interim Co-chair

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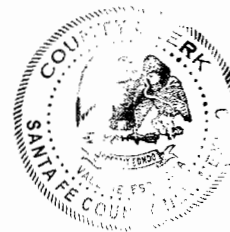
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Respectfully submitted by:

Lisa Garcia, MCH Planning Council Coordinator

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