

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
INDIGENT HOSPITAL & HEALTHCARE BOARD

September 28, 2010

This meeting of the Indigent Hospital & Healthcare Board was called to order on the above-cited date in the Legal Conference Room at the County Courthouse at approximately 9:05 a.m. by Chair Harry Montoya.

Roll was called and indicated the presence of a quorum with the following County Commissioners present:

Members Present:

Harry Montoya, Chair
Virginia Vigil, Vice Chair
Kathy Holian
Liz Stefanics
Mike Anaya

Member(s) Excused:

None

Staff Present:

Katherine Miller, County Manager
Penny Ellis-Green, Deputy County Manager
Steve Shepherd, Health Division Director
Dennis Manzanares, Assistant County Attorney
Joseph Gutierrez, Community Services Director
Greg Smith, Healthcare Assistance Program Manager
Priscilla Vigil, Indigent Claims Investigator
Teresa Martinez, Finance Division Director

Others Present:

Larry Martinez, HPPC
Rebecca Frenkel, League of Women Voters
Judith Williams, HPPC
Kathy Etre, Contractor for CHRISTUS St. Vincent

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No changes were suggested and upon motion by Commissioner Holian and second by Commissioner Stefanics the agenda was unanimously [4-0] approved. [Commissioner Anaya was not present for this action.]

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 31, 2010

Upon motion by Commissioner Vigil and second by Commissioner Holian the minutes were approved [3-0] as submitted. [Commissioner Stefanics abstained and Commissioner Anaya was not present for the action, arriving immediately thereafter.]

MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN – NON-ACTION ITEMS

None were offered.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR FY 2010

- A. Comparison of FY 2010 to FY 2011 Claims**
- B. Sole Community Provider Hospital**
- C. Contracted Expenditures for FY 10 and FY 11**

Mr. Smith said there was nothing out of the ordinary to report for the fiscal year and stood for questions.

Commissioner Stefanics asked how the billing was proceeding. Mr. Smith said last fiscal year has been closed out and they are now in the second month for this year's invoices. They are quite a bit ahead as compared to last year, due to the providers being made aware of the importance of earlier submittal of bills. La Familia alone has expended approximately \$125,000.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. UPDATE: Health Policy and Planning Commission**

Larry Martinez stated an extensive HPPC analysis on the impact of federal healthcare reform has been available to the Commission. He introduced Judith Williams from the HPPC who contributed greatly to the report. A report on the impact of the state budget on the healthcare structure of Santa Fe County will be coming soon. There will be significant reductions in Rural Primary Healthcare Act funding, family planning, and Maternal and Child Health Council funding. There may be further cuts in rural healthcare due to more shortfalls in state revenue that have been found.

Mr. Martinez indicated a Jail Healthcare Subcommittee meeting was held; a statement of commitment to continuity of care of inmates with chronic health issues who are being discharged from the detention center was drafted. It is not a binding agreement, rather a commitment to meet with inmates on a timely basis and address healthcare needs, working closely with jail personnel to exchange records.

Regarding behavior health, Mr. Martinez said the state is in the process of identifying core service agencies for adult and children's services, including Life Link and PMS. For children, Team Builders was identified. These agencies will be in place to meet the needs of identified diagnosis groups: adults who are severely mentally incapacitated, severely emotionally disturbed children, or at risk of that, and those with dual diagnoses. There will be an emphasis on psychiatric services, medication management, development of treatment plans, provision of comprehensive community support services. He expressed a concern about the fate of prevention and early intervention, and HPPC is recommending to Optum Health and the State Collaborative of keeping these programs in place. He mentioned Las Cumbres' infant mental healthcare as an example.

Commissioner Vigil pointed out that United Way has created a focus for early childhood intervention. She asked if this was having an effect. Mr. Martinez said he serves on their advisory committee and they are coordinating activities. UW is working to keep the infant mental health program through Project Launch. He said they are working well as a community.

Commissioner Stefanics asked for an update on jail medical services. She said Dr. Steve Spencer has some issues he'd like to discuss. Commissioner Stefanics asked how the pending ethic ordinance would affect volunteers such as those on the Health Policy and Planning Commission. Dennis Manzanares said the key issue is disclosure, but the provisions will probably apply.

Commissioner Holian thanked Ms. Williams for her work on the federal impacts report.

B. CHRISTUS St. Vincent Regional Medical Center

Kathy Etre spoke of efforts to streamline the CARE evaluation process and coordination with the hospital medical-surgical unit, case management, psychiatric unit and the emergency room. They are now able to discharge patients directly to CARE. Gaps in the jail's discharge procedure have been found and they have identified the top 25 users of the ER. By working on their basic needs they hope to use community benefit funds to reduce ER use; this is a key part of their plan.

The hospital now has a contract for training with Life Link and they are working closely with the Local Collaborative on a joint strategic planning initiative. They have added 1.8 FTEs to assure coverage within the Sobering Center and have invested in improving the facility. Regarding the jail services, they are looking into liability insurance.

Commissioner Stefanics noted that money was appropriated last year for the Sobering Center's medical director and a number of conditions were attached to that funding. She read the conditions and asked how they were being met. Ms. Etre said she would look into that.

County Manager Katherine Miller said the Legal Department sent a letter to Mr. Valdez regarding the medical director services, which the County is still covering. Also pending are contracts for pharmaceutical services and paratransit. The County is still covering the RECC and EMS/fire. Ms. Etre said there have been many complications regarding the medical director, and they are pushing for the pharmaceutical and paratransit contracts.

Commissioner Stefanics said she is very concerned about these issues.

C. Matters from the Board

None were offered.

D. Approval of Indigent Hospital and County Healthcare Claims


There were no issues that required meeting in executive session.

Commissioner Stefanics moved to approve 677 claims totaling \$592,946.50 as recommended by staff, and Commissioner Holian seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.



ADJOURNMENT

This meeting adjourned at approximately 9:35 a.m.


Approved by:



Harry Montoya, Chair
Board of County Commissioners


ATTEST TO:

VALERIE ESPINOZA
COUNTY CLERK

Respectfully submitted by:


Debbie Doyle, Wordswork

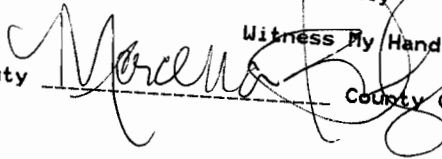
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