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

**July 31, 2012**

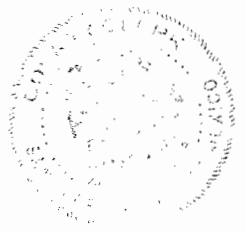
This meeting of the Santa Fe County Indigent Hospital & Health Care Board was called to order on the above-cited date in the Santa Fe County Legal Conference Room, at the County Administration Building at approximately 9:05 a.m. by County Commission Chair Liz Stefanics.

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum with the following Board members present:

**Members Present:**  
Liz Stefanics, Chair  
Kathy Holian, Vice Chair  
Robert Anaya  
Danny Mayfield  
Virginia Vigil

**Member(s) Excused:**  
None

**Staff Present:**  
Katherine Miller, County Manager  
Rachel Brown, Deputy County Attorney  
Rachel O'Connor, HHS Director  
Pablo Sedillo III, Public Safety Director  
Steve Shepherd, Public Safety Finance Manager  
Greg Smith, Indigent Fund Coordinator  
Lisa Garcia, Health Care Assistance Program  
✓ Wilma Salinas, Health Care Assistance Program  
Teresa Martinez, Finance Director  
Molly Saiz, Finance Department  
Elena Rael, Intern



**Others Present:**  
Kathy Armijo Etre, Christus St. Vincent  
Anna Rayne-Levi, Christus St. Vincent  
Judy Williams, HPPC

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**III. Introductions**

Those present introduced themselves.

Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office  
Valerie Espinoza  
Deputy County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM  
*Valerie Espinoza*

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Holian moved to approve the agenda as published and Commissioner Mayfield seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote. [Commissioner Anaya was not present for this action.]

**V. Approval of Minutes: June 26, 2012**

Commissioner Vigil moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Holian and passed by unanimous [4-0] voice. [Commissioner Anaya was not present for this action.]

**VI. Matters of Public Concern – Non-action**

None were presented.

**VII. Information Items**

**A. Comparison of FY-2011 to FY-2012 Claims**

Mr. Smith stated that this statement reflects the year-end for fiscal year 12 and shows an increase in claims of \$1.1 million, 66 claims over the prior year. The average amount per claim was up \$132.

**B. Sole Community Provider Hospital Claims FY-2012**

Mr. Smith noted that the oxymoronically denoted “surplus deficit” allocation is zeroed out across the board. In response to a question from Commissioner Mayfield as to what happens with the deficit, Mr. Smith said they are written off.

[Commissioner Anaya joined the meeting.]

Ms. Miller asked if it could be carried over to the following year or applied to supplemental and Mr. Smith said they have that option. Commissioner Mayfield asked if there was a maximum deficit and Mr. Smith said there was not but that would probably not be to their benefit.

Chair Stefanics pointed out the state and federal governments are in the process of changing the definitions for charity care, uncompensated care, etc. The Hospital Association and the Association of Counties have been meeting with the State Human Services Department in anticipation of changes coming.

**C. Contracted Expenditures for Fiscal Years 2012 & 2013**

Mr. Smith stated at this point there have been no expenditures recorded for this fiscal year.

**D. Christus/St. Vincent Regional Medical Center**

Kathy Armijo Etre, Christus St. Vincent, reported the hospital is working with Erika Campos from CSV, Kate Rowe, George Gamble and Judy Williams from HPPC, Terri Rodriguez from the City and Rachel O'Connor from the County on the needs assessment. The data collection process is challenging.

She said \$500,000 in community benefit programming has been awarded to a broad range of providers following a rigorous process.

The jail initiative continues to progress and there is now a program involving opiate-addicted pregnant women. Public Safety Director Pablo Sedillo said he is planning to visit a voluntary detox program in Colorado. Ms. Armijo Etre said the hospital is experiencing large numbers of people in withdrawal or with alcohol issues and this raises safety concerns.

On August 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon the hospital is co-hosting a community forum at the fire station on the south side. The plan is to get community feedback on hospital, jail, law enforcement and 911 behavioral health issues. It will follow the morning meeting on the Form 990 which takes place at 9:00.

Ms. Armijo Etre introduced Anna Rayne-Levi, director of the health extension rural office as a part of the HERO initiative. She stated Ms. Rayne-Levi comes from La Familia and has an extensive background in behavioral health.

**E. HPPC Update**

HPPC chair Judy Williams spoke of the committee's continuing work on the community health profile. At the last meeting there was a discussion of prescription drug abuse and Suboxone. Larry Martinez gave a presentation on sole community provider funding and the next meeting discussion is planned on the mobile health van.

Ms. Williams said there is a substantial amount of information on the website on IRS forms such as 990 and Schedule H. The information is necessary for the HPPC to make informed recommendations.

**VIII. Matters from Staff**

Ms. O'Connor reported that Angela Thorndyke who has been with the mobile health van for many years is leaving the program. HPPC will be revisiting the services provided with an eye to coordinating the PMS Health Tomorrows van.

Commissioner Mayfield asked how long the County van would be down. Ms. O'Connor said she hoped it would be back up within six weeks, following posting the position and doing maintenance on the vehicle. During the down-time the driver will be seeing to maintenance and helping out with senior services. There has been some discussion of using a physician's assistant rather than an RN on the van. There has been a call for more immunization and vaccination.

Chair Stefanics asked for a van update at the next meeting.

Ms. O'Connor said HPPC is looking into getting grant funding to bring resources to the prescription drug abuse problem. Chair Stefanics mentioned that the Association of Counties is planning to have a resolution on this matter. The Association will focus on the top five priorities

to put forward for lobbying at the legislature.

Commissioner Anaya asked that HPPC review the draft resolution on prescription drugs.

**IX. Matters from the Board**

None were offered.

**X. Action Items**

**A. Approval of Estimated Budget for FY 13**

Referring to the packet, Mr. Smith explained the various columns. He said last year's numbers were used as a basis for this year's budget. The focus is on primary care. Since not all the providers spent their specific allocation and this budget is designed so as little money as possible is reverted to cash. He pointed out there is a line item called "Other" which provides flexibility to bring in new providers during the course of the year.

Commissioner Holian asked about the City of Santa Fe ambulance service. Mr. Smith explained that the higher amount from last year was due to an excess of unprocessed claims from the previous year.

Commissioner Anaya asked if the rates of expenditure were monitored throughout the year. Mr. Smith said they were and providers are given benchmarks.

Commissioner Vigil asked about the big increase for PMS and Mr. Smith explained that situation was similar to that of the City of Santa Fe, where claims came in late.

Commissioner Mayfield asked for clarification on the out-of-county hospitals. Mr. Smith said the overall budget was approved at the June meeting. The line item for out-of-county hospitals is at \$463,000 which is a benchmark that allows them to monitor the rate of expenditure. Payment is based on priority of claims, most of which come from three hospitals. Negotiation takes place to avoid stacking. Commissioner Mayfield asked if out-of-state claims were paid and Mr. Smith said only very rarely.

In response to Commissioner Vigil's questions about the Heart Hospital, Mr. Smith said the \$60,000 represented two patients, probably following negotiation. He said one of the actual bills was near \$400,000. He said in addition to total funds, the number of patients is also tracked and he offered to make that available. He said last year the average per patient was \$1,011. Ms. Miller said they are working on a presentation that will provide various kinds of breakdowns.

Commissioner Vigil moved to approve the budget and Commissioner Holian seconded. The motion carried by unanimous 5-0 voice vote.

**X. B. Approval of Indigent Hospital and County Health Claims**

Commissioner Holian moved to approve 425 claims in the amount of \$930,686.49 as presented by staff. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Vigil.

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Commissioner Mayfield asked if the amount in question was just for the month of July, and Mr. Smith said it was just for the month of June and it goes into the accounting for FY 13.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

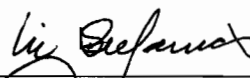
**XI. Executive Session**

There was no need for executive session.

**XIV. Adjournment**

Having completed the agenda and with no further business to come before the Board, this meeting adjourned at approximately 9:50 a.m.

Approved by:



Liz Stefanics, Commission Chair  
Indigent Hospital & Healthcare Board



*Valerie Espinoza*  
VALERIE ESPINOZA  
COUNTY CLERK

Respectfully submitted,  
*Debbie Doyle*  
Debbie Doyle, Wordswork