

**SANTA FE COUNTY**

**HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Minutes- January 16, 2009**

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2) The next scheduled regular HPPC meeting is March 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Santa Fe County Health & Human Services Department, Suite B. (There will be no meeting in February.)		<b>8-9</b>
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**MINUTES OF THE**  
**SANTA FE COUNTY**  
**HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING COMMISSION**

**January 16, 2009**

A Regular 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 quorum for conducting official business as follows:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Larry Martinez, Chairman  
Daniel Burke  
Erika Campos  
Arturo Gonzales  
Valery Henderson  
Dr. Frantz Melio  
Terrie Rodriguez  
Beverly Russell  
John "Jack" White

**MEMBER(S) ABSENT:**

Jacqueline Baca, excused  
Lydia Zepeda Jennings, excused  
Melissa Manlove, excused

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Rebecca Beardsley, County DWI Program  
Marie Garcia, Health and Human Services Division  
Steve Shepherd, Health and Human Services Division Director  
Greg Smith, Healthcare Assistance Program Director  
Angela Thorndyke, RN, BSN- County Mobile Health Van

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Rick Adesso, prospective Commission member  
Jack Cassidy, prospective Commission member  
Paul Nelson, Sangre de Cristo Community Health Partnership

Chairman Martinez welcomed Mr. Adesso and Mr. Cassidy to the meeting and thanked them for their willingness to serve on the Commission. Mr. Adesso and Mr. Cassidy will not be official Commission members until they are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners at their January 27, 2009 meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Henderson requested that an update on Maternal Child Health be added to the agenda. This was added under Other Matters from the Commission. Commissioner Gonzales requested that an update on SBIRT be added to the agenda. This was also added under Other Matters from the Commission.

**Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the agenda, as amended. Commissioner Melio seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.**

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: December 5, 2008**

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

**Commissioner Melio moved to approve the Minutes of the December 5, 2008 meeting, as amended. Commissioner Russell seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.**

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

#### **a. CHRISTUS/SVRMC Strategic Planning Process Update:**

[Copies of CHRISTUS/SVRMC New Mexico Region 5-10 Year Plan were distributed and reviewed.]

Commissioner Campos provided the history of the plan as follows: In 2005 a 3-5 Year Strategic Plan was approved by the St. Vincent Board of Directors, in 2006 and 2007 the Board took a step in addressing the opportunities and threats that faced the organization and searched for a strong partner. In 2008, strategy took a truly tangible form in the formation of the partnership with CHRISTUS Health. The new strategic plan is the product of significant collaboration between CHRISTUS Health and St. Vincent. They utilized the national expertise and fresh ideas of CHRISTUS Health and feedback from their local Board of Directors. They added input from local stakeholders including health delivery and government partners, physicians, patients and community. They aligned it with Santa Fe County Call to Action and the State of New Mexico Comprehensive Strategic Health Plan.

Commissioner Campos reviewed the results of the plan noting that the plan acknowledges the increasing role individuals play in choosing their health care. The plan is about organizing care around the customer groups who use the health system the most, offering better service and quality outcomes. Commissioner Campos reported that reimbursement, healthcare subsidies, and philanthropic contributions are decreasing at a time when more of the population is going without insurance. She explained that this plan

works toward sustainability using technology, community-based care and meeting customer demands. She mentioned that they are facing a potential workforce shortage of crisis proportions and the plan is about building a team where people are proud that continuous improvement, accountability, and accomplishment are built into the culture.

Commissioner Campos reviewed the mission, vision, values and objectives of CHRISTUS/SVRMC. Five key strategic focus areas include clinical quality, leveraging technology, self-sustainability, service quality and targeted growth. The four core strategies include organizing care around unique needs of demographic groups with high need or healthcare interest, developing the workforce to be an organization of continuous improvement, offering technologically advanced outreach and extending the vision with healthcare initiatives throughout Northern New Mexico. CHRISTUS/SVRMC is also implementing an Electronic Medical Records system that will improve efficiency and effectiveness in health care delivery for both providers and patients.

Commissioner Campos noted that they presented the Plan to the Board of County Commissioners. The next step is to share the plan with employees, physicians and the community. They are hoping that the Health Planning and Policy Commission and the Board of Commissioners will consider the plan in their next Call to Action Update. They will work toward implementation in the next annual budget and planning cycle. The local Board of Directors will hold local management and CHRISTUS Health accountable for implementation of the local board's plan and the achievement of related annual measures. The plan will evolve over time and adapt with stakeholder needs.

Commissioner White said over the years SVRMC has had some problems in maintaining adequate levels of specialists. He asked if the resources that CHRISTUS brings to the table would enable SVRMC to negotiate contracts with specialists and medical providers to keep staffing at par, so that the services can be rendered in a timely fashion. Commissioner Campos said recruitment and retention still remains a local thing and yes, the resources that CHRISTUS brings to the table will assist them in evaluating and quantifying the needs for specialists. Commissioner Melio added that he is personally addressing the shortages and needs that are being talked about.

Commissioner Gonzales said it would be really important for CHRISTUS/SVRMC to work with New Mexico Highlands University in looking at local medical manpower and administrators. He said, on the issue of substance abuse efforts, SBIRT would be very interested in helping CHRISTUS/SVRMC with this.

Commissioner Campos mentioned that CHRISTUS/SVRMC is working on a system-wide solution for how to make the billing process a little easier and transparent.

## **HPPC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **a. Community Benefits Fund Update**

[Copies of the 2008-2009 Community Benefits Funding Recommendations were distributed and reviewed.]

Commissioner Henderson reported that the Community Benefits Fund Committee met on December 18<sup>th</sup> for more than four hours. She said they definitely had their challenges because requests came in for over \$1 million and they only have \$410,000 to distribute. She explained that there were a lot of requests asking for expanded funding and transitional funding because some agencies have lost funding. Also some groups wanted to target Spanish-speaking individuals.

Commissioner Russell said the Committee tried very hard to fund organizations that have shown success, serve the population throughout the County and those organizations that serve youth, the elderly and provide substance abuse and prevention programs.

Commissioner Campos noted that each applicant was required to submit a copy of their budget.

Commissioner Melio said there was a tremendous amount of overlap or duplication of services. He said they could really use additional Community Benefits funding and he hopes that the Board of County Commissioners is considering the request to increase the fund to \$600,000.

Chairperson Martinez thanked the Committee for their hard work and great job.

**Commissioner Russell moved to accept the recommendations of the Community Benefits Fund Committee as submitted. Commissioner Melio seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.** (Commissioner Gonzales abstained from voting.) A letter from HPPC conveying the recommendations will be written to CHRISTUS/SVRMC and a copy will be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Campos distributed and reviewed a handout on the Community Benefit Statistics for CHRISTUS/SVRMC. [Please see the handout for the details.] The report discusses the ongoing contributions to the community and outlines the costs associated with delivering care to the uninsured and underinsured in the community.

Commissioner Gonzales would be interested in getting additional information on what CHRISTUS and SVRMC is paying for salaries for the executive team (operational expenses). He said it would be helpful to know this information. He explained that there are some concerns in the community with respect to the perception that CHRISTUS is taking over the organization.

#### **b. Jail Health Subcommittee**

Chairman Martinez will be scheduling a meeting of the Jail Health Subcommittee sometime in February. At the last Jail Health Subcommittee meeting, revisions were made to the draft Medical Protocol guidelines and a copy will be going out to the members of the Jail Health Subcommittee.

## **STAFF UPDATE/REPORTS**

### **a. Mobile Health Van**

Ms. Thorndyke distributed and reviewed material on the Santa Fe County Mobile Health Van. She noted that she is working on creating a website for the Mobile Health Services so that people can find out where the van is on a daily basis. She said the website links should have maps, phone numbers, brief descriptions of services offered and possible income qualifications.

Ms. Thorndyke reported that they have been in operation since June of 2005 and has served approximately 8,500 residents; approximately 988 residents were served during October 2008. The mission of the Mobile Health Services is to increase access to primary and behavioral health providers in Santa Fe County. They also want to promote healthy behaviors, provide health screenings, and to improve the overall health of Santa Fe County residents. They visit 10 senior centers in the County and City, Pojoaque and Eldorado Supermarkets, 1-2 libraries, 2 farmers market sites, 2 pueblos (Pojoaque and Tesuque), 3 City of Santa Fe Recreation Centers, 2 low income private senior housing centers, 4 housing authority sites (City and County) and Health Fairs in Edgewood, Santa Fe and Tesuque.

Ms. Thorndyke provided a report on the services they have been providing noting that they have been very busy administering flu immunizations. In 2007, 195 flu shots were given and 1,100 flu shots were given in 2008. Ms. Thorndyke explained that they are seeing more people and this may be due to improved marketing. Commissioner Gonzales suggested that they publish announcements in the church bulletins. Ms. Thorndyke said fliers are distributed to each community one-week prior and church announcements are done in Chimayo and Penasco areas. They also market in the *Eldorado Monthly Community Newsletter* and *The Santa Fe New Mexican*. E-mails go out to the Fort Marcy Neighborhood.

Ms. Thorndyke reported on the new sites for the van, which include Tres Santos Senior Housing in Santa Fe, Ken and Patty Adam Senior Center in Eldorado, Eldorado Farmer's Market on Fridays, Pojoaque Pueblo Senior Center/Wellness Center, Nancy Rodriguez Community Center, Echo Commodities (Santa Fe County Extension Office) and voting sites at the Fairground and Senior Centers. She mentioned that they are working on getting a regular parking area at the Santa Fe Farmer's Market.

Ms. Thorndyke said in 2005/2006 only 9.67% of patients on the van had their blood sugar checked, in 2007, 53% were getting checked. In 2006, the van's monthly average was 193 patients per month, and in 2007, the monthly average was 263 patients per month. In 2008, the monthly average was 318 patients. In 2006 5.42% of the patients were referred to a health provider and in 2007, 7.29% were referred. Ms. Thorndyke noted that the Santa Fe Discount Drug Card usage increased 587% in 2008.

Ms. Thorndyke reviewed the goals for 2008/2009, which include improving immunization rates for Santa Fe County, especially adult Hepatitis B vaccination program-

working with Department of Health/Public Health Department on this. In February of 2009, they will be offering total cholesterol testing throughout the month. They will begin a Hepatitis B immunization program in March of 2009 in southern Santa Fe County. They want to increase daily physical activity for Santa Fe County residents. DOH has a grant for a wellness program and wants them to participate. Ms. Thorndyke mentioned that they put in a request for a new van.

Ms. Thorndyke noted that the most common request for referral on the Mobile Health Van is for low cost/no cost dental care. Also, the most common referral to primary care is for elevated blood glucose. Ms. Thorndyke noted that President Obama approved the largest funding package in the US for Mobile Medical Health in Illinois in 2008. The funding was approved for a Chicago based mobile medical clinic system that focuses on primary care and targets asthma prevention for children and adults. She mentioned that Los Angeles County has 31 mobile units dedicated to primary care, dental care, HIV/STD testing and prevention, psychiatry/mental health and free preventative services.

Chairman Martinez invited Ms. Thorndyke to be a guest on the Health Para Todos Radio Program.

#### **b. DWI**

Ms. Beardsley gave a report on what they have been working on noting that they have been working with law enforcement officers and schools in expanding on prevention efforts. She explained that they used to conduct an event that was called “Every 15 minutes” where they picked one school and did a mock crash and various service agencies, such as the fire department, educate students on the different aspects of drunk driving and car crashes. However, they were only able to impact one school per year. Also, the evidence has shown that these scare tactics are short-lived so they are going to try something a little different. They are going to do a “You Can Do It” Conference in April. They are going to try to attract 75 students from different high schools within Santa Fe County and close proximity. This will be a symposium type event where they will educate students and try to get them to be leaders and role models in their schools so they will take this message back to their peers.

Ms. Beardsley noted that they are working on their application for funding. She distributed a spreadsheet that outlines what they are looking at for funding for the upcoming year for the Santa Fe County DWI Program. She reported that funding for FY09 was cut by approximately \$140,000. They were given notice that gross receipt taxes were coming in lower than anticipated so they were advised to cut their budget, which was done.

Ms. Beardsley said she needs approval from this Commission for them to go forward in applying for LDWI State funding in the amount of \$1.4 million. She said the CARE Connection would also need approval to apply for funding.

**Commissioner Burke moved to give approval to DWI and CARE Connection (County) to apply for LDWI funding from the State in the amount of \$1.4 million. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.**

Ms. Beardsley reported that they would be appointing Jon Paul Romero to the DWI Planning Council and reappointing Judge Marti Rodriguez and they need this Commission's endorsement.

**Commissioner White moved to endorse the appointment of Jon Paul Romero and reappointment of Judge Marti Rodriguez to the DWI Planning Council. Commissioner Russell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.**

Ms. Beardsley reported on legislative initiatives noting that the Governor will be introducing a bill that deals with an alternative ignition interlock device for those individuals who do not have a vehicle. There is also a bill being introduced that deals with "drug driving" for those who are impaired by over-the-counter medications, etc. Also, the Governor is working on the law for those who have been convicted of DWI in other states. There will also be a law introduced about bartenders who serve intoxicated individuals. The main bill that they are following has to do with the establishment of an option of a local liquor excise tax rate for all counties.

Chairman Martinez noted that they interviewed Attorney General Gary King on a recent radio broadcast and Mr. King talked about the initiative to pass a bill that would ban alcohol energy drinks – that are flavored alcohol energy drinks that are aimed at the young generation.

**c. Healthcare Assistance Program**

Mr. Smith said after this month they would be doing their mid-year reviews as far as the current contracts for service providers. He said thus far they are right on track as far as expenditures. He noted that they are down in terms of alcohol and substance abuse providers. They essentially only have two providers therefore they have been busy. Mr. Smith said this is the biggest concern at this point in time.

Mr. Smith noted that they are asking the State and Medicaid about SCI funding - how much funding there is, is there enough for those who are already enrolled, etc.

Mr. Smith reported that he would also be following legislative initiatives. He explained that every hospital defines "uncompensated care" differently. He mentioned that the Association of Counties Healthcare Affiliate would be introducing a bill that will ask the hospitals statewide to report or define, on a yearly basis, on their "uncompensated care" and advise what they are receiving from Medicare, Medicaid and the Indigent Fund. He reported that a Senate Memorial is being introduced by Senator Lopez that would change the language on what uncompensated care is.

Chairman Martinez mentioned that the Board of County Commissioners has asked the HPPC to advise them on legislative initiatives. He asked Mr. Smith to share copies of the bills with the HPPC Executive Committee so that they can give recommendations on the legislative initiatives. Mr. Smith offered to provide them for the next HPPC Executive Committee meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup>.



*Commissioner Gonzales left the meeting.*

**MATTERS FROM THE COMMISSION:**

**a. Health Para Todos Radio Program Update**

Chairman Martinez said, in January, they interviewed Glen Wieringa and Shelly Mann-Lev on the Youth Risk and Resiliency report and on the underage drinking prevention measures. They discussed the legislative initiatives as well.

On the prior program, they interviewed Owen Kunkle, a bereavement coordinator for Presbyterian Medical Services Hospice Program. Mr. Kunkle talked about dealing with holiday depression and hospice services. Mr. Kunkle is also the Chairman on the Board of Gerard's House, which is a bereavement program that provides mental health services to those who are grieving the death of a family member or friend.

Chairman Martinez said the next guest on the Radio Program would be State Representative Luciano "Lucky" Varela. He will talk about the Legislative Session and health initiatives as well. They will also be interviewing State Representative Jim Trujillo in the future. The next radio program will be broadcast from the Legislature.

Chairman Martinez invited John Cassidy to be on the show in the future.

**b. Other Matters from the Commission-Subcommittee updates  
Update on MCH**

Commissioner Henderson reported that the MCH is working on a one-year strategic plan. She said two issues came up –the increased number of families who are homeless and trying to find shelter at the new Homeless Shelter. Some have expressed concerns about people knocking on the windows, trying to get in. She mentioned that there have been more police calls to that site because there have been some conflicts, mainly because some people can't get in. In response, Mr. Shepherd said that they had a meeting yesterday and this issue was discussed. He said there are a number of intoxicated people who are making problems at the Shelter and they will be addressing this. Commissioner Henderson said some mothers and children are staying in their vehicles because they do not feel safe at the homeless shelter.

**c. Update on SBIRT**

Commissioner Gonzales had to leave the meeting therefore there was no update.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**a. Next meetings:**

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Ms. Garcia reminded the Commissioners that she needs their Conflict of Interest forms.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Having completed the agenda and with no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Russell moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Burke, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

**Approved by:**

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**Larry Martinez, Chairman**

Respectfully submitted by:

*Jo Ann G. Valdez*, Stenographer