

Santa Fe County Maternal and Child Health Planning Council  
Meeting Minutes  
August 18, 2011

Members in Attendance:

Kim Straus  
Janet Aboytes  
Lynn Hathaway  
Kristi Readyhough  
Marcia Panagakos

Members Absent:

Magi Gerety  
Lara Yoder  
Jill Reichman

Coordinator:

Lisa Garcia

Guests:

Ron Hale, NM Department of Health  
Barbara Sandoval, NM DOH Healthy Families  
Kathleen Benecke, Las Cumbres Community Infant Program  
Pat Stephens – Many Mothers

The meeting began at 12:22 pm.

Introductions and announcements were done. Janet Aboytes shared that they had a very small number of new teens enrolled in High School so far this school year and are continuing to recruit because the clinics are not seeing a decrease in teen pregnancies. They had 23 returning teen parents this school year. Kathleen shared that they are still plugging along and continue to see clients and still have a waiting list. They didn't receive funding from Christus St. Vincent this year through their Community Benefit Fund but will continue to apply. Pat Stephens indicated that Many Mothers has open slots to see families wanting home visiting services. They have difficulty sometimes actually connecting with the families because when they show up, the families aren't home or don't answer the door. They have bilingual volunteers and continue to try reaching Spanish speaking families. Lynn Hathaway indicated that she had her last meeting with the Children and Youth Commission since she will be retiring at the end of September. Marsha Panagakos indicated that for some reason, she isn't seeing as many teen moms giving birth at the hospital over the summer. She also saw less first time moms this summer.

Lynn shared the Children and Youth Commission book that captures pictures of children that have been participating in programs funded by the Children and Youth Commission. She shared information about the Commission and how it was formed. The members serve a 2-year term, appointed by the mayor and interviewed by fellow commission members. The funding is for programs that help improve the lives of young children. They wanted the programs selected for funding to be developmentally appropriate. The Children and Youth Commission has distributed almost \$18,000,000 in the last 22 years to local youth programs. The program was also instrumental in forming the Youth Provider's Coalition. They have had between 29-40 programs funded in the community. There are three other commissions within the city (economic development, arts, human services committee) that focus on community health programs and Lynn would welcome the MCH as a partner at some point.

We didn't have a quorum so the minutes from April and May weren't reviewed or approved.

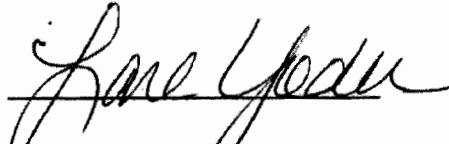
Kim shared that we now have a resolution establishing the MCH Council so we can start recruiting for new membership. We need to have a conversation about what we really want the Council's role to be. Do we want to be a council that actually takes action on issues or do we serve primarily as a forum to share things going on in the community. How

proactive do we want to be? Lisa is very part time with the Council so members must decide what roles they want to take on. Lisa shared that she is helping as much as possible but needs to spend more time with her new position with the County Indigent Program. She also expressed the importance of the timing of the 20 year anniversary resolution being presented to the BCC in September. Kim said that the council may not be able to be as proactive if there is no staff support. Lisa indicated that since the new membership resolution passed they can begin soliciting membership. She also pointed out that there is a paragraph in the resolution to have non-voting members. This is so we continually have representation from other direct service providers at the meetings. Kim thinks the idea is to continue this vital role as a forum and information sharing network. This will allow us to encourage agencies to send someone to the meetings. The MCH Council meetings could also be instrumental in assisting new members in a community agency to learn about the services and programs that exist. Kim is proposing that we solicit all people that are in the community that serve families of young children to serve as a member.

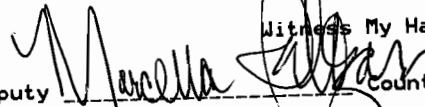
Lisa briefly updated the council that it doesn't look like the RAND database isn't going to go through because of a lot of legal issues. Unfortunately this project won't move forward but we need to explore other options.

The meeting concluded at 2:00 pm.

Approved on September 15, 2011 by:

  
Lara Yoder, Interim Co-chair

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Respectfully submitted by:  
**Lisa Garcia**, MCH Planning Council Coordinator

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