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**HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING COMMISSION**

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**MINUTES OF THE**  
**SANTA FE COUNTY**  
**HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**April 9, 2010**

A Discussion Session of the Santa Fe County Health Policy and Planning Commission was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Chairman Larry Martinez on the above-cited date at the Santa Fe County Health & Human Services Department, 2052 Galisteo Street, Conference Room, Suite B, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Roll call indicated the lack of the presence of a quorum for conducting official business, therefore the Commission held a discussion session.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Larry Martinez, Chairman  
Arturo Gonzales, Vice Chairman  
Erika Campos  
John Cassidy  
Dr. Frantz Melio  
Ardis M. Thomas  
John "Jack" White  
Judith K. Williams

**MEMBER(s) ABSENT:**

Terrie Rodriguez, Vice Chairman, excused  
Nancy S. Adelsheim, excused  
Rick Adesso, excused  
Louis Carlos, excused  
Fiquet Hanna Duckworth, excused  
Valery Henderson, excused  
Melissa Manlove, excused  
Patricio Larragoite, excused

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Marie Garcia, Health and Human Services Division  
Steve Shepherd, Health and Human Services Division Director

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Lynda Longacre, Project Access  
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Approval of the agenda was not made due to the lack of quorum.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: March 5, 2010**

Approval of the minutes of the March 5, 2010 meeting was not made due to the lack of quorum.

**DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION**

**A. Update on Future of Health Policy & Planning Commission**

Mr. Shepherd reported that nothing has been decided regarding the future of the Healthy Policy and Planning Commission.

Mr. Shepherd noted that they received notice from the Department of Health indicating that the State has cut all funding for maternal and child health care.

Chairman Martinez mentioned that he and Commissioner Cassidy attended the roundtable discussion with Senator Bingaman yesterday. He said some information came out of the roundtable discussion that he thought was vital. He was particularly concerned about the adjusted Medicaid federal/state match.

Chairman Martinez said at the meeting of the Indigent Hospital & Healthcare Board of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners on March 30, he was asked by the county commissioners if the Health Policy and Planning Commission would provide recommendations to them regarding policy and procedure changes that would streamline the application process for persons seeking assistance through the Healthcare Assistance Program (Indigent Program) for payment of medical bills. He was asked to provide these recommendations to the county commissioners before the May 25 meeting of the Hospital & Healthcare Board. Chairman Martinez was also asked if the HPPC would also provide some feedback to the county commissioners regarding the impact of federal health care reform on Santa Fe County. Although no deadline was established for the second request, Chairman Martinez believes that the Commission should attempt to provide some information to the Board of County Commissioners before their June 29 meeting. The Board of County Commissioners also requested a report on how economic stimulus capital funding was used in Santa Fe County.

The Commission had a discussion regarding these assignments and it was agreed that two committees should be appointed to address each of these issues. HPPC members who volunteered to serve on the Healthcare Assistance Program recommendations included Erika Campos, John Cassidy, Arturo Gonzales, Elizabeth Reynolds, Judy Williams and Larry Martinez. HPPC members who volunteered to serve on the committee to address the federal health care reform request included Erika Campos, John Cassidy, Arturo Gonzales, Judy Williams and Larry Martinez. At the time this committee was established it was

agreed that an assessment of the impact of Department of Health reductions, announced this week, would be included in information provided to the county commission.

The Commission also agreed that the committees would meet on April 15 at the Santa Fe County Health and Human Services conference room located at 2052 Galisteo Street in Santa Fe. The Healthcare Assistance Program Committee will meet at 2:30 p.m. until approximately 3:45 p.m. The Federal Health Care Reform Committee will meet from 3:45 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Martinez is asking for other volunteers who wish to serve on these committees. Marie Garcia will be distributing documents related to the issues to be addressed by each of these committees to all members of the HPPC.

Commissioner Williams noted that the Legislative Finance Committee will be meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 p.m. to discuss healthcare.

Commissioner Gonzales mentioned that Congress just passed a major technological plan for telecommunications for the country and a big part of it is health care. He suggested that the Commission should look at this.

#### **B. State Impact on County Budgets**

Mr. Rudy Garcia was not able to attend, therefore no report was given.

### **MATTERS FROM THE COMMISSION**

#### **A. Health Para Todos Radio Station Update**

Chairman Martinez reported that they devoted a lot of time on the last broadcast trying to address the issues around federal healthcare reform. He said they received some positive feedback.

Chairman Martinez noted that Alejandria Rebolledo-Rea was the guest on this morning's program. She talked about the early Head Start Program, its importance and the health care issues that are being dealt with in the Program. Ms. Rebolledo-Rea reported that Santa Fe County will be getting a significant number of slots for early Head Start Programs, and as a result, they have already implemented two new early head start classes at La Comunidad del Los Ninos, which is down the street from La Familia Medical Center. They also discussed the possible expansion of head start services that are located at Capital High School and to expand head start services at the Tara School located on Agua Fria Street.

#### **B. Community Benefit Fund**

A listing of the entities who submitted applications for funding from the Community Benefit Fund were distributed to the Commission via e-mail. The list details how much they applied for and the amounts that were awarded. It also includes a summary of the proposals. Chairman Martinez commended the Community Benefit Fund Committee for doing a great job in adhering to the main priority, which is behavioral health.

### **C. CHRISTUS/St. Vincent Behavioral Health Update**

Commissioner Campos reported that the Behavioral Health study is complete and it will be presented at the next meeting. She said along with this, CHRISTUS/St. Vincent Medical Regional Center is contracting with Kathy Armijo Entre to help them create an office of community health that will focus on creating a continuum of care system.

Chairman Martinez said the Behavioral Health Study was a clear demonstration of the gaps that exist for planning a system for continuum of care.

Chairman Martinez noted that the State has chosen not to renew Optum Health's contract and has announced that it will be issuing a Request for Proposals for a new entity. There will be a series of meetings in which the State Purchasing Collaborative is asking for input from various organizations, as to what the Request for Proposal requirements should be. The meetings will occur in Farmington on April 13<sup>th</sup>, in Roswell on April 14<sup>th</sup>, in Las Cruces on April 15, in Santa Fe on April 19<sup>th</sup> and in Albuquerque on April 28<sup>th</sup>, specifically for Native American pueblos and nations. There will also be a Tribal Consultation for all Native American tribes, pueblos and nations on May 7<sup>th</sup> in Albuquerque.

Commissioner Campos announced that CSV will be opening a Sports Medicine Center, which will be located at the former Lovelace Building (across the street from CSV). The facility may open within the next two days and will offer physical, occupational, hand and speech therapy and integrative medicine for adults and kids. CSV is also starting after-hours care out of the Camino Entrado Health Center from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday through Friday beginning April 19<sup>th</sup>. They are looking at opening on weekends as well.

### **MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN**

None presented.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. The next HPPC Regular Meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2010 at 9:15 a.m.
- B. The next HPPC Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.
- C. The next Jail Health Subcommittee Meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Having completed the agenda and with no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Cassidy moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner White and passed by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

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Approved by:

Larry A. Martinez  
Larry Martinez, Chairman

ATTEST:  
Valerie Espinoza

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COUNTY CLERK

Respectfully submitted by:  
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer



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