

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

**May 28, 2013**

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 9:05 a.m. by County Commission Chair Kathy Holian.

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

**Members Present:**

Kathy Holian, Chair  
Liz Stefanics, Chair  
Danny Mayfield

**Member(s) Excused:**

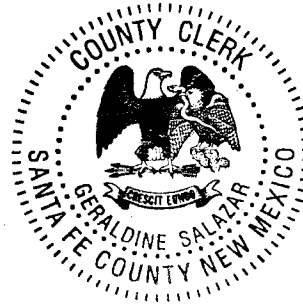
Robert Anaya  
Miguel Chavez

**Staff Present:**

Katherine Miller, County Manager  
Rachel Brown, Deputy County Attorney  
Rachel O'Connor, HHS Director  
Pablo Sedillo III, Public Safety Director  
Greg Smith, Health Assistance Program Director  
Lisa Garcia, Health Care Assistance Program  
Chris Barela, Constituent Liaison  
Patricia Boies, HHS Coordinator

**Others Present:**

Kathy Armijo Etre, Christus St. Vincent  
Judy Williams, HPPC Chair  
Kelly O'Donnell, Contractor  
Nandini Pillai Kuehn, Contractor  
George Gable, HPPC member  
Dee Gable, Citizen  
Frances Ong, Housing Authority Board member



**III. Introductions**

Those present introduced themselves.

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**IV. Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Stefanics moved to approve the agenda as published and Commissioner Mayfield seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [3-0] voice vote

**V. Approval of Minutes: May 29, 2013**

A typo was noted on the first page and Commissioner Stefanics moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield and passed by unanimous [3-0] voice.

**VI. Matters of Public Concern – Non-action**

None were presented.

**VII. Information Items**

- A. Comparison of FY-2012 to FY-2013 Claims**
- B. Sole Community Provider Hospital Claims FY-2013**

Mr. Smith noted that the comparison and number of claims appear to be on track and there was nothing out of the ordinary to report.

**C. Contracted Expenditures for Fiscal Years 2012 & 2013**

Mr. Smith said staff is making adjustments based on provider requests and he pointed out this is a budgetary issue that does not change the budget numbers.

Mr. Smith informed the Board that staff did contact behavioral health providers and the providers are utilizing other state and federal funds before tapping into the indigent funds as a last resort.

In response to Commissioner Mayfield's question, Mr. Smith said staff audits the provider claims monthly.

**D. Santa Fe County in 2013: A Community Health**  
*[Exhibit 1: Community Health Profile Summary, dated 5/23/13]*

Chair Holian thanked Ms. O'Connor and Ms. Boies for their work on this project and providing an early draft to the Commissioners.

Ms. O'Connor reminded the Board that the Commission devoted funds to hire a consultant in partnership with Christus to develop the community health profile. Kelly O'Donnell was contracted as that consultant and worked with Christus and County staff to collaboratively work together on this project. Nandini Pillai Kuehn has been contracted for the next phase to develop the County action plan.

Ms. O'Donnell said the health profile will serve as a foundational document for the

implementation plan. She said the profile outlines the status quo, is purely informational and does not make recommendations. She suggested the profile will serve to stimulate informed dialogue about health issues that Santa Fe County faces.

Ms. O'Donnell reviewed the key findings as follows:

- Poverty has increased especially for children and working age adults
- Three-quarters of non-citizens lack health insurance
- Alcohol-related deaths for Santa Fe County Hispanics is twice that of non-Hispanic Whites and 25 percent higher than New Mexico Hispanics overall
- Santa Fe County's senior populations will triple to 61,000 by 2040. Seniors will then constitute 1 in 3 Santa Fe County residents
- Over 30 percent of mothers received no prenatal care in the 1<sup>st</sup> trimester. Hispanics and Native Americans were less likely to receive prenatal care
- Drug overdose deaths, the largest cause of unintentional injury death, are increasing
- Breast cancer incidence and mortality are higher in Santa Fe County than elsewhere in New Mexico
- Approximately 2,500 adults or 5 percent have a serious mental illness
- Obesity is increasing both for adults and for youth
- Diabetes continues to increase

Background information was provided on each of the bullet points. Santa Fe County will continue to have a problem with uninsured working age adults in the immigrant population noting that undocumented individuals will not be eligible for Medicaid or the health insurance exchanges. In fact, there are populations of legal immigrants having been in the country less than five years who will not be eligible for the Medicaid expansion.

Commissioner Stefanics <sup>requested that</sup> the Board reconsider Indigent fund assistance for undocumented individuals.

Ms. O'Donnell highlighted a spike in opiate-addicted pregnant women and babies. Santa Fe County teens are more likely than other New Mexico teens to use prescription painkillers to get high. In fact, prescribed painkillers are a major contributor to the increase in overdose death. She reviewed the increase in obesity and its correlation to the increase in diabetes.

Commissioner Stefanics asked about Medicaid enrollment activities. Ms. O'Connor said indigent and satellite office staff are being trained for enrollment to begin in early fall. She said the County health van will be utilized.

Ms. Armijo Etre said according to Federal 990s requirements, CSV is responsible for providing a community health needs assessment and implementation strategies.

Ms. O'Connor noted given the services the County provides and the resources available, the question becomes how are they best expended to impact some of the leading indicators.

### **VIII. Director's Report**

Ms. O'Connor reported that she developed a scope of work to hire a nurse practitioner on

contract to work the van three days a week. The position will remain posted for a full-time employee but a contractor will facilitate expanding services.

**IX. Matters from the Board**

Chair Holian asked about the summer youth program and Ms. O'Connor reported that awards are not final, but the seven submitted applications will receive some funding.

**X. Approval of Indigent Hospital and County Health Claims**

Commissioner Stefanics moved to approve 541 claims in the amount of \$623,235.33 as presented by staff. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield and passed by unanimous [3-0] 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 10:05 a.m.



Approved by:

*Kathy Holian*  
Kathy Holian, Commission Chair  
Indigent Hospital & Healthcare Board

*Geraldine Salazar*  
GERALDINE SALAZAR  
COUNTY CLERK  
7/30/13

Respectfully submitted,  
*Karen Farrell*  
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