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SANTA FE COUNTY
HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING COMMISSION

April 14, 2011

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MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING COMMISSION
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A meeting of the Santa Fe County Health Policy and Planning Commission was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by 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
Deborah Armstrong
James Bond
George Gamble
Kathleen Rowe

MEMBER(s) ABSENT:

Anna Vigil

STAFF PRESENT:

Marie Garcia, Health and Human Services Department
Steve Shepherd, Health and Human Services Department Director
Julia Valdez, Constituent Services Liaison for BCC Commissioner Liz Stefanics

OTHERS PRESENT:

David Hartwell
Robin Hunn, Project Access
Lynda Longacre, Project Access
Antoinette Montano
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approval of the Agenda was not made.

INTRODUCTIONS

A. New HPPC Commissioners and County Staff

The new HPPC Commissioners and County Staff introduced themselves and gave a brief history of their backgrounds.

MATTERS FROM PUBLIC CONCERN

Ms. Hunn of Project Access distributed a handout entitled "*What is Santa Fe Project Access*". (A list of providers was attached.) She also distributed a handout entitled "*Background on 3-Share Programs*".

Santa Fe Project Access is a non-profit organization that was created in 2002. SFPA helps uninsured individuals in Santa Fe County through a network of services in partnership with CHRISTUS St. Vincent Regional Medical Center. Over 70 physicians volunteer their time to care for uninsured patients.

Patients are referred to the program from a local clinic like La Familia. SFPA enrolls the patient in the program who must meet income criteria.

SFPA links the patient with a specialist or other needed services. Physicians agree to see a certain minimum number of uninsured individuals to participate in the program.

Ms. Hunn noted that SFPA sees approximately 1500 patients a year.

She explained that SFPA is unsure of their ongoing Indigent and Sole Community Provider funding from the County and the hospital; and at the present funding level they cannot support any new patients.

Ms. Hunn spoke about the 3-Share Programs noting that the State Coverage Insurance program (SCI) is no longer taking new enrollees and state financial issues make expansion of that program or any other program unlikely. While federal health care reform will help address this problem, most of the coverage reforms do not take effect until 2014. Between now and 2014, creative community-based strategies for coverage are needed to improve access to care and help uninsured individuals and small businesses. 3-Share programs can be an excellent "bridge" program to get employers accustomed to providing coverage, to

get employees to take more responsibility for their health care, and to help build provider infrastructure resources.

Ms. Hunn said the employee would pay a third of the premium, the employer would pay a third, and the other third is generally put in by a hospital or another provider network or health insurance.

Ms. Hunn offered to make a more comprehensive presentation to the Commission in the future.

Commissioner Gamble asked Ms. Hunn how this Commission could be helpful in the things that SFPA is doing.

Ms. Hunn said this Commission could be instrumental in laying out on the table all the array of state-funded programs and how the funding works.

Commissioner Bond asked Ms. Hunn what kind of outreach efforts they have relative to this, so that employers who are not aware of the 3-Share Program could take advantage of it.

Ms. Hunn said this would be a new pilot program in New Mexico and would be a completely private program. They will be working on the development planning in the next nine months. She said there is significant interest from employers to do this. She noted that they are working with a company out of Texas who has started a successful Share Program.

MATTERS FROM THE COMMISSION

A. Elect Chair and Vice Chair (s)

Commissioner Bond nominated Ms. Williams to serve as Chair. Commissioner Gamble seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

(Commissioner Williams accepted the nomination.)

Commissioner Bond nominated Ms. Armstrong to serve as Vice Chair. Commissioner Gamble seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

(Commissioner Armstrong accepted the nomination.)

Mr. Shepherd gave a brief explanation on what the Health and Human Services Department does.

Mr. Shepherd noted that the previous Health Policy and Planning Commission had various subcommittees: The Jail Health Subcommittee and the Healthcare Reform Subcommittee. There was also the Indigent Fund Committee and the Executive Committee. He briefly explained that role of the various committees.

B. Set Regular Meeting dates and time

The meeting dates were set for the first Fridays of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The meetings will be held at the Santa Fe County Health and Human Services Department Conference Room, 2052 Galisteo Street, Suite B, Santa Fe.

The next meeting was scheduled for May 6, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

C. Executive Committee: Do we want to have one?

There was consensus that it was premature to make a decision on the subcommittees.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. HPPC Resolutions (Review and Revision)

[Copies of the Resolutions were distributed in the Commissioners' packets.]

Mr. Shepherd referred to Resolution No. 2010-240 (adopted on 12/14/10) that outlines the duties and responsibilities of the Commission. They are as follows:

- a) Assist the Santa Fe County Health and Human Services Division by providing input on programmatic and health issues as requested by staff.
- b) Study and/or perform research on issues as assigned to them by the BCC, rendering an opinion or recommendation if requested.
- c) Perform other tasks and duties pertaining to obtaining community input regarding healthcare needs of County residents as assigned or communicated by the Board of County Commissioners.

- d) Propose updates to the BCC pertaining to the County Health Plan at such time when funding is available to do so.
- e) Keep abreast of developments in healthcare on a local, state, and national level and provide information to the Board of County Commissioners as requested regarding recent developments in healthcare.

Mr. Shepherd noted that he received an e-mail from the Chairperson of the Board of County Commissioners (Virginia Vigil) yesterday, and she is interested in the HPPC investigating the role of what the local health commissions will be with the new healthcare reform. Commissioner Vigil is under the impression that having a local health planning commission in a certain format and planning design is required in order for counties to receive local funding in the future. Mr. Shepherd said he has made a few phone calls to get more information.

Commissioner Williams asked if there were any other thoughts on why the HPPC is here and how it can be useful.

In response, Commissioner Gamble said in reading the Call to Action Plan and the Resolutions, the goals seem to be a continuation of what was said before. He asked how this Commission could facilitate all the work that the organizations are doing.

Commissioner Armstrong noted that the Call to Action Plan is now five years old and there are probably things that staff could update the Commission on with regards to the status of those activities. She said this may help the Commission prioritize the activities in relation to that.

Commissioner Armstrong said she knows that the County is now responsible for the senior centers outside of the city limits. She asked if there was a role or need for this Commission to address the senior citizen issues to advise on the operations of the senior centers. She said there may be a need for an ad-hoc committee to review the issues.

Mr. Shepherd said that would be great.

Commissioner Williams explained that some of the issues that the previous HPPC addressed include: the Indigent Care Fund, national healthcare reform and how this affects county providers; the Sole Community Provider Fund (with CHRISTUS); healthcare for undocumented citizens (funding and access issue: the number of undocumented people that are being served in the county and who is

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paying for the service provided to them-this is an issue that is not addressed in the healthcare reform).

Ms. Hunn mentioned that at least 35% of their clients are undocumented.

Commissioner Armstrong said another issue is how this Commission interacts with the Behavioral Health Collaborative; possibly the HPPC could ask for a briefing on this. She said she would think that this would impact jail healthcare issues, the CARE Connection and the Assessment Center. This may be an issue for this current Commission to address.

In response, Mr. Shepherd said there was not a specific relationship between the Behavioral Health Collaborative and the HPPC. Occasionally, the previous Chairperson would update the HPPC on what was happening.

Commissioner Armstrong suggested that the current Commission invite Larry Martinez, the former Chairperson of the HPPC, to the next meeting to give an update or briefing on what the HPPC has done, particularly since 2006 when the Action Plan was revised.

Commissioner Gamble noted that there is a statement in the Action Plan that it would be updated every two years; however it has not been undated.

Mr. Shepherd will also make a presentation at the next meeting.

The Commission was asked how they would like to receive their packets and there was agreement that the Commissioners would receive a hard copy of the packet for now, and possibly an e-mail copy as well (a week in advance).

B. County Regulations Concerning Boards and Commissions

[Copies of the County Regulations concerning Boards and Commissions were distributed in the Commissioners' packets.] Mr. Shepherd briefly reviewed the regulations.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

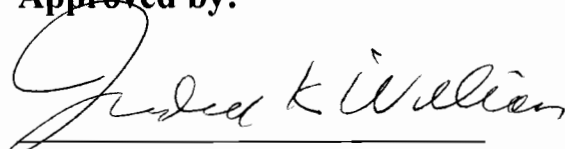
A. Next HPPC Regular Meeting on May 6, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

B. Executive Committee Meeting Time-no Executive Committee created

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by:



Judith Williams, Chairperson

Respectively submitted by:

Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer



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Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office This 11th Day of May, 2011
Deputy Yvonne Collopy Valerie Espinoza
County Clerk, Santa Fe

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