

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

July 26, 2011

Commission Vice Chair Liz Stefanics called this meeting of the Indigent Hospital & Health Care Board to order at approximately 9:05 a.m. in the County Administrative Legal Conference room.

Roll was called and indicated the presence of a quorum with the following County Commissioners present:

Members Present:

Virginia Vigil, Chair
Liz Stefanics, Vice Chair
Robert Anaya
Danny Mayfield

Member(s) Excused:

Kathy Holian

Staff Present:

Kathy Miller, County Manager
Penny Ellis-Green, Deputy County Manager
Rachel Brown, Deputy County Attorney
Joseph Gutierrez, Community Services Director
Steve Shepherd, HHS Director
Greg Smith, Health Care Assistance Program Manager
Lisa Garcia, Health Care Assistance Program
Chris Barela, Constituent Liaison

Others Present:

Kathy Armijo Etre, Contractor for Christus St. Vincent
Judy Williams, HPPC Chair
Kate Rowe, HPPC
Jeanette Rattner, Citizen

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Mayfield moved to approve the agenda as published. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Anaya and passed by unanimous [3-0] voice vote. [Commissioner Vigil was not present for this action.]

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 28, 2011: Commissioner Mayfield moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Anaya and passed by unanimous [3-0] voice vote. [Commissioner Vigil was not present for this action.]

V. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN – NON-ACTION ITEMS

The guests introduced themselves. Judy Williams, chair of the HPPC asked that she be given the opportunity to present issues from that committee. Mr. Smith said that used to be a regular agenda item and he will gladly make that a regular presentation. Commissioner Stefanics indicated that could be the first informational item under VII.

[Commissioner Vigil joined the meeting.]

VI. MATTERS FROM THE BOARD

None were presented.

VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

HPPC Update

Ms. Williams stated that there was a briefing at the last meeting on Medicaid redesign and its possible implications to the County. There may be cuts or fewer eligible participants. There will be a meeting at UNM with the goal of recruiting interns for an analysis project. Kathy Armijo Etre of Christus St. Vincent has been invited to give a presentation on health status indicators in Santa Fe County. The Health Care Reform Act requires non-profits to do community planning. Ms. Etre is invited to speak at the September meeting on interfaces between the hospital and County programs as well as sole community provider issues.

Commissioner Stefanics stated she attended an Association of Counties conference and heard a presentation on behavioral health screening in the booking area of jails which can save money. This is not SBIRT. She requested that research be done on that.

Commissioner Anaya lauded the ongoing collaboration with UNM and looked forward to hearing more.

A. Comparison of FY 2010 to FY 2011 Claims

Mr. Smith noted that this is the roll-up of the year-end. Claims were up more than 9.5 percent. Total reimbursable dollars was increased by 25 percent and the average claim amount went up almost 14 percent. Next month's report will reflect FY 11 to FY 12, the current fiscal year.

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B. Sole Community Provider Hospitals

Mr. Smith stated as of June 30th, based on reimbursable dollars over \$4 million was approved for St. Vincent, around \$531,000 for Española Hospital and almost \$104,000 for Los Alamos Hospital.

C. Contracted Expenditures for FY 10 and FY 11

Mr. Smith said this amount includes today's request.

Commissioner Stefanics asked if the amount listed for Life Link was only medical claims and Mr. Smith said the amount consists of two components: mental health, and substance and alcohol.

Commissioner Stefanics asked why some amounts were not zeroed out. Mr. Smith explained half of that is from Ayudantes. In prior years even more money was left over.

D. Christus St. Vincent Regional Medical Center

Kathy Armijo Etre stated she had no updates.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: It was deemed unnecessary.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Provider Budget for FY 12

Mr. Smith said the budget is intended to be flat. The FY 11 contract exceeds that of FY 12 due to the elimination of Ayudantes, representing a difference of \$25,000 that can be reallocated. He has had conversations with possible additional providers including a request from Coming Home Connection, an organization that trains volunteers to provide free supplemental support and in-home care with a focus on end of life. They are requesting \$50,000 in indigent funds. Two substance and alcohol providers have made requests but he was unsure whether they were 501(c)(3)s.

He added that meeting all the requests beyond the \$25,000 would require taking away from other providers. He asked for guidance.

Commissioner Anaya asked for clarification on the request for a flat budget. Mr. Smith stated Finance told them not to anticipate any increases or decreases. Commissioner Anaya emphasized indigent care is one of the County's primary roles and the resources are targeted for provider needs. He said he would support increasing the budget if revenues increase, and he looked to the HPPC to provide recommendations.

Responding to Commissioner Mayfield's question about Ayudantes, Mr. Smith said they lost their license to provide Methadone and they currently cannot even provide outpatient services.

Commissioner Mayfield asked how the allocations were made and Mr. Smith explained that they are based on past history of use and need. One provider gets the lion's share of

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substance abuse money because they are able to provide the most service. Commissioner Mayfield noted there were many providers out there and asked if RFPs were issued. Mr. Smith outlined the process, including proof of non-profit status. He gets new requests yearly but mostly do not meet the requirements. The goal is to contract with as many providers as possible.

Noting that action on a grant to the Sobering Center was pending, Commissioner Mayfield asked who was running that now. Ms. Miller said the grant is a pass-through. Mr. Smith said he would look into the legal aspects of making the Sobering Center a treatment program provider.

Commissioner Stefanics noted that it would be a good exercises for HPPC to determine the categories and prioritize. She agreed that if there is unallocated money an RFP process might be the most equitable. Regarding Coming Home Connection, she questioned whether there were other hospice-type providers doing the same thing.

Commissioner Anaya mentioned the County went through an arduous process regarding the CARE Connection which demonstrated the importance of coordination. Commissioner Stefanics suggested that to that end providers might be encouraged to participate in coordinating workshops.

Ms. Etre said the hospital is working on a life span approach along with community planning. The priorities include incarceration and suicide reduction and housing.

Mr. Smith indicated this budget represents a starting point and there is always a mid-year review.

Commissioner Stefanics moved to approve staff's recommendations for the 2012 contracts with the idea that the \$25,000 will be discussed in January or February.

Commissioner Anaya asked for a friendly amendment that the recommendations be sent to HPPC. Commissioner Stefanics accepted the amendment and Commissioner Anaya seconded.

Commissioner Mayfield asked if RFPs have been used in the past and Mr. Shepherd said he doesn't recall RFPs being used in the past; generally funding is based on past history. Ms. Miller said RFPs are not required and amounts can be adjusted up or down depending on the claims. Commissioner Stefanics stressed that the amounts are based on claims by individuals; funding does not go to the provider directly.

The motion carried by 4-0 voice vote.

Commissioner Vigil referred to HPPC's *A Call to Action*, and Ms. Williams said they would review that.

IX. B. Approval of Indigent Hospital and County Health Care Claims

Commissioner Stefanics moved to approve 501 claims totaling \$668,697.63 as recommended by staff, and Commissioner Mayfield seconded. The motion passed by

unanimous [4-0] voice vote.

Mr. Smith pointed out that the reimbursement amount corresponds to claims of approximately \$17 million in actual billing.

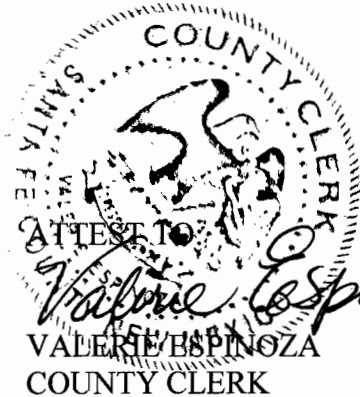
X. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting adjourned at approximately 9:50 a.m.

Approved by:

Virginia Vigil

Virginia Vigil, Chair
Board of County Commissioners


ATTEST TO:
Valerie Espinoza
VALERIE ESPINOZA
COUNTY CLERK

Respectfully submitted by:

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Debbie Doyle, Wordwork



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STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss
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I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for
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Deputy County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

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