

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING COMMISSION

June 7, 2013

Santa Fe, New Mexico

This regular meeting of the Santa Fe County Health Policy & Planning Commission (HPPC) was called to order by Chair Judith Williams at approximately 9:00 a.m. on the above-cited date at 2052 S. Galisteo, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present:

Judith Williams, Chair
Kathleen Rowe, Vice Chair
John Abrams
Bertha Blanchard
George Gamble
Vivian Heye
Reena Szczepanski
Sun Vega

Member(s) Excused:

Catherine Kinney
Anna Vigil
Shirlee Davidson
James Bond
[One vacancy]

Staff Present:

Patricia Boies, MCH/HHPC Coordinator
Rachel O'Connor, Health & Human Services Director

Others Present:

Martha Cook, NAMI-Santa Fe
Nandini Kuehn, Health Services Consulting
Jeff Thomas, Southwest CARE Center

III. INTRODUCTIONS

Those present introduced themselves.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Rowe moved approval of the agenda as published. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanchard and passed by unanimous voice vote.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 2013

Commissioner Vega moved approval of the May minutes. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Abrams and passed by unanimous voice vote.

VI. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

None were presented.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. O'Connor thanked the Commission for their assistance at the Providers Forum. She reported on the following:

- The Community Health Profile has been posted on the County's website
- A contract nurse practitioner will be hired to work on the van MWF – the posting will continue for an employee
- The Corrections Department will work with Health & Humans Services to develop policies for nurse practitioners in the County – Commissioners Rowe, Davidson, Blanchard were tapped to help assist in that policy development
- Although not finalized, \$250,000 may be allocated to the department for small health projects and the RFP process will be on a fast track - the following projects were mentioned:
 - Suboxone
 - Case manager for the Resource Opportunities Center (ROC)
 - On-line directory for health resources
 - Ongoing dialogue/forums with participants from the Provider Forum

Ms. O'Connor advised the Commission that the County released an LOI (Letter of Interest) for treatment services for pregnant addicted women. The amount is \$25,000. It was noted that these women are eligible for Medicaid.

There are no longer providers for the medication-assisted therapies for the opiate addicted. The County can address some of the Suboxone cost through the Indigent fund. Ms. O'Connor said she hoped the County could provide start-up money for providers through an RFP process.

Stating he recognized the time constraints, Commissioner Gamble felt it was premature to identify projects. He asked that the Health Action Plan process proceed prior to any definitive project action.

Concern was raised that an online directory may not be used by a portion of the needy population; however, several commissioners recognized that providers would make great use of such an online resource.

Ms. O'Connor said the County is prepared to commit to the Suboxone project and identification of other projects could be postponed until July. A work group consisting of Commissioners Szczepanski, Heye, Williams and Vega was appointed to work on this project. Telephone conferences were suggested.

VIII. DISCUSSION: Debrief from June 4, 2013 Provider Forum at Santa Fe Community College and Discussion of Priorities

Ms. Boies said a thank you message was sent out to all the forum participants, and she distributed a list of the participating organizations. She noted that close to 100 people attended, and that both BCC Chair Kathy Holian and BCC Commissioner Liz Stefanics participated and also addressed the gathering.

Ms. Kuehn said from her perspective the forum was very good and participants were interested and engaged. She distributed copies of the discussion of key issues, which she had transcribed directly from the forum flip charts, and Kuehn invited comments if there any missing or misunderstood points. While ten key issues were identified by the HPPC, additional issues emerged from the forum. She remarked that the lack of prenatal care and teen birth-related issues were not focused upon during the forum, while the HPPC did include maternal and child health issues.

The structural changes to the way health care is delivered need to be considered. Medicaid enrollment will be an important component. While the County cannot eliminate poverty, it is possible to mitigate the impact of poverty on health.

Ms. Kuehn said the final report would include methods of implementing and monitoring the HPPC's action plan. She referred to the State's DOH 2014 Health Improvement priorities and the opportunities to leverage on that plan as well as that of CSV.

Commissioner Szczepanski recommended comparing the top priorities that came out of the forum to HPPC's priorities. She noted the forum added violence, food and nutrition, and lack of providers. She advocated maintaining the maternal and child health issues but suggested outreach to Hispanics be seen as a subset. Chair Williams noted that lack of providers and outreach is an intervention problem, as is lack of insurance.

It was noted that alcohol underlies many social problems.

Martha Cook, an advocate for mental health, said many of the issues call for legislation. She mentioned innovative service delivery and encouraged the County to work for policy changes.

HSD will not be conducting outreach for Medicaid enrollment and the counties will have to step up to facilitate enrollment. Enrollment for Medicaid expansion and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) could be a priority. Perhaps the County can work with Project Access and all outreach efforts could participate in the effort and enrollment encouraged in all sectors. It is

important that people from the community conduct the outreach – especially in the Native American communities and insular northern New Mexico communities.

Agreed-upon major issues can be prioritized, and intervention based on social problems which are more difficult to resolve can perhaps be overlaid with long-term and short-term ideas. The University of Wisconsin's model that places health issues in categories with specific intervention was mentioned.

The PRAMS (pregnancy risk assessment monitoring system) was mentioned as a good data source. A concern was raised regarding lack of second and third trimester care and how to identify those females. Santa Fe County MCH priorities were mentioned and Ms. Kuehn felt confident the action plan could dovetail with MCH's concerns, which Ms. Boies stated include early intervention and home visitation.

Outreach should be specific in targeting non-white populations.

It was noted that a great many of the criteria for selection of priorities for the County Health Action Plan were consistent with comments made by participants at the forum and reflected in the forum notes. The criteria were identified as follows: population impact, mitigation vulnerability or risk, urgency, effective approaches and feasibility. Ms. Kuehn said she will work with these criteria within her framework for the plan.

Urgent issues include: Suboxone, the opiate-addicted population and Medicaid enrollment.

Evidence-based SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment) is now in an electronic format, and the County DWI program will be participating in a pilot program. Other projects to keep in mind were senior centers, the wellness center in Nambe, home visiting/community health workers (Promotoras) and the outreach through the health van.

Suboxone was cited as a good example of innovation.

Ms. O'Connor advised the Commission that staff is working on possible amendments to the eligibility rules and regulations for the County indigent fund. Currently, the undocumented population is not eligible for County indigent assistance. Ms. Kuehn commented that Bernalillo is considering canceling the indigent tax because they have determined 80 percent of the indigent clients will be eligible for expanded Medicaid.

The ACA can be viewed as an overlay on the lack of providers/lack of health insurance category.

The state has regional epidemiologists, and it would be good to clearly identify which people are the best contacts for information on Santa Fe County. Data on domestic violence is available from the DOH and has never been compiled in an effective manner.

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Project Lazarus, a community-based prescription overdose prevention and opioid safety program, was mentioned as a possible pilot intervention program. Narcan, an opiate receptor blocker, was mentioned along with the appropriate training for pharmacists.

In addition, the CHRISTUS St. Vincent reports on their community health forums and focus groups were distributed.

IX. Other Matters from the Commission

None were presented.

X. Future Agenda Items

Ms. Kuehn's draft recommendations and draft action plan is due on June 20th and the final report is due on July 19th.


XI. Announcements

A. Next HPPC meeting: Friday, July 12, 2013, 9 a.m., at La Familia.

XI. Adjournment

This meeting was declared adjourned at approximately 11:55 a.m.

Approved by:


Judith Williams, Chair
Health Policy & Planning Commission

Submitted by:

Karen Farrell, Wordswork

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