

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

**August 30, 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:**

Liz Stefanics, Vice Chair  
Robert Anaya  
Kathy Holian  
Danny Mayfield

**Member(s) Excused:**

Virginia Vigil, Chair

**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:**

Judy Williams, HPPC Chair

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Holian moved to approve the agenda as published. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Anaya and passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**July 26, 2011:** Commissioner Mayfield moved to approve the minutes as submitted. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Anaya and passed by unanimous [3-0] voice vote. [Commissioner Holian abstained.]

V. **MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN – NON-ACTION ITEMS**

None were presented.

VI. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**A. Comparison of FY 2010 to FY 2011 Claims**

**B. Sole Community Provider Hospitals FY-2012**

**C. Contracted Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2011 and 2012**

Mr. Smith said there was nothing out of the ordinary to report.

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

There was no one present from Christus and Commissioner Anaya asked staff to contact them asking that they be in attendance at these meetings.

Ms. Miller indicated that she was contacted by Mr. Valdez who indicated he was unable to attend.

**E. HPPC Update**

Judy Williams reported that at the last HPPC meeting a discussion took place regarding UNM's goal of recruiting interns for an analysis project. She said HPPC has met with several people from UNM's medical programs and there appears to be a genuine interest in working with Santa Fe County. A UNM medical anthropologist is particularly interested in research at senior centers and thinks there is available funding. The notion of hiring an economist to conduct analysis of a database that carries all hospital claims – regardless of paying source – via CMS (Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services) is being discussed.

Ms. Williams said she met with Kathy Etre, St. Vincent's head of community programs, and discussed her research which includes the 25 highest users of the ER, jail population and the behavioral health working group. Ms. Etre had requested representation from the Corrections attend the working group meeting which has been addressed by staff. Ms. Williams mentioned the success of Ms. Etre's study regarding the 25 highest ER users.

Ms. Williams said Corrections and CSV will participate in the HPPC's next meeting. She emphasized the importance of working together.

Commissioner Stefanics asked that the HPPC minutes be included in the Indigent Hospital & Health Care Board packet. She said CSV has contracted with Sarah Wells to develop a plan on aging issues.

Acknowledging the change in HPPC membership that eliminated representatives from the providers sector, Commissioner Anaya asked how HPPC was communicating with the community providers. Ms. Williams said there has not been much participation from providers; however, she expressed confidence that they would appear if there was an issue they wanted to monitor. She said at this point they appear to be holding back to see what the HPPC is doing. Ms. Williams said HPPC can foster collaboration but usually coordination activity is conducted at provider level. Ms. Williams said PMS Behavioral Sciences Director and former HPPC Chairman Larry Martinez would be attending the HPPC's October meeting.

Commissioner Stefanics suggested an annual or biannual HPPC meeting with the providers. Also, HPPC identified needs could be discussed at the joint meetings.

Lisa Garcia mentioned that the Maternal and Child Health Council is recruiting membership and has created a layer of non-voting membership which will bring provider expertise to the table.

Mr. Shepherd said HPPC has four vacancies (Districts 1, 3, 4, and 5) and at this point there were only three candidates. He recommended extending the deadline for candidates.

**VII. MATTERS FROM STAFF**

Mr. Shepherd said at the last NMAC task force an HSD attorney offered to be a contact person for the HPPC in helping to obtain information. He said the DOH United Way Project Launch contract will be presented at the BCC meeting this afternoon.

**VIII. MATTERS FROM THE BOARD**

Responding to Commissioner Anaya's question, Mr. Smith said the letter advising providers that Santa Fe County was reviewing a claim has been completed and used on a number of occasions.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** It was deemed unnecessary.

**X. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Approval of Indigent Hospital and County Health Care Claims**

Commissioner Holian moved to approve 469 claims totaling \$666,387.80 as recommended by staff, and Commissioner Mayfield seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 a.m.



ATTEST TO:

*Valerie Espinoza*  
VALERIE ESPINOZA  
COUNTY CLERK

Approved by:

*Liz Stefanics*  
Liz Stefanics, Vice Chair  
Board of County Commissioners

Respectfully submitted by:

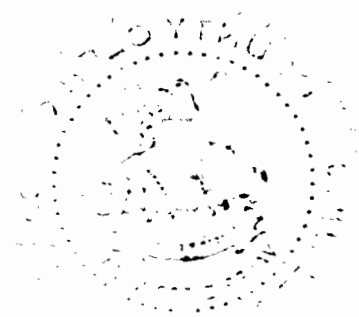


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County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM



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