

Santa Fe County Maternal and Child Health Planning Council
Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2011

Members in Attendance:

Kim Straus
Janet Aboytes
Lynn Hathaway
Kristi Readyhough
Marcia Panagakos
Lara Yoder

Members Absent:

Magi Gerety
Jill Reichman
Jacqueline Baca
Betty Cardenas

Coordinator:

Lisa Garcia

Guests:

Judy Fifield, CYFD Child Development Program
Eva Martinez, CYFD Child Care Services Bureau
Kathy Armijo Etre- Christus St. Vincent VP for Community Health
Michelle Montoya, Youth Shelters and Family Services
Michelle Quintana, PMS Head Start
Loretta Fernandez, SFPS Adelante Program
Ariel Cordero, Healthy Families Primeros Pasos
Katy Yanda, Women's Health Services
Pat Stephens, Many Mothers
Susan Asher, Las Cumbres Community Infant Program
Leigh Fernandez, Santa Fe Community College, TTAP
Carol Tyrell, DOH Maternal and Child Health Bureau
Gloria Bonner, DOH Maternal and Child Health Bureau

The meeting began at 12:15 pm.

Introductions and announcements were shared. Gloria Bonner announced that May 3rd is Mental Health Awareness Day and state level Project Launch is sponsoring 2 events-one webinar on adverse childhood events(ACE) and the other one is from the National Institute of Mental Health. Katy Yanda announced that Women's Health Services is hosting a Mother's Day walk on May 8th and community fair to coincide with National Women's Health Week.

We began with the presentations from our guests. Kim provided a background about the Infant Care Study that was conducted last year by Coop Consulting. Judy Fifield indicated that they had been hearing for quite a while from many people about the lack of infant care specifically in Santa Fe County. They used some stimulus money to initiate the study to look deeper into the problem. The report was submitted to the administration of the Early Childhood Services Division, the CYFD Cabinet Secretary and her administration. One of the things that was also completed was a brochure that would help recruit more people into this field. The study revealed the difficulty in providing as well as seeking child care. One of the things that impacted this was that several years ago funding was lost for the childcare resource and referral hotline so by it being centralized, it isn't as effective as it was before. It used to be a good tool for helping people wanting to go into the business to navigate the system in order to become childcare providers and marketing their services. It was extremely helpful for family home providers. Leigh added that we are at a lull because of the economy. There are some openings for infant care now compared to the times before the economic downturn. Infant care is not cost effective to provide so many caregivers prefer to take care of older children. Leigh announced that the Santa Fe Community College is looking at closing the child development center which is a practicum site for early childhood education candidates and is a model program. They issued an rfp to see who may want to take over and didn't have a very good response. The center is always running at a deficit financially so they are looking at the center more closely. Janet

passed out copies of the SFCC meeting agenda being held tonight. Judy also mentioned that there has been a decrease in home childcare providers because of the background check CYFD now requires on all adults of the household. They felt that it is important for the safety of the children that the background checks be conducted. There is a fluctuation statewide of childcare centers opening and closing. Leigh added that in Santa Fe the quality of infant care is very good compared to other parts of the state. Judy pointed out that some of the recommendations in the infant care study are already in place in regards to recruitment of childcare providers through educational institutions. They have many high schools throughout the state that are using the 45-hour entry level class for early childhood education. There are already micro-loans available for those who would like to start a business or do renovations. It is called the Revolving Loan Fund through the New Mexico Housing Authority. That's been in place for 6 years already. A copy of the infant care study can be found at www.earlychildhoodnm.com in the "resource" box. Leigh offers technical assistance and helps them navigate the system for people that are interested in starting a childcare business. CYFD is also working with Institutions of Higher Education to offer 2-4 degree programs set up with a variety of tiers depending on the interest of the student. It should be up and running soon and able to meet more of the professional development requirements. Some courses are also offered online. They have also developed a child development certificate in response to helping meet the needs of head start and early head start personnel for meeting federal program standards. There is one for infant/toddler and another one for preschool children. The required courses can be applied to their path of requirements for their AA or BA degree. They are receiving lots of applications for this program. Non head start people are also interested in working towards this certificate. CYFD has also developed early learning guidelines for infants and toddlers that will flow into the preschool/school-age guidelines. She also shared a brochure on inclusion for preschool children.

Eva Martinez shared information about the child care subsidy program through CYFD. Families can apply for the program if they are working or going to school and are income eligible or if families are receiving TANF through human services, they automatically qualify. If they have some source of income, they will have a co-pay that they must pay to the childcare center/provider. The program covers children 6 wks-13 year old. They reimburse licensed and registered providers. Families with a disabled child can stay on the program until they turn 18. They are conducting an audit to ensure that providers aren't charging CYFD subsidized families more than the rate they receive from the CYFD and co-pay agreement set by CYFD. Providers are allowed to charge registration fees, supply fees, field trip fees, etc. but not additional tuition fees to make up the difference in the going rate versus the cost set by CYFD. Some of the subsidy money comes from the Child Care Development Fund to pay for some of the subsidized payments and the federal government requires that each state conducts a Market Rate Survey and has to be done every few years. The program then analyzes the survey to determine if there needs to be a change in the rates paid out. The STARS system ties in to the subsidized payment so the higher the star rating, the higher the subsidy reimbursement to the home or center. Some centers solicit donations to help defray the costs but since it's voluntary, it doesn't appear to be a problem. New Mexico pays based on the time the family is approved for with a provider compared to other states that only pay providers based on when the child is physically there.

Kathy Armijo Etre is in a new position as a VP of Community Health for Christus St. Vincent which reflects a commitment from the hospital to look at health much broader than within the walls of the hospital. It's a serious commitment and very strategic in relation to community health. The program has been in place less than one year. They are looking at a model called Triple Aim. It looks at how you relate what you are doing with your services on whether it is impacting the community. Population health looks at morbidity, disease burden (sickness, disease, depression, etc.), risk status (how we feel about ourselves), and cost. They are looking at a 7 county area (Santa Fe, Rio Arriba, Los Alamos, Taos, Colfax, San Miguel and Mora). Los Alamos ranks #1 across all categories and Rio Arriba ranks #32. The hospital is looking at the data to see what they are doing that can help make a difference. They are also looking at different areas (age span-birth to death). They are looking at early childhood, school age children, chronic diseases, diabetes and behavioral health. The concept is that during the age span, there are critical needs along the way and they are looking at what's being done that may make an impact on overall well-being. They are looking into how people are managing chronic diseases related to their lifestyle. They are looking at patient use of the emergency room as well as service gaps and community support systems. This initiative is called "Community Bound" and it started in November 2010. Kim asked Kathy if a tracking system is set up for early childhood and their referral processes. She said Marsha has been the point

of referral for all of the "First Born" recruitment efforts. Marsha said that every first time parent gets a visit from Marsha or a case management person. She also indicated the cracks that exist currently is that there aren't enough service providers for families referred without being on a waiting list. Some families that need services aren't getting them because of the wait list. The hospital is the point of entry for almost every baby in the community so Marsha is the first point of contact. The criteria for smaller projects are: complex cases and access to primary care. The PPP Parenting curriculum that United Way Project Launch is going to use will also be used at the Christus Pediatric Clinics and is designed to address people where they are in their lives and their child's development status. They want to make sure when community agencies use this curriculum that they are plugged in to primary care services. She suggested that United Way should do a presentation to the council about the PPP program. Kim posed the question about whether their initiative will be able to establish a pattern of high risk families that will then help the MCH Council address the gaps where possible through education, training, etc. They will provide data that will help guide the council but feels strongly that we will all be working together on the systems of care to strengthen the system and prevent people falling through the cracks. The electronic health care records will make the system more efficient as it will be able to be linked to other offices.

Going back to questions for Judy and Eva, there was discussion around the need to educate people on how hard it is to raise a family without many of the high risk barriers. Janet Aboytes made a suggestion that aside from school education, the community must be educated on the challenges of being parents, especially for young teens. There are a lot of families that don't feel comfortable about talking to their own children about how hard it is to be a parent and the consequences of having children at a young age. Katy Yanda mentioned the "Let's Talk Santa Fe" program which has trainers that can train people on how to talk to their children. There are 6 different topics in the program. It will be available in Spanish in July. Pat Stephens also added that for Father's Day as part of the Young Father's of Santa Fe project, there will be men that will talk about a fatherhood project through "Boys to Men". They are targeting middle school males.

We had a quorum so the minutes from January 20th, February 17th, and March 17th were approved by Lynn and seconded by Kristi.

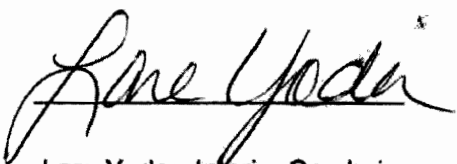
Lynn shared with the group that she ran into Commissioner Virginia Vigil and discussed the re-structuring of the MCH Council and determined that the way it is structured right now shouldn't have to change. It's mainly because there have never been council members that make financial decisions which would pose any type of conflict of interest.

Lisa quickly gave an update on the RAND resource directory project. The legal department and RAND have worked together on an agreement so we are much closer to getting it designed and imported onto the county website.

Lynn shared some books that the Children and Youth Commission published and will be presenting the books to the city council on April 27th. She would also like to do a presentation to the MCH Council in the near future. Pictures were taken in the programs that the city has funded to represent the faces of the children that participated in.

The meeting concluded at 2:00 pm.

Approved on September 15, 2011 by:



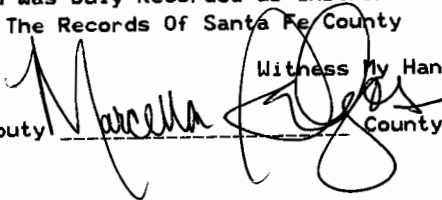
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