

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

**March 26, 2013**

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 Administration Building at approximately 9:05 a.m. by County Commission Chair Kathy Holian.

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

**Members Present:**  
Kathy Holian, Chair  
Danny Mayfield, Vice Chair  
Robert Anaya  
Miguel Chavez  
Liz Stefanics

**Member(s) Excused:**  
None

**Staff Present:**  
Katherine Miller, County Manager  
Rachel Brown, Deputy County Attorney  
Erik Aaboe, Manager's Office  
Greg Smith, Health Assistance Program Director  
Pablo Sedillo III, Public Safety Director  
Lisa Garcia, Health Care Assistance Program  
Patricia Boies, HHS Coordinator  
Teresa Martinez, Finance Director  
Rachel O'Connor, Health & Human Service Division Director  
Chris Barela, Constituent Liaison

**Others Present:**  
Kathy Armijo Etre, CSV  
Alex Valdez, CSV CEO  
Pablo Sedillo II, CSV Community Liaison

**III. Introductions**

Those present introduced themselves.

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Mayfield moved to approve the agenda as published and Commissioner Chavez seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [3-0] voice vote. [Commissioners Anaya and Stefanics were not present for this item.]

**V. Approval of Minutes: February 26, 2013**

Commissioner Chavez moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Mayfield seconded and the motion passed by unanimous [3-0] voice vote. [Commissioners Stefanics and Anaya were not present for this action and arrived immediately thereafter.]

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

None were presented.

**VII. Informational Items**

**A. Comparison of FY-2012 to FY-2013 Claims**

Mr. Smith said there was nothing to report. Referring to the item under Primary Care Providers, Commissioner Chavez asked for clarification on the \$100,000 listed as “other.” Mr. Smith indicated that that category refers to money that can be used for end of the year issues. For instance, if providers have exhausted their allocations, such as ambulance services, their funds can be augmented from the “other” line item. Ms. O’Connor added it can also be used for new providers who come on line.

Commissioner Chavez suggested changing the name to something like “contingency” or “reserve.” Mr. Smith said he could look at that.

**B. Sole Community Provider Hospital Claims FY-2013**

**C. Contracted Expenditures for Fiscal Years 2012 & 2013**

Mr. Smith noted that there was nothing out of the ordinary to report.

**D. HPPC Update**

Patricia Boies stated Kelly O’Donnell has been contracted to produce the county health profile and the report is in its final stages and should be ready for presentation at the BCC. Following completion Ms. O’Donnell will start work on the County Health Improvement Plan. Nandini Pilai Kuehn will be helping with that. HPPC vacancies have been advertised and several good applications have come in.

Commissioner Stefanics asked if there was anyone on the committee advocating for the disabled and suggested the disabled and veterans should be represented. Ms. Boies said veterans have applied.

Commissioner Mayfield spoke of advocacy for the blind in the schools and said he would

put some names forward for the HPPC.

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

Alex Valdez thanked the Commission for its support for sole community provider over time. He said with the opportunity to go to 138 percent of the poverty rate that they are looking at facilitating enrollment in programs. He expressed his hope that there was something about enrollment in the needs assessment. He said he was pleased with the collaborative effort between the County and the hospital on the needs assessment. He looked forward to continued cooperation and recalled the issuance of *A Call to Action* which was a result of previous strategic thought and was followed closely.

Commissioner Stefanics mentioned that Julie Weinburg spoke to the Commission on Medicaid and setting up sign-up points throughout the county. Mr. Valdez said they are planning a full-court press on enrollment at the hospital.

Kathy Armijo Etre, CSV stated Robin Hunn from Project Access has a grant from Con Alma to look at the issue and a task force is looking at enrollment capacity. Many providers are involved.

Pablo Sedillo II stated this is an important issue at the detention center. Many inmates are at the facility for less than 48 hours and spend some time at the hospital. There is an attempt to educate people on Medicaid eligibility. He pointed out there were over 15 opiate-addicted pregnant women that came into the facility and they have to be sent to the hospital for stabilization.

Ms. Miller asked when the state last issued a check to the hospital. Mr. Valdez said they are behind two quarters, plus the supplemental. The delay is due to discussions with CMS and the state relative to Centennial Care and sole community provider reform. Part of the money will be flowing through uncompensated care and another part through the health plans as a pass-through.

**VIII. Matters from Staff**

Ms. O'Connor said indigent staff is being trained to enroll people in Medicaid. Some portions of Centennial Care got CMS approval and some did not. It appears district funding is no longer on the table.

She also reported:

- A Drug Take-Back Day is scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup>, sponsored by law enforcement and the DEA
- A small pneumonia clinic was held in Nambe in partnership with Española Hospital
- A DWI Walk will be held on April 6<sup>th</sup> starting at Buffalo Thunder
- Sequestration could have impacts on senior services, behavioral health, HIC/AIDs programs, and health screening
- The search for the nurse-practitioner continues.

Referring to the Drug Take-Back, Commissioner Mayfield said Albuquerque has initiated a mailbox drop program. Ms. O'Connor stated a local group called SOS, Santa Fe Opiate Safe, is working toward having permanent drop-offs.

**IX. Matters from the Board**

Commissioner Stefanics asked that consideration be given to hiring Santa Fe County residents for contracts.

**X. Action Items**

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

Commissioner Anaya moved to approve 534 claims in the amount of \$512,609.44 as presented by staff. Commissioner Chavez seconded and the motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

**XI. Executive Session**

There was no need for executive session.

**XII. Adjournment**

Having completed the items on the agenda, Chair Holian declared the meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Approved by:

*Kathy Holian*  
Kathy Holian, Commission Chair  
Indigent Hospital & Healthcare Board



*Geraldine Salazar 4/30/13*  
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COUNTY CLERK

Respectfully submitted,  
*Debbie Doyle*  
Debbie Doyle, Wordswork



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I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 2ND Day Of May, 2013 at 11:58:46 AM And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1704361 Of The Records Of Santa Fe County

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Deputy County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM