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**MINUTES OF THE**  
**SANTA FE COUNTY**

**INDIGENT HOSPITAL & HEALTH CARE BOARD**

**April 26, 2011**

Commission Chair Virginia Vigil called this meeting of the Indigent Hospital & Health Care Board to order on the above-cited date in the Legal Conference Room at the County Courthouse at approximately 9:00 a.m.

Roll was called and indicated the presence of a quorum with the following County Commissioners present:

**Members Present:**

Virginia Vigil, Chair  
Liz Stefanics, Vice Chair  
Robert Anaya  
Kathy Holian  
Danny Mayfield

**Member(s) Excused:**

None

**Staff Present:**

Penny Ellis-Green, Deputy County Manager  
Rachel Brown, Deputy County Attorney  
Joseph Gutierrez, Community Services Director  
Steve Shepherd, HHS Director  
Greg Smith, Health Care Assistance Program Manager  
Chris Barela, Constituent Liaison

**Others Present:**

Kathy Armijo Etre, Contractor for Christus St. Vincent  
Alex Valdez, CEO, Christus St. Vincent  
Judy Williams, HPPC Chair

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Holian moved to approve the agenda. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Stefanics and passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote. [Commissioner Mayfield was not present for this action.]



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**D. Christus St. Vincent Regional Medical Center**

Alex Valdez said the hospital is in the budget developing process. The hospital is seriously looking at all expenses with a focus on consolidated in- and out-patient in developmental health and continue to make sure that they are providing services in north central New Mexico.

Kathy Armijo Etre, Contractor for Christus St. Vincent, discussed the integrated CARE Connection as an outpatient branch of the hospital. She discussed a study that identified the most frequent ER users, the personalized treatment for those individuals and their improved health status. This is referred to as Community Coordinated Care and Ms. Etre said the success of the program is reliant on understanding and addressing the needs of the population.

Mr. Valdez commented that the program has reduced the ER visits and is a wise investment.

Commissioner Anaya asked about community assessment referral and/or tracking tools. Ms. Etre said currently there is no common assessment protocol, however, CARE Connection is functioning as a clearinghouse and works closely with Santa Fe Community Guidance Center.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** It was deemed unnecessary.

**IX. ACTION ITEMS**

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

Commissioner Holian moved to approve 413 claims totaling \$494,691.53 as recommended by staff, and Commissioner Stefanics seconded.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting adjourned at approximately 9:35 a.m.



ATTEST TO:  
*Valerie Espinoza*  
VALERIE ESPINOZA  
COUNTY CLERK

Approved by:

*Virginia Vigil*  
Virginia Vigil, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners

Respectfully submitted by: Karen Farrell, Wordswork  
*K. Farrell*