

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING COMMISSION

July 12, 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 La Familiar Medical Center Conference Room, 1035 Alto Street, 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
Allan Bendorf
James Bond
Bertha Blanchard
Bryan Conkling
Shirlee Davidson
Vivian Heye
Catherine Kinney
Reena Szczepanski

Member(s) Excused:

Sun Vega
[One vacancy]

Staff Present:

Patricia Boies, Director, Health Division
Rachel O'Connor, Director, Community Services Department

Others Present:

George Gamble, former HPPC Commissioner
Lydia Pendley, Health Action of New Mexico
Martha Cook, NAMI-Santa Fe
Nandini Kuehn, Health Services Consulting
Jeff Thomas, Southwest CARE Center

III. INTRODUCTIONS

Those present introduced themselves. Later in the meeting, the members provided additional detail on their role in healthcare.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Director's report was moved up in the agenda. Commissioner Rowe moved approval of the agenda as amended. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Bond and passed by unanimous voice vote.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 7, 2013

Commissioner Bond moved approval of the June minutes. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanchard and passed by unanimous voice vote.

VI. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

None were presented.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. O'Connor said her new title, Director, Community Services Department, denotes a change in the County organizational structure. Community Services will include a community safety component to include DWI and Teen Court; a community operations component which will oversee the County community centers, satellite offices, the County Fair, and an open space volunteer program; and the health division that Ms. Boies will be directing will include indigent healthcare, the mobile health van, Coast-to-Coast prescription drug program.

Ms. O'Connor said the reorganization will consolidate the health functions around the HPPC.

Ms. O'Connor provided updates on the mobile health van locations and contract for a nurse practitioner, the La Familia contract, and an opioid overdose treatment RFP. She mentioned SBIRT and that she and Ms. Boies discussed the Community Health Profile for Santa Fe County on a local radio station. She noted that Santa Fe County Corrections Department is hiring a medical director who may serve in a supervisory capacity for the health van. DWI Program Director Lupe Sanchez will be working to oppose the proposed changes to the Liquor Control Act and on server training issues.

Regarding the liquor related issues, Commissioner Kinney asked that staff advise the HPPC of appropriate actions to support public safety.

Ms. O'Connor said there was a lot of interesting work occurring around opioid overdose issues. She mentioned that Corrections and DOH will be distributing Narcan to individuals released from the jail back into the community. Narcan kits and training will be provided. She

mentioned that it was becoming apparent a discharge planner is necessary and perhaps funding could come from the HPPC's money.

Commissioner Davidson mentioned *The Pastoral Clinic*, an anthropological study of the Española Valley, which has the highest rate of heroin addiction and fatal overdoses in the United States, showing how a system of care can be used to break up the issues of continued dependency.

VII. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

A. Review and Discussion of Draft Health Action Plan

Chair Williams outlined the process that preceded developing the action plan, beginning with the community health needs assessment and plan that was accomplished through a partnership with Christus St. Vincent, followed by a community provider forum to identify important issues/problems. Those issues/problems have been used to develop the Santa Fe County Health Action Plan.

Vaccine preventable infections, hepatitis C, and care coordination were identified as priorities. Ms. Kuehn said these issues were within the community profile and although they did not emerge as major issues at the forum, they are important to be brought into the action plan. The incidence of hepatitis C is high in northern New Mexico and related to IV drug use. Strategically, to ensure County indigent healthcare funds are used effectively, care coordination and vaccines for preventable infections are paramount. Care coordination was a prevalent theme across the majority of topics discussed at the forum.

Commissioner Conkling mentioned that the fire department could be enlisted to serve in the health coordination effort and a grassroots outreach to the community.

Jeff Thomas, Southwest CARE Center, said the new incidence of Hepatitis C is alarming. Commissioner Szczepanski said Hepatitis C should probably be listed under harm reduction, testing and prevention.

Ms. Kuehn noted that the County may identify something as a priority for a population that needs to be resolved without setting up the treatment program. Investing in prevention among IV users will yield dividends in improved health.

A follow-up item on the actual prevalence of Hepatitis C in Santa Fe County was recommended.

Commissioner Abrams said he was very pleased with the draft action plan. He felt that the specific planning and action component needed greater specificity.

Commissioner Kinney recommended distinguishing community-wide actions for the entire county from those actions that county staff can accomplish.

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Ms. O'Connor mentioned the enrollment in Medicaid as a partnering exercise. While the County can identify partners, it cannot assign responsibilities to other entities.

Mr. Gamble said the action portion of the plan requires more work.

In response to Commissioner Kinney's comments, Ms. O'Connor recommended separate columns in the matrix: "County actions" and "Partners Actions." She suggested hiring someone to continue the provider forums on a quarterly basis.

Commissioner Rowe said the goals have to be measurable. The section on Food and Nutrition was mentioned as having clear measures. The importance of measurable outcomes was mentioned.

Ms. Boies said the narrative is still under development and what is being reviewed on this day is the matrix of the action plan. Other than the first issue – "lack of health insurance" – there is no priority order to the issues.

Ms. Kuehn favored care coordination as a separate priority because if it is embedded in other items it could be buried and lost in the narrative. Chair Williams noted that coordination includes service and provider coordination.

Commissioner Kinney introduced the following motion seconded by Commissioner Rowe:

- Accept vaccine preventable disease as a priority;
- Include hepatitis C under substance abuse; and
- Accept care coordination (with a clarifying definition) as a priority.

The motion passed by majority voice vote with Commissioners Heye and Davidson voting against.

During discussion it was mentioned that the prevalence of Hepatitis C in northern New Mexico may not reflect Santa Fe County's population.

Commissioner Conkling mentioned including helmet-less motorcyclists in the unintentional death list.

"Native American and other minority populations" needs inclusion in the section on Outreach.

Under rising population age, medication reconciliation at the senior centers will be added.

Commissioner Kinney advocated clear delineation under the overall goals of which items the County can take responsibility for and those listed for countywide/community-wide initiatives. Under County and countywide would be action and outcome measures. She said the separation of County and countywide responsibilities should be done at this point in the process

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– she noted the countywide work is an enormous undertaking with the County playing a limited role.

Commissioner Kinney said HPPC could set up topic specific subcommittees, define outcome measures, map what is currently occurring, and develop a plan using a template.

Ms. Szczepanski recommended that the HPPC Commissioners choose priorities that they are prepared to work on.

Ms. O'Connor said she and Ms. Boies would work on identifying the County responsibilities.

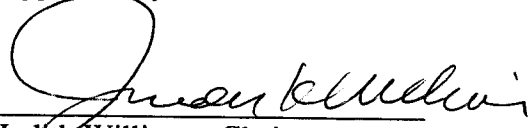
IX. Announcements

A. Next HPPC meeting: Friday, August 2, 2013, 9 a.m., at Santa Fe County Health & Human Services Division Conference Room, 2052 Galisteo Street, Suite B

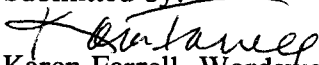
X. Adjournment

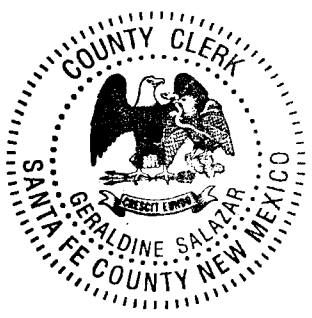
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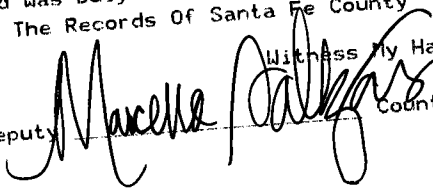
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