

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

April 24, 2012

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 9:00 a.m. by County Commission Chair Liz Stefanics.

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

Members Present:

Liz Stefanics, Chair
Robert Anaya [9:45 arrival]
Danny Mayfield
Virginia Vigil

Member(s) Excused:

Kathy Holian, Vice Chair

Staff Present:

Katherine Miller, County Manager
Rachel Brown, Deputy County Attorney
Rachel O'Connor, Incoming HHS Director
Greg Smith, Indigent Fund Coordinator
Lisa Garcia, Health Care Assistance Program
Wilma Salinas, Indigent Claims Investigator
Chris Barela, Constituent Liaison

Others Present:

Kathy Armijo Etre, Christus St. Vincent

III. Introductions

Those present introduced themselves.

IV. Approval of Agenda

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

V. Approval of Minutes: February 28, 2012

Commissioner Mayfield moved to approve the minutes as presented. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Anaya and passed by unanimous [3-0] voice. [Commissioners Holian and Vigil were not present for this action.]

VI. Matters of Public Concern – Non-action

No matters were presented.

VII. Information Items

A. Comparison of FY-2-011 to FY-2012 Claims

Mr. Smith stated there was nothing out of the ordinary to report. Chair Stefanics asked about percentages and Mr. Smith said the funds are being drawn down. He anticipated monthly claims between \$800,000 and \$900,000.

B. Sole Community Provider Hospital Claims FY-2012

Mr. Smith indicated that claims were on target and he expected the SCP to be drawn down to the state allocation. He attributed the draw down to greater use of the hospitals with outpatient services, ER and increased cost of services.

C. Contracted Expenditures for Fiscal Years 2011 & 2012

Mr. Smith said at this point there was approximately \$175,000 remaining for the fiscal year which ends in end of June. The cutoff for FY12 claim submittals is the end of July. Otherwise the claim will come out of the new year money.

D. Christus/St. Vincent Regional Medical Center

Kathy Armijo Etre, Christus St. Vincent, spoke enthusiastically about the continued work with the Corrections Department. The group held two meetings in a month's period and the group has expanded to include law enforcement, medical staff from the jails, emergency room and psychiatric unit, the director of medical services in the ER as well as behavioral health. At this point they are working on protocol and determining where the gaps exist.

HUGS (High User Group Services), a clinical group, continue to meet and address the high users of ER and the jail. She said the high users are a complicated group and work continues with clinical planning with three individuals. Christus St. Vincent is seeing 300 people that fit the HUG situation in the ER.

A diabetes chronic community team made up of a diverse group has been launched. The team is working on a needs assessment and strategic plan for chronic diseases. She mentioned wanting to coordinate that effort with the HPPC. CSVVMC is preparing to release the Call for providers for this year's community benefit funds. She anticipating there will be \$400,000 available. She said it would be a quick cycle

CSVVMC is working with UNM to establish a HERO (Healthy Extension Regional

Office). A recruitment process is underway to ideally hire on a part time contract basis an individual with a masters level degree. The contract will be \$50,000. The focus will be on obesity and diabetes amongst children and grant funding is being sought.

Commissioner Vigil commented that the health initiatives outlined by Ms. Armijo Etre are also those of the National Association of Counties. Recalling that Santa Fe and the public schools provided data, she recommended coordinating with NACo.

E. HPPC Update – addressed under Director’s report

VIII. Director’s Report

Ms. O’Connor referred the Board to the minutes of the March HPPC and HPPC Chair Williams’ written update of the April meeting. There was a broad base discussion on the mobile health unit looking at statistics in terms of what we’re providing and what services if we were to expand that we would like to provide and what existing local health services already exist in Santa Fe County. New Mexico leads the country in prescription overdoses. Mike Landen, Deputy State Epidemiologist, will brief the HPPC on this issue at their May 4th meeting. She invited those interested to attend. The Department of Health is presenting a workshop on an evidence-based program that has shown results reducing prescription drug overdoses. DOH is interesting in replicating that program in a New Mexico county and Santa Fe hopes to compete for those funds.

Referring to the HPPC minutes, Chair Stefanics said the BCC would like to participate in sponsoring a provider forum if that occurs.

A. Update on Mobile Health Van

Santa Fe Mobile Unit registered nurse Angela Thorndyke was present and reviewed the statistics for the mobile unit’s services. She noted that she saw fewer people this year than last. Few flu shots were administered but because obtaining vaccine was difficult this year due to understaffing at DOH. She said Ms. O’Connor would help her to work directly with the immunization department rather than going to the DOH to obtain the vaccine.

Ms. Thorndyke attributed the lower number of citizens reached to not having an outreach specialist and spending more time in the rural areas where there are fewer people. The former specialist retired over a year ago and her 20-hour position has not been filled. In the past the specialist would post notices, do the press releases and contact the community when and where the van would be.

Chair Stefanics suggested taking the van on the weekend to one of the County’s transfer stations. One of the services provided is blood pressure measuring and continuing with that theme, Commissioner Vigil said it could be promoted as pump and dump.

Ms. Thorndyke said Saturday clinics have not been successful. On recommendation from Commissioner Anaya, she said she contacted the churches and they have proved a good resource directing her to other activities. During flu season at the San Ysidro Church she could see as many as 100 people in a four-hour period. Cundiyo Community Center proved a successful visit

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with the community putting up fliers and getting the word out. She reviewed a list of locations that they recently added and provided a list of future locations.

In the future, Ms. Thorndyke said she would be visiting several locations each day rather than one each day. That makes the van more visible and the greatest attendance comes within the first hour. She provided an overview of the summer schedule.

Ms. O'Connor said there is an attempt to improve the lessening of outreach for the mobile health unit as well as the prescription drug programs and she has designated one staff person to this one day per week. This individual will precede the van and put up signage, etc. Also sandwich board signs will be created and placed near where the van will be visiting. There is a desire to have the van at sites seven days a week but with existing staff that is not possible. A budget increase was requested for a part-time nurse and driver to take the van out on Angela's down days and expand the visibility and services of the mobile health van.

Ms. O'Connor said she would be meeting with the DOH Immunization department to better coordinate that.

She was optimistic these improvements would certainly improve next year's numbers. She said additional general awareness through radio, print, etc. would serve to expand the services.

In response to Commissioner Mayfield's question of whether the van was ADA compliant, Ms. Thorndyke assured him it was.

Commissioner Vigil recalled in the past the County used radio and recommended staff contact Hutton Radio. Ms. Thorndyke said they used the radio often when the outreach specialist was onboard.

[Commissioner Anaya arrived at this time.]

Ms. O'Connor indicated that she was meeting with Kristine Mihelcic to initiate more promotion of the mobile health unit.

There was Commission consensus that radio time was important.

Ms. Thorndyke said she has developed a patient survey and distributed results which indicated 50 percent of the patients report that the service has helped them with a medical problem. She mentioned that she has been seeing some of the patients for seven years.

National Mobile Health Conference conducted a study on a program in Boston through Harvard Medical School and the return on the investment shows on an average for every \$1 invested in funding for a mobile health program \$36 may be returned in combined emergency department costs avoided and the value of life saved. The County spends approximately \$160,000 and has a return of \$5.7 million.

Ms. Thorndyke thanked the Commission for their support of the program and said the patients appreciate the service.

IX. Matters from the Board

None were presented.

X. Action Items

A. Discussion/Possible Action on Mobile Health Van

No action was necessary.

B. Approval of Indigent Hospital and County Health Claims

Commissioner Vigil moved to approve 955 claims in the amount of \$861,977.28 as presented by staff. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Anaya and passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote.

XI. Executive Session

There was no need for executive session.

XIV. Adjournment

Having completed the agenda and with no further business to come before the Board, this meeting adjourned at approximately 9:50 a.m.



ATTEST TO
Valerie Espinoza vt

VALERIE ESPINOZA
COUNTY CLERK

Respectfully submitted,
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Karen Farrell, Wordswork

Approved by:

Liz Stefahics

Liz Stefahics, Commission Chair
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