

Santa Fe County Maternal and Child Health Planning Council  
Meeting Minutes  
June 17, 2010

Members in Attendance:

Lynn Hathaway  
Marcia Panagakos  
Betty Cardenas

Members Absent:

Jacqueline Baca  
Kim Straus  
Lara Yoder  
Jill Reichman

Coordinator:

Lisa Garcia

Magi Gerety

Kristi Readyhough  
Janet Aboytes

Guests:

Loretta Fernandez - Adelante Program  
Carol Tyrrell - Department of Health  
Laurie Allocca - Holy Faith  
Michelle Quintana - PMS Head Start Program  
Ron Hale - Department of Health  
Kathleen Benecke - Las Cumbres Community Services  
Katy Yanda - Women's Health Services  
Ramona Flores - Lopez - PMS Teen Health Centers

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 pm.

Introductions were done and there were no announcements.

Kathleen Benecke gave a program update on the Community Infant Program. She shared that it was a great loss when the County decided not to fund their program since they have done so since its inception 10 years ago. They have been trying to find other funding that can replace this loss. They have talked to the hospital to see if there is funding available to help support the program. They also received a funding cut from the City of Santa Fe which was also a major source of income. The overall program received a funding cut of about 40%. She gave an overview of the people the program serves in working with infant mental health. They work with individuals as well as hold some group sessions. To date, they have served 111 families, 26 group members, and 75 individuals. They have been trying to get some of their families into the early head start program as well as working with CYFD in providing services to families of children in state custody. If they don't receive more funding, there's a possibility that next year they would have to lay people off and bring their levels back to where they were 8 years ago. Lynn added that she and Kim went to talk to several county commissioners about the funding cuts. Carol is also looking out for a maternal depression grant announcement coming from the federal government. She indicated that she would like to tie it into the CIP program but it would have to be tied in with either city or county government similar to how it was done for the Santa Fe Children's Project.

The DOH Maternal and Child Health Bureau did a pilot project in two counties through the WIC office and saw 500 clients. They found through this project that the rate of maternal depression was at least 25% which is higher than the national average. They also discovered that there are very few resources that serve the women identified as needing services so the grant would pay for those services. Marsha indicated that the need in this community is huge based on her work at the hospital. Lynn suggested that the council should write a letter to the county stating how great the need is for this type of program in the community. Ramona indicated that the indigent program may be able to provide reimbursement to Las Cumbres for these infant mental health services.

Carol announced that on June 28<sup>th</sup>, they are offering a training on perinatal mood disorders and there will be CEU's for social workers. Lisa sent it out but Carol will give her an updated flyer to send out again to the home visiting network.

Ramona gave her presentation about the Teen Health Centers at Santa Fe High School and Capital High School. They were able to use the money from the DOH MCH grant to cover 725 uninsured teens which provided 1,440 visits. Every year the amount of services increase every year. A recent report indicated that they serve 53% of enrolled high school students. Out of the patients they serve, 68% are for medical services, the rest are for behavioral health. Of the medical visits, 80% are for reproductive services. The upcoming year will be challenging for them because between state and local funding, they have lost 10% of their budget. The Santa Fe Public Schools still hasn't allotted their budget to the teen health centers. The healthy tomorrows van may need to take on a larger role such as offering immunizations and sick child care because the schools is cutting back on nurses in the schools. They are not offering behavioral health services during the summer. Their staff consists of a full time male practitioner and female practitioner one day per week at the request of parents. They are proposing to make up the funding loss by submitting more grants. They were hoping to hire a bilingual therapist at Capital High School but may not be able to do so yet. The state is applying for a huge teen pregnancy prevention grant so there may be money for this. The Medicaid funding they receive is helping to keep them afloat. Lynn asked about trends their staff are seeing. The demand is growing in sports physical visits so they are able to capture more information that may be causing underlying problems that may need services.

There was no quorum so the minutes will be approved at a later meeting. Lisa also announced to the group that we won't have a July meeting. The executive committee decided that it's hard to get a quorum during the summer months so we would take a break.

Under reports, Lynn shared that the executive discussed at their meeting the uncertainty of the council structure and funding.

Lisa also added that it was mentioned at the May meeting that the council still wants to exist regardless of the county's decision on internal structures. Julie Berman is supposed to attend the August meeting to discuss these proposed changes. Lisa shared that she has been cut to a part time job (28 hours per week). She is also committing to doing monthly reports and submitting them to UNM for a \$2,500 stipend. Ron added that his office at DOH is applying for an appropriation for health councils which could amount to approximately \$10,000 per health council.

There was no HPPC report since Valery resigned and Lisa hasn't attended a meeting recently.

The Father's Report was covered by Lynn. She announced that there will be a father's event at the railyard park on Father's Day. The Santa Fe Young Father's group and Reel Father's will be putting this on. Carol shared that the White House will be sponsoring fatherhood forums throughout the country and they will be hosting one in New Mexico in August in Los Lunas.

Under old business, Lisa announced that the county is still working on budget issues based on scenarios the finance department has compiled. Lisa submitted all reports to DOH so all obligations have been met.

Lisa updated the group on the Infant Care Forum. Coop is using the information from the forum and all the data they've been collected to prepare his report to CYFD. The council will use those recommendations to begin acting upon them. The report is due to CYFD in August and COOP would like to have a public meeting/convening where results could be shared with community leaders and interested parties.

Lisa read information Magi sent her regarding how New Vistas services have been impacted by the economic downturn. Healthy Families First also lost two home visitors this fiscal year because of the termination of their contract from DOH. Katy shared that Women's Health Services lost almost all of their state funding which was about 15-18% of their budget. They lost all of their state appropriations. Michelle added that Head Start was awarded an additional 56 slots since the last time Michelle reported at an MCH council meeting. They originally received 72 early head start slots so with the additional slots they should be able to open 3 more centers. They will be adding one additional home visitor also. Loretta added that they went to Cuidando Los Niños in Albuquerque and Gaile would like to add something like that in Santa Fe. They also saw a Title 1 program in Albuquerque Fe and were proud to know the Adelante program is organized pretty well. They will also be doing more case management with families so they are rearranging their office to set up this space. At the end of July, Adelante served 1362 children.

Lynn solicited new executive committee/officer members. We encourage those guests attending to continue participating in our meetings since we haven't been able to get appointments approved from the Board of County Commissioners.

The Father's Report was covered by Kim. On August 10<sup>th</sup>, the New Mexico Alliance for Fathers and Families is holding a forum at the UNM Valencia Campus for fathers and it has been coordinated it with the White House. This new alliance is going to fiscally sponsored by the New Mexico Community Foundation and they are beginning to raise money for the forum. The White House will facilitate the forum and will be about policies that are father friendly.

Lisa wanted to follow up on the RAND presentation. She received a draft copy from Becky Kilburn and highlighted the questions that would be pertinent to the interest of the council. Lisa felt that the questions already built in

Lisa mentioned that the election of officers according to the by-laws will take place at the June meeting. She is officially announcing that the council should be prepared to nominate members. Lara said it's hard to commit with her new job responsibilities. Kim said he is willing to serve as chair and Jill is willing to stay on as vice-chair. Marcia suggested that if Jill could serve as co-chair and Lara could serve as vice chair if it's harder to attend the executive meetings it may work better.

Kristi felt that we needed to look at the strategic plan for 0-3 that was done in alignment several years ago. It can be re-visited again to see how this fits in with the overall strategic plan.

Kim mentioned that he along with Marcia and Lisa have been working with the hospital foundation to help with some of the costs related to preparing the welcome baby packets. Brindle Foundation is also looking at including a book for every baby born via the welcome baby packets.

The meeting concluded at 2:00 pm.

Approved on September 16, 2010 by:

ATTEST:

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COUNTY CLERK

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Kim Straus, Interim Co-chair

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Respectfully submitted by:

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