

**MINUTES OF THE**  
**SANTA FE COUNTY**  
**HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING COMMISSION**

**August 1, 2014**

**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 9:05 a.m. on the above-cited date at County Community Services Department Conference Room, 2052 Galisteo Street, Suite B.

A quorum was achieved with the following members present:

**Members Present:**

Judith Williams, Chair  
Catherine Kinney  
Shirlee Davidson  
Vivian Heye [late arrival]  
Bonnie Keene  
Don Reece  
Carolyn Roberts  
Reena Szczepanski

**Member(s) Excused:**

John Abrams  
Bryan Conkling

**Staff Present:**

Rachel O'Connor, Director, Community Services Department  
Patricia Boies, Health Services Division Director  
Stacey Byard, Re-entry Specialist  
Dr. Tim Taylor, Corrections Department Medical Director  
Lupe Sanchez, DWI Coordinator  
Lisa Leiding, Nurse Manager, Adult Detention

**Others Present:**

Kelly Gallagher, DOH Epidemiologist  
Rachel Wexler DOH Health Promotion  
Valerie Fisher, State Opiate Treatment Authority  
Terri Rodriguez, City Health & Human Services Director  
Martha Cooke  
Robin Hunn, Santa Fe Project Access

### **III. Introductions**

Those present introduced themselves.

### **IV. Approval of Agenda**

Upon motion by Commissioner Reece and second by Commissioner Davidson the agenda was approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **V. Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Kinney pointed out that on page 2, last paragraph, it should read "...was launched to look at indicators" not indications. With that change she moved for approval as corrected. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Robertson and passed unanimously.

### **VI. Matters of Public Concern**

None were brought forward.

### **VII. Presentations/Discussion**

#### **A. Update on Re-entry Program at Santa Fe County Corrections**

Ms. O'Connor said a partnership between Corrections and Community Services has brought about a new position, re-entry specialist, with the dual goals of distributing Narcan kits and increasing Medicaid enrollment.

Stacey Byard said she was recently able to start devoting full time to the re-entry position duties. She stressed the importance of increasing enrollment in Centennial Care or Medicaid to a population that in many cases have never had insurance. She stated she recently underwent presumptive eligibility training and this will streamline the enrollment process. They will be able to do the paperwork in anticipation of a release date. There are currently 45 people enrolling in Centennial Care.

Ms. Byard said presumptive eligibility exists for 30 days, after which they can choose to continue with Medicaid or terminate eligibility. The response has been largely positive and very little paperwork is required. They do try to get an address in case further information is needed. They are assigned a Managed Care Organization, which is notified.

Ms. Leiding noted that prescriptions are issued for seven days after which the MCO will be billed rather than the County.

Ms. Byard pointed out that presumptive eligibility allows hospital, out of custody stay to be covered by Medicaid if they are otherwise eligible. Ms. Leiding said that is a change in policy by the state. Previously, only pregnancy was covered by Medicaid. In the past the County was billed for charges, not costs. That was modified to Medicaid rates and now the state covers hospital costs.

Turning to the overdose prevention program, Ms. Bayard said 25 inmates have been certified for Narcan kits upon release. She also mentioned the importance of post-incarceration services such as jobs, rehab, etc.

Ms. Leiding described barriers to inmates participating in the Narcan education program. They are working to get the Fire Department and families involved. Pharmacists can now prescribe Narcan.

## **VII. B. The Use of Naltrexone Injections for Chronic Alcoholics**

Dr. Tim Taylor outlined his background and distributed information about Naltrexone (Vivitrol), which he said has been shown to be effective in helping addicts and alcoholics break out of the "death spiral" by blocking pathways in the brain and preventing the euphoria and decreasing the craving. He said while each injection costs \$1,000 for a 30-day dose it ends up being cheaper than oral administration and ensures compliance. Behavior modification, such as a 12-step program is also a critical component. He said he has some candidates in mind that would benefit. He noted liver function tests are done to monitor for side effects and trial runs can be started in jail. He speculated that the pilot project would cost \$7,000 per person which could be covered by grant funding. There are offset costs to be considered, such as continued incarceration. The treatment could be offered with a condition of release along with electronic monitoring.

Mr. Sanchez advised working through the courts. He said there had been some successes with drug court in conjunction with the pharmaceutical company a while back. He invited Dr. Taylor to speak to the DWI Planning Council.

## **VIII. Matters from the Commission and Staff**

### **A. Update on *Health Action Plan* and Baseline Indicators**

Commissioner Kinney distributed a chart showing implementation factors for the top six priorities, with indicators, baseline measurements, associated groups, staff liaison and HPPC member liaison. Commissioner Roberts volunteered to be a committee liaison on the drug abuse priority. Commissioner Kinney said the intention is to do an annual report by next summer.

Ms. Gallagher, the Community Health Epidemiologist, distributed information gathered on the named priorities. She said she was happy to do trend analyses using related indicators, such as motor vehicle accidents for alcohol use.

Commissioner Heye asked if she got information from the Office of the Medical Investigator rather than from Vital Records. Ms. Gallagher said there is a great deal of nuance to be found in the statistics and it is possible to do small-area analysis by neighborhoods.

Ms. O'Connor stated Jim Davis could be asked to make a presentation in the future on the latest drug data.

Ms. Rodriguez said the City of Santa Fe will be deciding which indicators they want to track and coordinate with the County, hospital and CYFD. She mentioned the Voices for

Children program that tracks statistics. Commissioner Davidson encouraged getting the faith communities involved, particularly in suicide prevention. Chair Williams noted the health action plan needs to be publicized more widely.

A discussion ensued regarding the meeting schedule of the Behavioral Health Collaborative.

## **B. Director's Report**

Ms. O'Connor and Ms. Boies offered the following updates:

- A draft RFP has been developed for the mobile crisis team; \$350,000 is budgeted
- There was a meeting with the Mayor regarding the crisis team and the Imagination Library, a literacy promotion effort for which the county is issuing a letter of interest
- A statistical report from La Familia was distributed regarding the low birth weight priority
- Statistics and a calendar from the healthcare van were distributed showing an increase in contacts – 2,648 for this fiscal year versus 1,578 for last year
- A PR campaign aimed at pregnant addicted women is ready for launch
- Maria Perez, a community activist has been involved in enrolling people in Centennial Care (Medicaid); but problems persist with enrollees being given conflicting information by the state as to whether they are enrolled
- The Healthcare Assistance Program has an opening for a program manager; the closing date is August 18<sup>th</sup>

## **C. Other Matters from the Commission**

Commissioner Roberts mentioned the McCune Foundation is changing its focus and is seeking to leverage funds for health care and early childhood development.

## **IX. Future Agenda Items**

- Possible presentation from the Public Health Office on Letrado/tour
- Presentation by Jim Davis on latest overdose numbers
- Mr. Sanchez said he would look into having Dr. Taylor at the September DWI Planning Council meeting

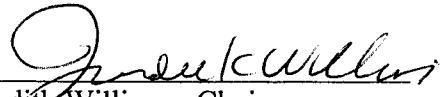
## **XI. Announcements**

- A. Next HPPC meeting Friday, September 5, 2014, 9 a.m., 2052 Galisteo St., Suite B**


**XII. Adjournment**

This meeting was declared adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Approved by:

  
Judith Williams, Chair  
Health Policy & Planning Commission

Respectfully submitted by:

  
Debbie Doyle, Wordswork



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