

**MINUTES OF THE**  
**SANTA FE COUNTY**  
**INDIGENT HOSPITAL & HEALTH CARE BOARD**  
**HEALTHCARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**March 25, 2014**

This meeting of the Santa Fe County Indigent Hospital & Health Care Board was called to order on the above-cited date in the Santa Fe County Legal Conference Room at the County Courthouse at approximately 9:30 a.m. by County Commission Chair Danny Mayfield.

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum with the following Board members present:

**Members Present:**

Danny Mayfield, Chair  
Robert Anaya, Vice Chair [telephonically/9:55 arrival]  
Miguel Chavez [10:05 arrival]  
Kathy Holian

**Member(s) Excused:**

Liz Stefanics

**Staff Present:**

Katherine Miller, County Manager  
Rachel Brown, Deputy County Attorney  
Rachel O'Connor, Community Services Director  
Patricia Boies, Community Services  
Pablo Sedillo III, Public Safety Director  
Steve Shepherd, Public Safety  
Lisa Katonak, Manager's Office  
Lisa Garcia, Health Care Assistance Program  
Camille Varela, Health Care Assistance Program  
Chris Barela, Constituent Liaison

**Others Present:**

Janelle Abeyta, La Familia  
Maria Perez, La Familia Contractor/health care enrollment  
Judy Williams, HPPC  
Pablo Sedillo, Jr., Christus St. Vincent  
Frances Ong, Housing Authority Board member

### **III. Introductions**

Those present introduced themselves.

### **IV. Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Holian moved to approve the agenda and Chair Mayfield seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [3-0] voice vote. [Commissioner Chavez was not present for this action.]

### **V. Approval of Minutes: February 25, 2014**

Commissioner Holian moved approval and Chair Mayfield seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [3-0] voice. [Commissioner Chavez was not present for this action.]

### **VI. Matters of Public Concern – Non-action**

None were offered.

### **VII. Matters from Staff**

Ms. Boies provided an update on the health insurance enrollment and mentioned the following: On March 30<sup>th</sup> CSV will host an enrollment event; three radio stations were airing informational spots, in English and Spanish, encouraging people to call the County Community Services Department for further information; and a flyer has been produced in both Spanish and English.

Ms. Boies offered the following information:

- Staff with the HPPC continues to work on the County Health Action Plan.
- Six priorities were identified: 1) increase enrollment in health insurance, 2) reduce alcohol abuse, 3) reduce drug abuse, 4) promote prenatal care, 5) decrease suicide, and 6) increase the consumption of healthy food.
- The County has developed an MOU with the City's LEAD group, re: drug abuse/overdose
- La Familia currently has 25 opiate-addicted pregnant women in the program that the County funded
- The Narcan educational position at the adult detention facility has been filled
- An employment offer has been extended to a full-time community health nurse for the mobile van
- Contract nurses continue to staff the van during the week.

Ms. Boies said staff created a Healthcare Assistance Program (HAP) workgroup that she serves on with members of the HPPC, Deputy Attorney Brown, and Ms. O'Connor. The group developed a timeline [*Exhibit 1*] to address the healthcare assistance fund that the County will administer. The claim-based requirement has been removed providing greater flexibility to the County. An ordinance will be required to redirect 1/12 of the GRT to the state for the new Safety

Net Care Pool Fund. That ordinance has to be effective by July 1, 2014 and the timeline addresses that mandate. Regarding the HAP, the County has more time and a resolution will suffice.

**VIII. Presentations:**

**A. Update on Centennial Care and Health Insurance Exchange Enrollment**

Ms. Boies said La Familia was awarded a contract by the County to provide outreach to increase enrollment in Centennial Care/Medicaid and the Health Insurance Exchange.

Maria Perez, subcontractor with La Familia providing the outreach program, said she makes contact with frontier and/or hard to reach communities within the County. She explained the process she uses to make contact, coordinate and schedule events with a community. La Familia provides enrollment specialists to attend the events. She reviewed a list of the reached communities that included Edgewood/Moriarty, Cerrillos/Madrid, Galisteo, La Cienega, and Pojoaque.

Ms. Perez mentioned barriers she has encountered in communities which included weak internet connectivity and a rumor that permeated a few of the very old, rural and religious areas where parishioners believe the new healthcare would require an identification chip be implanted. She said the propaganda against the new healthcare act is very strong in some communities. She commented that it was difficult to get community participation with a “champion” in the community.

Ms. Perez lauded the assistance she has received from La Familia.

Commissioner Anaya suggested that Ms. Perez work with the Commission liaisons to reach other areas.

Ms. Boies said the County received a \$3,000 grant from the New Mexico Association of Counties, which is being used specifically for the radio PSAs in both English and Spanish.

Pablo Sedillo, Jr, suggested Ms. Perez contact the Catholic priests in the areas to dispel the chip myth. Ms. Perez said she has talked to Father Jerome. She noted that the healthcare provision regarding family planning is a concern to the Church.

**IX. Information Items**

**A. Sole Community Provider Hospital Claims FY-2014**

**B. Comparison of FY-2013 to FY-2014 Claims**

**C. Contracted Expenditures for Fiscal Years 2014**

Ms. Boies said overall half the past numbers of claims are being submitted. The claims being paid are those for services rendered by December 31, 2013. She reviewed the claims for community providers. The fiscal year comparison further demonstrates that fewer claims are coming in.

In the event a provider has not used its entire allotment, those funds will go the cash balances for other programs from the new law. Ms. Miller said once the law goes into effect, the County is not obligated to pay any outstanding claims.

It was suggested that the HPPC review when the County should stop honoring claims from the previous program.

**E. HPPC Update**

Judy Williams, HPPC Chair, said the County Health Action Plan has been the HPPC's main focus. She mentioned a resolution passed by the City Council creating a 30-member committee to review community hospital and health care study group. Ms. Williams said a smaller group, with an HPPC member, will be part of planning the goals and tasks of the committee.

Chair Mayfield said he recently met with Mayor Gonzales and they discussed how first responders can provide additional medical services. Ms. O'Connor said she has met with Chief Sperling on this issue and they are looking at future possibilities in this regard.

**E. Christus St. Vincent Regional Medical Center**

Mr. Sedillo, Jr. representing CSV said the hospital will be developing priorities from the Community Health Assessment. CSV anticipates an annual deficit of \$8 million to \$10 million as a result of Senate Bill 268. He stressed that CSV was committed to serve all, to be transparent and be part of the community.

**X. Matters from the Board**

Chair Mayfield congratulated Mr. Sedillo, Jr. on his recent appointment to the Santa Fe Community College Governing Board.

**XI. Action Items**

**A. Approval of Indigent Hospital and County Health Claims**

Commissioner Holian moved to approve 208 claims in the amount of \$284,783.83 as recommended by staff. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Chavez and passed by unanimous [3-0] voice vote. [Commissioner Anaya was not present for this action.]

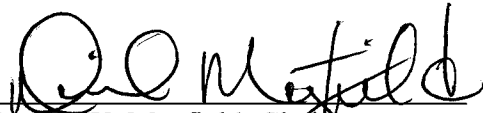
**XII. Executive Session**

There was no need for executive session.

**XIII. Adjournment**

Having completed the agenda and with no further business to come before the Board, this meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m.


Approved by:

  
Daniel W. Mayfield, Chair  
Indigent Hospital & Health Care Board

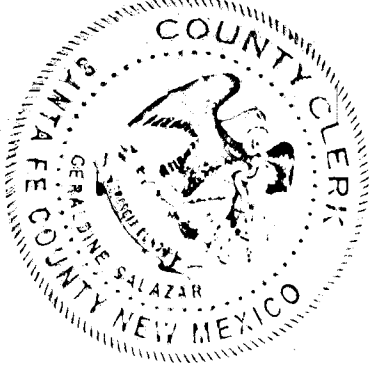
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Respectfully submitted,

  
GERALDINE SALAZAR  
COUNTY CLERK

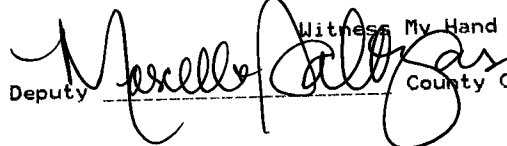
  
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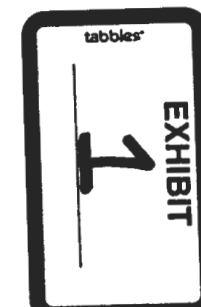
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## Healthcare Assistance Program (HAP) Timeline

<b>January 1, 2014</b>	<p><b>Sole Community Provider Ends:</b> Sole Community Provider (SCP) ceases to exist and is replaced by the Safety Net Care Pool. Santa Fe County Community Services Department (CSD) stops receiving applications from former SCP hospitals. The CSD continues to review claims for services rendered prior to December 31, 2013.</p> <p>The new name of the Indigent Program is the Healthcare Assistance Program (HAP).</p>
<b>February 27, 2014</b>	<p><b>HAP Workgroup:</b> Briefing at HAB meeting on Sole Community Provider/Indigent fund changes as passed by the New Mexico Legislature. Establishment of a Healthcare Assistance Program (HAP) workgroup to make recommendations on Healthcare Assistance Program funding for Santa Fe County. The HAP workgroup includes member of the HPPC and staff of the Community Services and Legal Departments of the County.</p>
<b>March 12, 2014</b>	<p><b>Signature with Vetoes:</b> Governor signs SB 268, which requires counties to dedicate to the Safety Net Care Pool Fund the equivalent of 1/12th of the County's GRT. Governor vetoes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The three-year sunset clause;</li> <li>• The language allowing counties to use the indigent fund to pay for all or a portion of the monthly premiums and out-of-pocket costs for indigent patients;</li> <li>• The language requiring hospitals to provide financial counseling to patients about their bills and limiting a hospital's right to bring an action for collection against certain indigent patients; and</li> <li>• Language expressly directing HSD to use its BAR authority</li> </ul> <p>There are remaining questions about the Governor's authority to veto this language.</p>
<b>March 14, 2014</b>	<p><b>HAP Workgroup Meets:</b> First meeting of HAP Workgroup to set a working timeline and a plan for new programming.</p>
<b>March 25, 2014</b>	<p><b>Timeline:</b> Timeline presented to the BCC during its Tuesday morning Board meeting.</p>
<b>March 26, 2014</b>	<p><b>HAP Workgroup Meets:</b> Second meeting of HAP Workgroup.</p>
<b>April 4, 2014</b>	<p><b>Health Action Plan/HPPC Review:</b> HPPC meeting for final approval on the County Health Action Plan.</p>
<b>April 8, 2014</b>	<p><b>Ordinance:</b> Request to publish Title and General Summary for Ordinance dedicating the 1/12 to the state is on the BCC agenda.</p>
<b>April 29, 2014</b>	<p><b>Health Action Plan/HAB review:</b> County Health Action Plan presented by the HPPC to the BCC during its Tuesday morning Board meeting.</p>
<b>May 2, 2014</b>	<p><b>HAP Recommendations to HPPC:</b> Presentation of the HAP Workgroup's recommendations for the Healthcare Assistance Program to the HPPC.</p>



<i>May 27, 2014 (HAP)</i>	<b>HAP Recommendations to BCC:</b> HAP Workgroup presents recommendations for the Healthcare Assistance Program to the BCC during its Tuesday morning Board meeting.
<i>May 27, 2014 (BCC)</i>	<b>Ordinance:</b> The full BCC votes on the mandatory Ordinance dedicating the 1/12 to the State.
<i>June 24, 2014</i>	<b>Resolution:</b> Presentation of Resolution on the new Healthcare Assistance Program to the HAP Board.
<b>July 1, 2014</b>	<b>New Healthcare Assistance Program goes into effect.</b>
<b>September 30, 2014</b>	<b>First quarterly payment due to the Human Services Department (HSD).</b>