

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

May 29, 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 9:05 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
Kathy Holian, Vice Chair
Robert Anaya
Danny Mayfield

Member(s) Excused:

Virginia Vigil

Staff Present:

Katherine Miller, County Manager
Rachel Brown, Deputy County Attorney
Rachel O'Connor, HHS Director
Penny Ellis-Green, Deputy County Manager
Greg Smith, Indigent Fund Coordinator
Lisa Garcia, Health Care Assistance Program
Lupe Sanchez, DWI Coordinator
Chris Barela, Constituent Liaison

Others Present:

Kathy Armijo Etre, Christus St. Vincent
Judy Williams, HPPC
Kathy Kenny, HPPC
Alex Valdez, Christus St. Vincent

III. Introductions

Those present introduced themselves.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Anaya moved to approve the agenda as published and Commissioner Mayfield seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote.

V. Approval of Minutes: April 24, 2012

Commissioner Anaya moved to approve the minutes with grammatical changes made by staff. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield and passed by unanimous [4-0] voice.

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 that as the fiscal year winds down it is becoming clear the number of claims this year will exceed those of last year.

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 noted this is the lowest remaining allocation in his eight years with the indigent fund. "We're doing very well."

Commissioner Mayfield asked when the supplemental funds will come into play. Mr. Smith said in late August, early September the state will advise the hospitals regarding how much money they are eligible for. At that point a request can be made to the County for a match. He reviewed the timetable for submission and processing.

C. Contracted Expenditures for Fiscal Years 2011 & 2012

Mr. Smith stated there was nothing unusual to report. There has been some stacking of claims by providers. Claims can be submitted through the month of July and held until money becomes available.

Noting that the Heart Hospital is now owned by Lovelace, Chair Stefanics asked if they were eligible to receive funds. Mr. Smith said they are and there are three claims pending for close to \$100,000.

In response to a question from Commissioner Mayfield, Mr. Smith said the 2012 numbers are the chart for comparison purposes.

D. Christus/St. Vincent Regional Medical Center

Kathy Armijo Etre, Christus St. Vincent, gave an update on hospital activities. They have been working closely with the HPPC on the community needs assessment and are getting close to having a process in place. Data in the form of health indicators are being collected and focus groups are coming together.

Progress is being made in the jail-hospital collaboration with the participation of the Sheriff, City law enforcement and the courts. Work is being done on protocols, points of contact and hard-wiring the relationships. Clinical supervisors will be meeting with correctional staff. High utilizers of both the jail and hospital are being analyzed to assure they are getting the correct level of clinical staff.

Chair Stefanics asked if Christus was taking on more New Mexico hospitals and if there were management changes contemplated at St. Vincent's. Ms. Armijo Etre said she was unaware of any changes.

E. HPPC Update

Judy Williams indicated the HPPC had an in-depth discussion of the problem of prescription drug overdoses which is a huge problem in the New Mexico. A DOH Epidemiologist gave a presentation and mentioned funds may be available to help deal with this. Also discussed was improving the reach of the mobile health van. Scheduled for Friday's meeting is a discussion of the community health plan and needs assistance. She thanked the Commission for approving a line item for a research assistant to deal with the huge amounts of data involved. The Con Alma Foundation could help with provider forums.

Returning to the drug overdose situation, Commissioner Anaya said there was a lengthy discussion of painkillers at the last Worker's Comp Board meeting. Northern New Mexico is the worst in the country in terms of ready availability of abused prescription drugs.

Ms. Williams stated legislation was passed to increase monitoring of pharmacies to reduce doctor and pharmacy shopping.

Rachel O'Connor said bills were passed in the last session addressing this issue. She noted there is over-representation in Worker's Comp and Medicaid of overdoses across the country. Commissioner Anaya pointed out the Association of Counties conference is coming and this issue should be taken to the board. Chair Stefanics said Mr. Smith is a member of the Healthcare Affiliate and they will be meeting during the conference. Information should be provided to Caleb Chandler as soon as possible.

Commissioner Holian asked about the mention of possible grants. Ms. Williams said Deputy State Epidemiologist Mike Landen stated there might be federal dollars and referred to an intervention program in North Carolina that includes training in Narcan, a "rescue drug." The program has an important community awareness component.

In response to the question of whether the County was prepared to take the lead in this Ms. O'Connor spoke of putting together a working group to look at the Lazarus Project, which is evidence based. She said they would like to apply for any monies available for a pilot project. They are working to get a handle on the data.

Commissioner Holian asked if there would be a report on the needs assessment. Ms. O'Connor said there will be reports on the needs assessment in the form of a compilation of all the data along with a research summary. Additionally there will be a health plan report. Ms. Williams added St. Vincent's is required to produce a plan.

Commissioner Anaya suggested passing a resolution on prescription drugs and going to the providers with the concerns and asking for feedback. Ms. Williams indicated that social networking could play a role in increasing community awareness.

Commissioner Mayfield asked if there was a program for disposal of expired drugs. Ms. Williams said she had heard of a "drug vaporizer" which would be a good idea to keep the drugs out of the water supply.

Commissioner Mayfield asked if the shingles vaccine was being provided in the healthcare van. Ms. O'Connor stated she didn't think Ms. Thorndyke was doing shingle vaccinations, but options could be discussed.

VII. D. Christus/St. Vincent Regional Medical Center (cont.)

Christus St. Vincent CEO Alex Valdez arrived and responded to questions earlier posed by Chair Stefanics. Mr. Valdez said a specialty care clinic is being planned for Los Alamos and a general surgeon has been retained. Additional capacity is also planned for Taos for specialty care. He spoke of the difficulty of small communities providing specialty care, and the good cadre of specialists (urologists, neurologists, ENT, rheumatologists) St. Vincent is assembling.

Regarding changes in personnel, Mr. Valdez said they have recently recruited Dr. Silini to serve as the physician executive and a chief medical officer has been hired.

Commissioner Mayfield asked if the clinics in northern New Mexico would impact SCP funds, and Mr. Smith said they would not. Mr. Valdez noted that there are special state provisions that ensure that does not happen.

Mr. Valdez said the hospital will be opening a primary care clinic in mid-July to train and provide clinical experience for residents.

VIII. Director's Report

Ms. O'Connor stated information on the prescription drug cards went out through the elementary schools.

Ms. O'Connor gave an update on the CADDy program and recommendations from the DWI Planning Council. The program has grown from \$90,000 to \$165,000. Forty-three percent of the rides are from liquor establishments to homes; 25 percent are from a home to liquor establishment, and 32 percent aren't to or from a liquor establishment. The DWI PC recommends funding rides only from drinking locations to homes and charging \$1 per ride. These changes would start July 1st and would cut costs.

A public awareness campaign is planned about the CADDY and vehicle forfeiture programs. There was a further recommendation to cap individual rides at \$25. The program will

be in a pilot phase and then will be evaluated.

Commissioner Anaya said he has been speaking to San Miguel County about their cutbacks in a ride program and the effects have been negative. He recognized concerns about driving people to drinking establishments but the alternative is to have them driving drunk home. He was reluctant to make the cuts and send a message that was finance-based. He added these programs are changing the mindset. Crashes grow exponentially in rural areas and he worried the changes proposed were dangerous.

Chair Stefanics asked about the legal aspects of providing rides to drinking establishment and asked that there be information on that at the next meeting. She asked about the maximum charge to anywhere in the county.

Ms. O'Connor stated the \$25 cap increases rides out into the county. The passenger pays the amount above the \$25. If rides are funded both ways an anticipated RFP to fund underage drinking programs would have to be cut.

Lupe Sanchez explained that the \$100,000 RFP targets DWI prevention and underage drinking. An evaluation component will be required.

Commissioner Mayfield said he recently participated in an "Envision Your Future" program in Pojoaque and was favorably impressed. He was reluctant to have contractors doing work that staff is now doing.

Commissioner Anaya agreed saying the County has invested heavily in prevention. He asked if there was insufficient staff. Mr. Sanchez said staff is in place but the program provides services from outside entities and evaluates outcomes. In the past contractors have provided services in the amount of \$83,000. He emphasized they are looking for the best product for the money. Previous providers can still apply.

Commissioner Mayfield asked if the process was not competitive in the past. Ms. O'Connor said that was the case, and a substantial amount went to the school system. She said the RFP is not for an administrator; Mr. Magourilos and Mr. Sanchez will oversee the contracts. A good track record will be a factor in considering bidders.

Commissioner Mayfield expressed his concern about administrative fees and Mr. Sanchez said the proposed budgets will be reviewed. Chair Stefanics pointed out the County has the ability to cap administrative costs.

IX. Matters from the Board
None were presented.

X. Approval of Indigent Hospital and County Health Claims

Commissioner Holian moved to approve 527 claims in the amount of \$613,738.62 as presented by staff. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield 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 10:17 a.m.

Approved by:

Liz Stefanics

Liz Stefanics, Commission Chair
Indigent Hospital & Healthcare Board

ATTEST TO:

Valerie Espinoza

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