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MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING COMMISSION

June 3, 2011

A meeting of the Santa Fe County Health Policy and Planning Commission was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Judith Williams, Chair on the above-cited date at the Santa Fe County Health & Human Services Department, 2052 Galisteo Street, Suite B, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum for conducting official business as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Judith Williams, Chair
James Bond
George Gamble
Antoinette Montano
Kathleen Rowe
Anna Vigil

MEMBER(s) ABSENT:

Deborah Armstrong, Vice Chair, excused

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Shepherd, Health and Human Services Department Director
Angela Thorndyke, Mobile Health Van Nurse

OTHERS PRESENT:

Robin Hunn, Project Access
Lynda Longacre, Project Access
Joanne Dutcher, citizen
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

An update on CHRISTUS/St. Vincent Regional Medical Center was added to the Agenda under Matters from the Commission.

Commissioner Bond moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Commissioner Gamble seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Draft Minutes for May 6, 2011

Chair Williams noted that she had some minor revisions to the Minutes.
(These are available for review if anyone is interested).

Commissioner Bond moved to approve the Minutes of the May 6, 2011 meeting as amended. Commissioner Gamble seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

MATTERS FROM PUBLIC CONCERN

There were none.

MATTERS FROM THE COMMISSION

A. CHRISTUS/St. Vincent Regional Medical Center Update

Chair Williams reported that she saw an article in the newspaper about the fact that CHRISTUS/St. Vincent Regional Medical Center will be eliminating positions that are now being held by senior long-term employee nurses, and will hire medical assistants instead, as a cost saving activity, because of the reduction in Medicaid and Medicare funding.

Chair Williams noted that she saw a chart from the New Mexico Hospital Association that purported to show the cost impact of healthcare reform; one of the items was the penalties hospitals might have to pay for problems in quality of care that would result in withholding of payments to hospitals in certain instances, such as, repeated admissions for the same condition. Hospitals will have to improve quality in order to avoid these penalties.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Healthcare Reform Act Standing Item (Commissioner Deborah Armstrong)

Commissioner Armstrong was not present; therefore this agenda item was not discussed.

B. Mobile Health Van - Available for Tour

Mr. Shepherd introduced Ms. Angela Thorndyke, the RN on the County Mobile Health Van.

Ms. Thorndyke noted that the Mobile Health Van has been operating for over five years; Presbyterian Medical Services originally operated the van but the County took it over in 2007. The Mobile Health Van provides services throughout the County; recreation centers and all the senior centers in the county and city. They also provide immunizations for volunteer fire fighters.

Commissioner Gamble asked what the utilization of the mobile health van was.

Ms. Thorndyke said they saw about 3600 people this last year.

Ms. Thorndyke noted that they started to see patients on Saturdays now – they operate from Tuesdays through Saturdays. She said they do blood pressure, blood sugar checks and cholesterol screenings. They also make referrals when necessary.

Ms. Thorndyke explained that they identify individuals who have diabetes almost on a daily basis.

Mr. Shepherd suggested that the Commission have Ms. Thorndyke back at a future meeting to give a report on the numbers, etc.

The Commissioners toured the Mobile Health Van.

C. Update from Staff: (Commissioner Survey/ Community Transformation Grants: Letter to Secretary/HPPC Resolution/ /HPPC Calendar/Supplemental SCP) Steve Shepherd

COMMISSIONER SURVEY

[Copies of the *Santa Fe County Health Policy & Planning Commission County Commissioner Work Item Survey* were distributed in the Commissioners' packets. A copy is hereby incorporated to these Minutes as Exhibit "A".]

Chair Williams said after the last meeting and Commissioner Stefanic's suggestions, Mr. Shepherd went to the County Commissioners and asked them what they thought would be important for the HPPC to focus on.

Mr. Shepherd explained that they aggregated what Commissioner Stefanics handed out at the last meeting and what Commissioner Mayfield talked about. He received responses from four of the County Commissioners and totaled their scores to get an average and general ranking. The items on the survey were ranked from 1 to 10 with 1 being the highest priority, and 10 being the lowest priority.

Mr. Shepherd reviewed the information in Exhibit "A" as follows:

- **The Impact of the Healthcare Reform on the counties, particularly Santa Fe County.**
 - Funding opportunities through Prevention and Public Health Fund
 - Community Transformation Funds
 - Engage in the new community health needs assessment that non-profit hospitals are required to conduct under the act-make sure their community benefit is actually meeting community needs and is commensurate with their property tax exemptions.

Commissioner Bond said the County Commissioners seem very interested in, or there is a lot of emphasis and focus on funding sources; and he does not really know what the HPPC can do on the funding aspect of things, short of perhaps encouraging appropriate organizations within the County to apply for funding.

Mr. Shepherd agreed that this Commission could not really do anything with respect to the overall County financial picture. He also agrees that this Commission could assist in identifying grant opportunities; and possibly make some recommendations with regard to the Sole Community Provider Fund.

Commissioner Gamble said the Commission could possibly look at how people (organizations) are spending money, as well as funding sources.

Commissioner Rowe said the County Commissioners have not indicated what their priorities are with respect to funding. She was hoping that the HPPC could re-look at this.

In response, Mr. Shepherd said he would like to get the County Needs Assessment and Health Plan updated and revised. He explained that the DWI Program may have funding that they can use to update the Health Plan and Needs Assessment. He will know more on this at the end of the month.

Commissioner Rowe noted that the UNM Nursing School has a Robert Woods Johnson Public Policy Fellowship Program. She asked if the County has considered using students from the University of New Mexico Nursing School.

Mr. Shepherd suggested that Commissioner Rowe meet with him and the DWI Program Coordinator (Becky Beardsley) and talk to them about this.

Commissioner Rowe agreed to meet with Mr. Shepherd and Ms. Beardsley to talk about this further.

- **Change of Mental Health Services in County may be increasing mental health incarcerations**

The Commissioners discussed a recent article in the *Santa Fe Reporter* that talks about the difficulty of getting people into the Psychiatric Unit at CHRISTUS/St. Vincent Regional Medical Center; and the fact that the jail has become the facility where people with mental health issues are taken. There was agreement that Kathy Etre of CSV and representatives from the County Detention Facility (Jail) would be invited to a HPPC meeting to address the article and the behavioral health assessment procedures.

- **Sole Community Provider Funding**

- The Source of Funding
- State Statute and County Ordinance related to SCP
- How the County Utilizes the Funds

- **Other Funding Opportunities**

- Con Alma: Health Councils
- Kellogg: Health Improvements/Transformational Grants

(Mr. Shepherd reported on transformational grants further down on the agenda.)

- **Increased Access to healthcare**
 - More residents receiving services
 - Undocumented immigrant: public health issues
 - FQHC Changes in 2014

- **Accountability and Transparency for the Hospital (CHRISTUS/SVH)**

The Board of County Commissioners would like to see more accountability and transparency from the Hospital.

- **Health Initiatives in Senior Centers**

Mr. Shepherd reported that the County should be taking over the Senior Centers that are located in the County effective July 1st.

- **County Health Rankings**

- **Focus on Action for low ratings received**

Mr. Shepherd will send the link regarding the County Health Rankings to the Commissioners. He said it would be interesting to see the County's rankings against the national rankings.

- **Substance Abuse Problem in the County**

The County Commissioners would like the HPPC to discuss the substance abuse problem in the County.

- **See What Other Counties are Doing**

- Dona Ana County
- San Juan County
- Rio Arriba County

The County Commissioners would like the HPPC to see what the above-noted counties are doing.

COUNTY TRANSFORMATION GRANTS: LETTER TO SECRETARY

[Two handouts on Community Transformation Grants were distributed: *Community Transformation Grants: Corrente* and *U.S. Department of Health and Human Services News Release*]

\$100 million in Affordable Care Act grants will be given to help create healthier U.S. communities. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced the availability of over \$100 million in funding for up to 75 Community Transformation Grants. Created by the Affordable Care Act, these grants are aimed at helping communities implement projects proven to reduce chronic diseases - such as diabetes and heart disease. By promoting healthy lifestyles and communities, especially among population groups experiencing the greatest burden of chronic disease, these grants will help improve health, reduce health disparities, and lower health care costs.

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The Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, will award competitive grants to State and local governmental agencies and community-based organizations for the implementation, evaluation, dissemination of proven evidence-based community preventive health activities in order to reduce chronic disease rates, address health disparities, and develop a stronger evidence-based of effective prevention programming.

Mr. Shepherd said the County was hopeful that they would be able to use some Transformation Grant money to work on things, such as a revised health plan for the County. However, they found out that a county our size cannot participate-cities and counties have to have a population of over 500,000 in order to qualify. The only county in the state that can participate is Bernalillo County; or a non-profit that would serve Bernalillo County. Indian tribes and consortiums can also apply on their own. The State Human Services Department may apply for this funding. Mr. Shepherd is going to prepare a letter to the HSD Secretary and inform her that the County of Santa Fe would like to be considered in their application, if possible. Chair Williams will sign the letter. Mr. Shepherd said the County will continue to monitor this and he will report back to the Commission.

HPPC CALENDAR

Mr. Shepherd reported that he spoke with the County Public Information Officer about putting a HPPC Calendar that could be updated on the County's website - to put information about committees, upcoming events and meetings, etc. Mr. Shepherd will be meeting with her next week to discuss this further.

HPPC RESOLUTION

Mr. Shepherd reported that he would like to take the Resolution (about expanding the HPPC) to the Board of County Commissioners at the end of June or early July.

Chair Williams asked Mr. Shepherd to report on the letter that was written with regards to Medicaid. She noted that they have not received a response to the letter that was sent to the Acting Secretary of Medicaid. She mentioned that there is a Legislative Health and Human Services Council meeting on June 14th at the Capital Roundhouse at 1:30 p.m. The HSD Secretary and the Consultant will make a presentation on what they are planning to do on the Medicaid Reform/Redesign. A contract has been awarded to Alicia Smith & Associates. Chair Williams will be attending the meeting.

Ms. Hunn noted that the proposal is on the HSD website. She said there are talks about reducing the number of managed care associations and consolidating all Medicaid programs under one waiver.

Chair Williams offered to follow up on the letter that was sent to the Acting Secretary of Medicaid.

SUPPLEMENTAL SOLE COMMUNITY PROVIDER

[Information on the *Santa Fe County 2012 Sole Community Hospital Funding* was distributed and reviewed.]

Mr. Shepherd reported that the County will know what the supplemental Sole Community Provider funding will be in early September. The State will supplement Sole Community Provider funding-this is extra Medicaid money that will go to counties who will match the money.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners Gamble and Rowe noted that there will be a Community Health Care Forum that will be sponsored by "The Concerned Citizens for Health Care of Santa Fe" and will be moderated by Santa Fe Mayor David Coss. The intent is to begin a serious discussion of how local institutions will hear from the folks that provide services and the people they serve. The Forum will be held on 1420 Cerrillos Road – Center for Progress and Justice on Monday, June 6, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

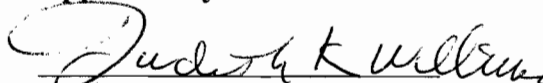
The next HPPC Regular Meeting is scheduled for July 1, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the Health and Human Services Conference Room.

Commissioner Rowe said she would not be present at the September 2, 2011 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Having completed the agenda and with no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Rowe moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Bond, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Approved by:


Judith Williams, Chairperson

Respectively submitted by:
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer