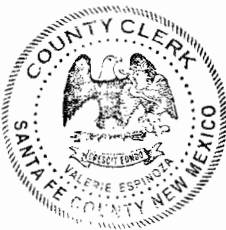


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MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
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A meeting of the Santa Fe County Health Policy and Planning Commission was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Chairman Larry Martinez on the above-cited date at the Santa Fe County Health & Human Services Department, 2052 Galisteo Street, Suite B, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum for conducting official business, as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Martinez, Chairman
Arturo Gonzales, Vice Chairman
John Cassidy
Fiquet Hanna Duckworth
Melissa Manlove
Dr. Frantz Melio
Elizabeth Reynolds
Beverly Russell
John "Jack" White
Judith K. Williams

MEMBER(s) ABSENT:

Nancy S. Adelsheim, excused
Rick Adesso, excused
Erika Campos, excused
Louis Carlos, excused
Terrie Rodriguez, Vice Chairman, excused
Ardis M. Thomas, excused

STAFF PRESENT:

Lisa Garcia, Maternal and Child Health Council
Marie Garcia, Health and Human Services Division
Mary Justice, CARE Connection
Julia Valdez, Constituent Services Liaison for BCC Commissioner Liz Stefanics

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dr. Laura Brown, La Familia Medical Center & Healthcare for the Homeless Medical Director
Robin Hunn, Project Access
Lynda Longacre, Project Access
Ron Aldridge, CHRISTUS/St. Vincent Regional Medical Center Board of Directors
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Martinez welcomed everyone to the meeting. He asked everyone to introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Duckworth moved to approve the agenda as published. Commissioner Melio seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: June 4, 2010

Chairman Martinez noted that he had some minor editorial revisions to the Minutes and would be willing to share those, if anyone is interested. He asked members if there were any corrections or additions to the Minutes.

Commissioner Russell was **present**.

Page 5, 4th paragraph, 1st sentence was changed to read: *“Commissioner Williams said she reviewed the Mathematica Study to see if there was any County-related data in terms of figuring out the impact to Santa Fe County **but there were none.**”*

Commissioner Cassidy moved to approve the Minutes of the June 4, 2010 meeting, as amended. Commissioner Duckworth seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

A. Discuss Training Scheduled for October 1st meeting 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. (Health Information Literacy/Overview of General Consumer Health Online Resources)

Ms. Garcia said that she received an invitation from a woman from the University of New Mexico to do a presentation on health information literacy and an overview of general consumer health online resources. She noted that the presenter works with health councils throughout the state and is the Distance Services Coordinator for the Health Sciences Library and Informatics Center at the University of New Mexico. The training will be in conjunction with the HPPC October meeting.

Chairman Martinez asked Ms. Garcia to give an update on funding for Maternal Child Health given the state’s budget shortfall.

Ms. Garcia said that the Maternal Child Health Council submitted the Request for Proposals to the Department of Health but none of the Maternal Child Health Councils received funding throughout the state. She noted that the Maternal Child Health Council is still in existence and is currently being funded by the County General Fund. The budget was \$132,000 for the last contract of which \$75,000 was for the Maternal Child Health program and the remainder is for direct service providers; however three programs have lost their funding. The Infant Mental Health project did not receive funding from the County but CHRISTUS St. Vincent Regional Medical Center has funded them \$100,000.

Ms. Garcia noted that the New Mexico Department of Health that supported the Maternal Child Health Council continues to look for outside resources to pass on to the Council. The department is coordinating a meeting with all health councils to form some kind of coalition or alliance so that they can go out as one group and seek funding statewide.

Ms. Garcia reported that they had a little bit of a carryover from last fiscal year. She mentioned that she has agreed to continue to send monthly reports to the Department of Health to receive a stipend from them.

Chairman Martinez said that the Local Behavioral Health Collaborative - that serves Rio Arriba, Los Alamos and Santa Fe counties – has made a recommendation to both the State Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative and Optum Health that they give serious consideration to fund the balance that the Infant Mental Health project needs. He said that there will probably be discussion about this at the Tri-County Collaborative meeting scheduled for August 10th.

B. CARE Connection/Sobering Center Update

Ms. Justice gave an update on the CARE Connection, the Assessment Center and the Sobering Center noting that they have been under the administration of CHRISTUS/St. Vincent Regional Medical Center as of June 19, 2010 and everything is going great. She said there are many training opportunities for staff. She noted that they are part of the new Community Health Department at CSV and Kathy Armijo Etre is the Director of the department.

Mr. Aldridge said that CSV is thrilled to have the CARE Connection, the Assessment Center and the Sobering Center as part of the hospital because it provides many opportunities for collaboration.

Ms. Justice explained that the Assessment Center administers the federal Access to Recovery voucher program (ATR). The vouchers pay for substance abuse treatment. There are now 25 community providers/agencies in the ATR network. The Assessment Center has issued over 9,000 ATR vouchers since opening in 2005 and is seeing an 89% follow up rate. They also issue Recovery Support Vouchers (RSV) which can be used for a variety of things that complement the recovery process and therapy such as acupuncture, massage, yoga, spiritual guidance, transportation and child care. Ms. Justice said that they

are seeing a difference between those individuals who receive both vouchers and those who just receive treatment.

Ms. Justice noted that they are now going to the town of Edgewood and working out of the County Senior Center. She said that they are primarily issuing Methamphetamine treatment vouchers.

Commissioner Manlove asked Ms. Justice if they can serve people from other counties. Ms. Justice said yes, as long as they are within 20 miles of the county border.

Ms. Justice reported that the Sobering Center has ten beds for men and five for women, which are located at the end of this building. The Center has been open since November of 2006. The Sobering Center has done 2800 intakes of which 689 were unduplicated clients.

Ms. Justice said in looking at data from the last three to four years, they are seeing an appalling trend in the country – 17 returning soldiers from Iraq and Afghanistan are committing suicide a day. Therefore, there will be special emphasis on treating veterans in the third phase of the ATR program. The data also shows a dramatic decrease in repeat clients. The repeat rate for this quarter was 11% - in comparison to 32-33% in 2006. The data also shows that 75% of the clients are self referred and 25% are referred from either a physician's office, the ER or by ambulance. They are also seeing a huge change in the choice of substance (heroin use has increased and alcohol use has decreased).

Ms. Justice noted that they had training around mental health issues for staff in June (when the Sobering Center was closed for two weeks).

Commissioner Cassidy asked if the Sobering Center is consistently full and how long can individuals stay.

In response, Ms. Justice said they usually have 12 beds full at one time and the average length of stay is 72 hours.

Commissioner Gonzales noted that SBIRT was asked to submit a proposal to CSV but they have not heard back on whether or not they want to implement it (the SBIRT model for screening and intervention). He asked Ms. Justice if she knew whether or not SBIRT has a role at CSV.

Ms. Justice said she did not know but CSV is presently looking at a lot of different issues. She said one of the goals is to look at the top 25 people who utilize the Emergency Room and take up approximately 80% of the resources. She noted that the Seattle Trauma Center saw a 60% decrease when they focused on this and case management for these individuals.

Mr. Aldridge said he would get with Ms. Kathy Armijo Etre and let her know that Commissioner Gonzales is waiting for a response.

MATTERS FROM THE COMMISSION

A. Health Para Todos Radio Station Update

Chairman Martinez reported that they interviewed Katie Falls, Cabinet Secretary of the Human Services Department on the last broadcast. They talked about a various range of things to include the State budget deficit and Medicaid match. They also questioned Ms. Falls on healthcare reform and the impact.

Chairman Martinez noted that Governor Richardson has ordered a 3% reduction in State agency expenditures (that would be implemented during the current fiscal year) with the exception of Medicaid and the Development of Disabilities Program. He said that it appears that there will not be an extension on the States' Medicaid match of 80/20 beyond December 31, 2010. They are now looking at a graduated step-down methodology and the Medicaid match looks like a 69 federal/31state match, which is an 11% shift from the federal share to the state share in Medicaid.

Chairman Martinez noted that the current agreement for the continuation of the Health Para Todos radio station is coming to an end and the County has already indicated that they cannot afford to continue sponsoring the Program; therefore they will have to figure out something and decide whether or not to keep the Program going. Chairman Martinez said he had some ideas and he and Commissioner Gonzales will discuss these after the meeting.

B. CHRISTUS/St. Vincent Behavioral Health Update

Commissioner Campos was not present to give an update; however, Mr. Aldridge gave a brief update on behavioral health under Matters of Public Concern.

C. Jail Health Subcommittee Update

Chairman Martinez reported that the Jail Health Subcommittee met and the County Corrections Department Director, Ms. Annabelle Romero expressed some concern about implementing a medical protocol for those discharged from the Detention Facility due to liability issues in the event that they do not meet the protocol standards. She would prefer that a 'Statement of Intent' would be the standard that they commit to. Chairman Martinez noted that he re-drafted the protocol and the Subcommittee will be working on the Statement of Intent and/or medical protocol. The next Jail Health Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2010 at 2:30 p.m.

D. Healthcare Reform Update

Chairman Martinez reminded the Commissioners that the HPPC made a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners that they streamline the requirements for securing the Healthcare Assistance Program (Indigent Fund) for people in Santa Fe County. At the May HPPC meeting, a motion was passed adopting the recommendations which included the recommendation that the requirement of a Social Security number be eliminated as a qualifying criterion for Healthcare Assistance Program applicants. It was also recommended that for purposes of eligibility for the Healthcare Assistance Program, that checking and savings accounts of applicants be given primary focus and that although other assets may be considered at discretion of staff, property that

would be difficult to liquidate and retirement and pension accounts be disregarded. (The HPPC did not want this to prevent people from getting healthcare assistance.) The HPPC also recommended that the eligibility period for applicants for healthcare assistance be extended from one year to two years and that the notarization requirement for certain application forms and/or attachments be eliminated. They also recommended that the time period afforded to providers of services to approved HAP applicants for submission of bills be extended from 90 to 120 days from the time services are provided.

The last recommendation that was made was that staff of the Santa Fe County Health and Human Services Department be afforded the opportunity to refine and adopt a new application form to be used by clients and providers that would eliminate irrelevant or redundant information and result in a simpler application process. Chairman Martinez presented the recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners at their May 25th meeting and they adopted all six of the recommendations with a 2 to 1 vote. He noted that Commissioner Mike Anaya was opposed to the elimination of the social security number requirement because it would open the Healthcare Assistance Program to non-citizens.

Chairman Martinez said at the July meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, staff presented the draft Rules and Regulations for the implementation of the policy changes for the Healthcare Assistance Program. As a result of the introduction of this-and all County Commissioners being present - there was a spirited discussion with respect to the elimination of the social security requirement. Essentially what emerged from that discussion was that there was an understanding that the only way that the Board of County Commissioners could reopen the policy decision that was previously made (at the May 25th BCC meeting) was to have a member that voted on the prevailing side of that issue move to reconsider. This did not happen, so the Board of County Commissioners tabled the draft Rules and Regulations. Chairman Martinez said when the meeting adjourned there was a sense that they need to talk about this issue a little further.

Commissioner Williams noted that some of the Board of County Commissioners were also concerned about the budget issues and the fact that the Healthcare Assistance Program could be running in a deficit-with or without the new rules and regulations.

Chairman Martinez offered to keep the Commission updated as this progresses. Commissioner White said it would be good to get public input on this issue.

With regards to Healthcare Reform, Chairman Martinez thanked Commissioner Williams for putting together a very comprehensive report on Healthcare Reform. He said he would like to address what is happening at the state level in the report. Commissioner Williams said that she is getting closer to having a final report. Chairman Martinez said he would like to get the report out by the end of next week. A copy of the report will be sent to the Commissioners via e-mail. The deadline to submit comments is the close of business on Monday of next week.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

Mr. Aldridge said part of the new Community Health Department at CSV is based on looking at the fact that there are number of healthcare issues in north central New Mexico. He said that there are obviously health care disparities that create significant issues for our population and some of the areas like alcohol abuse, substance abuse, diabetes, domestic violence, are areas where there are needs in the community and where the hospital interfaces and links together. The model is based very much on the concept of collaboration with community organizations. The hospital's goal is to have a collaborative effort in using and coordinating with other community resources and expertise and try to apply this model across the entire spectrum of the area that the hospital will focus on.

Mr. Aldridge said that Ms. Kathy Armijo Etre is a very active community leader and has a great understanding of all of the community resources available in north central New Mexico. Currently Ms. Armijo-Etre is working with a group of people at the hospital on "design workshops" that are based on the premise that the knowledge to solve problems that exist in care delivery often exist with the people who do the real work, i.e., physicians, physician assistants, nurses, etc. They are working on how they can improve patient care, referrals, aftercare and integrate all of these in a more effective manner. Ms. Armijo-Etre is already beginning to work with community-based organizations that provide an input, such as NAMI and the Behavioral Health Collaborative representatives, in an effort to implement the Behavioral Health Report. Ms. Armijo-Etre recently presented the Behavioral Health Report to CSV Foundation and to the Board of Directors of CSV and it was enthusiastically received.

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ADJOURNMENT

Having completed the agenda and with no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Gonzales moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Mampve and passed by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.



Valerie Espinoza
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Approved by:

Larry C. Martinez
Larry Martinez, Chairman

Respectfully submitted by:
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

Health Policy & Planning Commission
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