

Santa Fe County Maternal and Child Health Planning Council
Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2010

Members in Attendance:

Kim Straus
Marcia Panagakos
Lara Yoder
Jacqueline Baca
Lynn Hathaway
Jill Reichman
Betty Cardenas
Janet Aboytes

Members Absent:

Valery Henderson
Kristi Readyhough
Magi Gerety

Coordinator:

Lisa Garcia

Guests:

Carol Tyrrell, DOH Maternal and Child Health Bureau
Laurie Allocca, Holy Faith
Carol Hall, Catholic Charities

Katy Yanda, Women's Health Services
Israel Haros, Adelante Program
Shirley Coca-Barela, City of Santa Fe

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

Introductions and announcements were done. Katy announced that Women's Health Services is organizing a lot of activities for Women's Health Week. There are many events that will be taking place throughout the week of May 9th. Lisa will forward a schedule of events to the group. Lara announced that Life Link will be having a yard sale and all the money they raise will benefit the clients they work with. They are asking for donations and the sale will be held on May 1st. Betty announced that the Care Connection is going to be transferred to CHRISTUS St. Vincent's. It will be impacting many of the county employees during this transition in regards to a variety of their benefits. Kim announced that Don McAvinchey will be chairing the planning committee for the fatherhood forum that the white house has approved. It will be held in the latter part of August in NM probably in Belen. The forum is to bring organizations that provide fatherhood support programs and policymakers together. The forum is to talk about how they can strengthen fatherhood support in NM. Kim announced that on May 3rd there will be a forum at Temple Beth Shalom where a Rabi from Los Angeles that has done extensive work with the homeless and will lead the discussion about what they've done. The website is imaginela.org. Israel announced that May 18th, there will be a homeless youth task force meeting and he also said they are in dire need of food. They have bins at Whole Foods and First National Bank.

There was quorum so the minutes were approved for November 2009, December 2009, February 2010 and March 2010. Lynn moved and Jacqueline seconded that the minutes be approved.

Under reports, Kim reported on the executive committee meeting. Most of the conversation was around the termination of funding from DOH effective July 1st. The executive committee asked Lisa to provide budget information and how the council might secure funding to keep the coordination of the council going.

Lisa didn't have a written Coordinators report but shared with the group what she has focused on this past month. She participated in a resource fair at Santa Fe Community College and indicated that she distributed the most resource directories there than any other fair she has participated in. She also participated in a Women's Health Policy Forum in Albuquerque. They are trying to establish policy issues for the next four years. The breakout group Lisa participated in was very much in alignment with the MCH Council's priorities in regards to families. Lynn shared that La Comunidad had an open house and she was impressed to see that they had many fatherhood/involvement posters throughout the facility. Lisa shared that she has been attending the infant care study group meetings and on May 25th, there will be a public forum to address infant care in Santa Fe. The MCH Planning Council is co-sponsoring it. It will be held at 6:00pm at the southside library. There will be children's activities, Spanish translation and snacks during the forum.

Lisa also shared that Wednesday, she and Steve had a conference call with DOH. They wanted to touch base with councils on the funding elimination issues. Lisa indicated that DOH will be available for technical assistance for the councils that will continue to operate after this year. They are looking for alternative funding sources to help councils out. They are going to return the proposal comments that were used in order to help us refine and be able to use the information for seeking other funding. Lisa indicated that the

county had their budget process and the finance director was made aware of the funding cuts from DOH and is looking at how to utilize the MCH funding (Las Cumbres CIP) for the MCH Coordinator piece.

Carol shared a packet of grant information with Lisa to look over. She also shared how the funding cuts have input the DOH Maternal and Child Health Bureau. The money she is getting from DOH for her contracts were reduced by 46% from last year. A variety of prenatal care programs were cut. Pre-natal care for indigent women, high-risk pregnancies and uninsured, families first (medicare case management program), midwives certification and licensing, ECAN. They are also involved in a perinatal depression screening pilot project in Santa Fe and Las Vegas. They are looking for a counselor in Las Vegas for this pilot project.

Kim decided to forego the information follow-up of the RAND Corporation.

Lisa updated that the county manager would like to meet with all boards, groups, committees, commissions, etc. to share his idea about the re-structuring of these groups. Everything is on hold regarding the appointments, re-appointments, etc.

Under new business, we began discussing the funding dilemmas facing the MCH Council, Las Cumbres and Santa Fe County. Lisa provided a re-cap of what has transpired in the last few weeks regarding funding. Lisa notified the three programs that would have received the direct service contracts through the DOH contract. She has also stayed in close contact with Steve and Kathleen regarding different strategies and scenarios for trying to keep all programs intact. Lisa will look into fundraising capabilities so we can seek outside funding.

Carol shared that she attended a "My Community" presentation on a web-based resource directory. Project Launch funds are going to support further enhancement of this program.

Lynn shared that she thinks it's important to articulate the types of planning we are doing in the community to share with others. Kim opened the discussion up for ideas on how we want to structure the council. Lynn recommended that the executive committee try to meet with county commissioners to inform them on what the MCH does in the community.

Kim entertained a motion to have members meet with the commissioners to express that they would like them to continue to support the council work and also express the loss of funding from direct service providers.

Marsha wanted to look at proposing the idea of keeping the coordination ability but not at the expense of Las Cumbres. She indicated that she wouldn't feel comfortable supporting a proposal from the council suggesting that the Las Cumbres money would be used for coordination. Kim added that we should look at what kind of funds we can apply for in addition to what we may get from the county. Las Cumbres needs to do the same as far as private fundraising.

Marsha recommended a draft letter of support not specifying how to disperse the funding. Kim asked if the role of the council should be to fundraise for direct service providers. Carol offered that the state MCH Bureau could be a sponsor/endorser if there was a large grant out there available. Kim indicated that we need \$180,000 to serve the community needs or that we want the money for both. Lynn expressed that the county looks at the MCH council and CIP as one project. They may not view both of them as separately. Las Cumbres also received community benefits fund which could be used to offset the cuts that may happen through this process. Katy added that a letter to commissioners would be good to outline all options and impact of loss of direct services with a reduction in funding. Marsha wanted to know if there was any other way to get to the ideal funding situation. Wrapping up, the council wants to say in the letter that they would like to keep the \$180,000 for Las Cumbres and use other money if available to fund the coordination piece of the council.

Marsha suggested that we should approach the hospital foundation to see if they can pick up the cost of printing the resource directory since a large portion of directories are distributed through the welcome baby packets. She also suggested that the agencies that have information included in the packet should be able to pick up some of the printing cost. It was suggested to look at other printers in town to see where we can get a good rate.

The meeting concluded at 1:58 pm.

Approved on May 20, 2010 by:

Kim Straus Lara Yoder
Kim Straus, Interim Co-chair Lara Yoder, Interim Co-chair

ATTEST:

Valerie Espinoza
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COUNTY CLERK



Respectfully submitted by:

Lisa Garcia, MCH Planning Council Coordinator



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