

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

**August 27, 2013**

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 Courthouse at approximately 9:05 a.m. by County Commission Chair Kathy Holian.

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

**Members Present:**

Kathy Holian, Chair  
Danny Mayfield [9:20 arrival]  
Robert Anaya  
Miguel Chavez  
Liz Stefanics

**Member(s) Excused:**

None

**Staff Present:**

Katherine Miller, County Manager  
Rachel Brown, Deputy County Attorney  
Rachel O'Connor, Community Services Department, Director  
Patricia Boies, Director, Health Division  
Lisa Garcia, Health Care Assistance Program  
Lorice Griego, Health Care Assistance Program  
Lisa Roybal, Manager's Office  
Steve Shepherd, Public Safety  
Carole Jaramillo, Finance Department  
Chris Barela, Constitute Liaison

**Others Present:**

Kathy Armijo-Etre, Christus St. Vincent  
Judy Williams, Health Policy & Planning Commission, Chair  
Frances Ong, Housing Authority Board member

**III. Introductions**

Those present introduced themselves.



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**IV. Approval of Agenda**

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

**V. Approval of Minutes: July 30, 2013**

Commissioner Stefanics moved approval and Commissioner Anaya seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice. [Commissioner Mayfield was not present for this action.]

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

None were presented.

**VII. Information Items**

- A. Comparison of FY-2013 to FY-2014 Claims**
- B. Sole Community Provider Hospital Claims FY-2014**
- C. Contracted Expenditures for Fiscal Years 2014**

With only one month into the fiscal year, Ms. Garcia said there was nothing of substance to report.

Commissioner Stefanics requested that staff discuss the County's payments going to Sole Community Provides (SCPs). Ms. Garcia said the County continues to receive claims and checks are issued through HSD.

Ms. O'Connor said she understood that Christus received a first quarter payment and has not received any further payments. Ms. Miller said the quarter was last July 2012 – payments are made July 1, October 1, January 1, and April 1. The County made three of the four payments but the state only matched the first one. The state has held the remaining payments and no distributions have been made. She understood from CSV's CEO that \$4 million was expected from the state and the rest would be provided through the MCOs; the County would receive a portion of its payments back. She was unaware of whether HSD has followed through on any of the payments. Ms. O'Connor confirmed what Ms. Miller provided was also her understanding. She offered to provide a full report with specific numbers to the Commissioners by day-end.

Ms. O'Connor said she understood all of the hospital payments have been withheld and she would investigate that information.

**D. HPPC Update**

HPPC Chair Judy Williams said at the last meeting Bruce Tassin, the new CEO at Christus St. Vincent, provided a report on the hospital about capital improvements and updating patient rooms. HPPC continues to work on the action plan of the Community Health Profile.

Ms. Williams acknowledged the work of Ms. Boies and Ms. O'Connor regarding the action plan.

#### **E. Christus St. Vincent Regional Medical Center**

Ms. Armijo-Etre advised the Board that CSV finished a review and selection process for the community provider funding process. CSV received \$2 million in requests from community programs and will be awarding 25 agreements in the amount of \$600,000; \$400,000 from CSV and \$200,000 from, SVH a support partner organization. CSV is the only Christus facility that does provider awards, stated Ms. Armijo-Etre. In addition, community programs throughout the county are encouraged to apply to the corporate Christus Health Fund. She was proud CSV was able to make awards of this magnitude during these difficult financial times. An awards ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.

The awards are aligned with the community health needs assessment. She identified the review team members as representative of the community. CVS is looking to leverage resources whenever possible with a specific focus on suboxone, opiate addicted babies and senior care services.

CEO Tassin is expanding the presence of CSV in the community requiring all senior staff, directors and managers to participate in community boards and commissions.

#### **VIII. Matters from Staff**

Ms. O'Connor reported on the following:

- Flu and pneumonia vaccination clinics have been scheduled at senior centers in partnership with NMDOH
- Drug Take-Back is scheduled for September 6<sup>th</sup> and an effort is underway to identify locations for permanent drop boxes
- La Familia was awarded the contract for the opiate addicted and drug overdose program in the amount of \$100,000
- A matching funds partnership with CSV is underway to address other public health issues to include falls in the senior population,
- HPPC is considering supporting a position at the jail to do two things: facilitate Medicaid enrollment upon release, and do Narcan training to reduce the risk of overdosing
- Accountable Health Care was selected as the contractor to provide a nurse practitioner for the mobile health van

Commissioner Mayfield recommended staff contact Bernalillo County about their drug take-back program.

Ms. O'Connor said a meeting occurred between Community Services Department, HPPC, CSV and HSD to discuss SCP and access to healthcare issues 1) clarifying information regarding SCP via HSD decisions; 2) potential impacts to Centennial Care; and 3) how those proposed changes will impact CSV and the County. HSD is trying to make a determination of when they will terminate the existing SCP program. Ms. O'Connor said there are statutory questions with the State preparing to take the counties' indigent funding.

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Ms. Williams, an attendee at the meeting Ms. O'Connor discussed, said she was very concerned about the apparent lack of transparency on the part of HSD. Some of HSD's assumptions are false, i.e., an instant take-up of Medicaid enrollment expansion as of January 1 so the hospitals will see insured people instead of uninsured people. Further, HSD was unaware of the fact that some of the counties' funds are used for community-based organizations. If provider funding for the four large hospitals is terminated on January 1 it will take until July 1 before the change to the Indigent Care Act and other changes can occur.

Commissioner Stefanics said at a recent New Mexico Health Exchange Meeting HSD indicated they would prefer people do not sign up for Medicaid expansion until after January rather than October. Santa Fe County has worked with HSD representative Larry Hyack on the SCP issue; unfortunately, Mr. Hyack has been reassigned to work on the behavioral health issue. The Deputy HSD Secretary is now working on the SCP issues.

Commissioner Stefanics advocated that the County begin to work to uphold the ordinance language regarding the use of the money, make the necessary changes in rules or regulations and pass a resolution stating the County will directly give our local hospital X percentage of the money, thus bypassing the state. She asked that the Legal Department flesh out this idea and the recent hold-harmless bill for future discussions.

Chair Holian requested an agenda item for next month's meeting to discuss the legal implications surrounding the issues of the indigent funds, SCP and the state's proposal.

Ms. Miller said she was serving on a Municipal League tax task force relating to the hold-harmless issue. The task force proposes that deductions be reduced in local options so when the state exempts something (food, medical services) to leave the local option and the local economy alone. She said this is one of the few states where home rule doesn't really mean home rule. The big move is to get the state to back out of the municipalities' tax base. She expected the Association of Counties would join in this effort. She said legislators are very upset about the three 1/8s that are allocated and being misused in their eyes.

Ms. Miller said the question is whether there is the political will to do a fix especially in an election year.

Commissioner Stefanics said it's important that CSV receive funding - this is the hospital that takes care of the county residents.

Ms. O'Connor clarified that the state has no money for the Centennial Care and is relying on the counties' money.

#### **IX. Matters from the Board**

Commissioner Anaya asked that staff to investigate the following:

- Relative to the Mobile Health Van vaccines, coordinate with Madrid, Cerrillos, Hwy 14, La Cienega Community Center, Moriarty/Edgewood School District and East Mountain High School
- Expand the County's marketing, outreach and rebranding to create a communication and outreach policy to insure County information gets to community leaders in a systematic and organized manner

- Build a community resource directory to improve communications
- Include “Updates from the County” on all County boards and committees
- Organize a meeting with the Class A counties (commission and staff around the NMAC conference) to discuss: detention, water, law enforcement, youth services, senior services, public works, and health care and include Class A counties update on this meeting’s agenda in the future

**X. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Resolution 2013-01-IB: Resolution Confirming the Types of Health Care Providers Eligible to Submit Claims to Santa Fe County and Authorizing Ambulance Services and Providers and Certain Hospitals to Submit Claims to Santa Fe County Pursuant to the Indigent Hospital and County Health Care Act**

Ms. Boies said the purpose of the resolution is to bring the County into compliance with the State Statute that governs the Indigent Fund which is the Indigent Hospital and Health Care Act. She said staff had been working on this resolution far in advance of any SCP issues. The purpose is simply to follow the statutory requirements that this Board specifies in the types of providers. The previous resolution acted upon 10 years ago named the organizations rather than by type. She identified the types of health care providers eligible to submit claims as:

- Primary care providers
- Prenatal care providers
- Drug rehabilitation centers
- Alcohol rehabilitation centers
- Mental health centers

Ms. Boies noted the only substantive difference is the addition of prenatal care providers added as a result of the findings of the Community Health Profile that there was insufficient access to prenatal care.

Commissioner Chavez recommended that review of the resolution occur more frequently than the 10 years that have elapsed and suggested a clause requiring review every two years.

Commissioner Anaya preferred an annual sunset clause.

Paragraph 5 was added as follows:

5. This resolution will terminate two years following adoption.

Commissioner Chavez moved to amend Resolution 2013-01-IB with the inclusion of paragraph 5 as shown above. Commissioner Stefanics seconded.

Commissioner Mayfield raised the question of the Commission’s process of a resolution appearing at two meetings prior to adoption. Ms. Brown stated that based on the language of the resolution it was her understanding that rule applied to Commission meetings, but there was no reason not to have a similar process.

Commissioner Mayfield requested a status update regarding a lawsuit regarding HSD and hospital payments. Ms. Miller said a 2009 SCP fund audit indicated funds were due back to the federal government. That issue was resolved and an agreement reached between CMS, HSD and the hospitals. An additional issue of an overpayment of supplementals is now occurring and payments to SCPs are being withheld at this point.

The motion to amend the resolution passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

Commissioner Chavez moved to approve Resolution 2013-01-IB as amended. Commissioner Stefanics seconded and that motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

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

Commissioner Stefanics moved to approve 1,107 claims in the amount of \$525,578.82 as presented by staff. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Anaya and passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

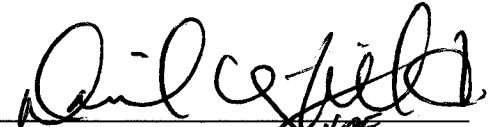
**XI. Executive Session**

There was no need for executive session.

**XII. Adjournment**

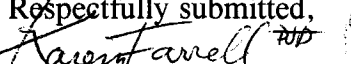
Having completed the agenda and with no further business to come before the Board, this meeting adjourned at approximately 10:25 a.m.

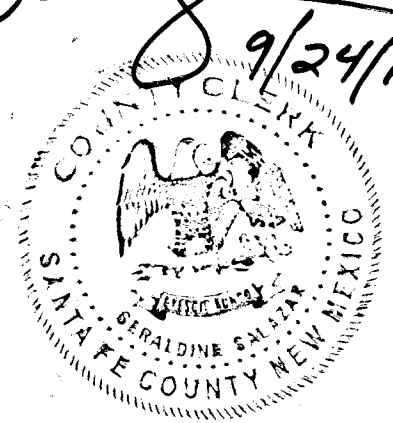
Approved by:

  
~~Kathy Holian~~, Commission Chair  
Indigent Hospital & Healthcare Board  
Daniel Mayfield

ATTEST TO:

  
GERALDINE SALAZAR  
COUNTY CLERK

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Karen Farrell, Wordswork



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