

**SANTA FE COUNTY**

**HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Minutes- March 6, 2009**

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1) The next HPPC Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2009 from 8:30-10:00 a.m. at the Santa Fe County Health and Human Services Department, Suite B.		
2) The next scheduled regular HPPC meeting is April 3, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. at the Santa Fe County Health & Human Services Department, Suite B.		
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**MINUTES OF THE**  
**SANTA FE COUNTY**  
**HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING COMMISSION**

**March 6, 2009**

A Regular Meeting of the Santa Fe County Health Policy and Planning Commission was called to order at 8:43 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  
John Cassidy  
Arturo Gonzales  
Valery Henderson  
Melissa Manlove  
Dr. Frantz Melio  
Terri Rodriguez

**MEMBER(s) ABSENT:**

Jacqueline Baca, excused  
Lydia Zepeda Jennings  
Beverly Russell, excused  
John "Jack" White, excused  
Glen Wieringa, excused

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Cathy Berkley, Health and Human Services Program Manager  
Lisa Garcia, Maternal and Child Health  
Marie Garcia, Health and Human Services Division  
Steve Shepherd, Health and Human Services Division Director

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Diana Abeyta, Department of Health  
Rebecca Frenkle, citizen  
Ana L. Moseley, Sangre de Cristo Community Health Partnership

Paul Nelson, Sangre de Cristo Community Health Partnership  
Dr. Peterson, Sangre de Cristo Community Health Partnership  
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: January 16, 2009**

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 Rodriguez moved to approve the Minutes of the January 16, 2009 meeting, as amended. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.**

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

#### **a. Project LAUNCH Update**

[Information on Project LAUNCH (Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health) was distributed in the Commissioners' packets. This included copies of the Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Santa Fe and New Mexico Department of Health, United Way and Santa Fe County. The FY 09 budget was also included.]

Mr. Shepherd reported that the project is funded by a SAMHSA grant at a maximum of \$916,000 per award. United Way receives \$732,674.00 and the Department of Health receives \$183,000. The grant is for five years depending upon funding at the federal level.

Mr. Shepherd explained that the money comes directly from the federal government to the State Department of Health. They were required to have a local partner, a governmental entity. The County basically acts like the fiscal agent and has little or no control over the program. The idea of the grant is to replicate the Santa Fe Children's Zone Model at Agua Fria Elementary School to other areas of the County/City. The County was interested in collaborating the First Born program - that targets children 1-3 years of age - with other programs in the county/city. This project will serve children 0-8 years of age and their families. By addressing this age range, it will allow them to bring together the traditionally disconnected systems that serve families with young children.

Ms. Garcia said that the Maternal and Child Health Council members are participating in the meetings that United Way is holding regarding this grant. They are interested in seeing how this goes and how it will affect the services that are presently being provided. They have requested that any information that goes out about the grant be sent to the Maternal and Child Health Council also.

Chairman Martinez noted that one of the requirements of the grant was that there would be an advisory council. He attended the first meeting of the Project LAUNCH Advisory Council that was held on February 9<sup>th</sup>. He explained that United Way has sort of changed its direction from being a funding organization for providers, to an organization that will be implementing services. He said that United Way has to achieve a certain number of targets: they have to expand home visitation and high-quality Pre-K countywide. When it comes to the First Born program, they have to expand the home visiting program to 48 families. They also have to expand the Agua Fria Pre-K site capacity from 32 children to 80 children. They need to expand from 30 to 50 parents (those parents who are participating in parenting groups and book clubs) that are part of the Pre-K operation. They are also going to expand the after school program.

Chairman Martinez reported that United Way would also be conducting an “environmental survey” to determine what exists, what is out there, and what is perceived as gaps in terms of what is needed. They will be doing this with all the providers.

Referring to the United Way budget, Commissioner Cassidy said 32% comes off the top for two government agencies and only 24% of their main dollars are really for direct services. United Way’s budget breaks down as follows: \$581,490.00 for Project LAUNCH support and administrative costs, \$4,200.00 for travel, \$6,000 for Professional Development, \$3,584.00 for Supplies and Equipment and \$137,400.00 for Program Evaluation.

Commissioner Campos said it would be interesting to find out what the Program Evaluation is.

After review of United Way’s Budget for the LAUNCH project/program and allocation of dollars for overhead versus services, the following motion was made:

**Commissioner Gonzales moved that a letter be written to United Way, Department of Health and the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners with a copy to SAMSHA. The letter will state that based on the experience of the Health Policy and Planning Commission in reviewing proposals as part of the Community Benefit Fund process, the budget items look out of proportion to services and the Commission requests that they take a look at revising the budget. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.** (Commissioner Henderson abstained from voting having declared a possible conflict of interest.)

A draft of the letter will be circulated to the Commission.

**b. SBIRT Update**

[Copies of Sangre de Cristo Community Health Partnership NM SBIRT presentation were distributed and reviewed.]

Mr. Nelson reported that Sangre de Cristo Community Health Partnership was awarded a federal grant in 2003 to implement brief intervention and referral program for substance abuse treatment. It also includes mental health treatment. NMSBIRT is designed to serve a slice of the New Mexico population that may not be in the traditional behavioral health system and that may not currently receive any type of treatment services for their “at risk” behaviors.

Mr. Nelson explained that they provide a care continuum that allows care to happen at the community level seamlessly and without stigma to the patient.

Ms. Moseley said the problem with alcohol dependence, itself, is not the only problem they have with alcohol. She noted that 40% of the population is abstinent (don’t drink at all) and only 5% are dependent. Therefore approximately 45% of the population is at risk.

Ms. Moseley reported that they have 35 sites in New Mexico where individuals presenting for health services at primary care settings, or school based health centers, are screened for at risk substance abusing problems, depression and anxiety and referred immediately to an on-site behavioral health consultant for brief intervention, brief treatment and/or referral to specialty care.

Additionally, NM SBIRT serves the chronically mentally ill by identifying, providing brief intervention and referral of this population to the appropriate levels of care. NM SBIRT identifies and works with “at risk” affected population for substance abuse, anxiety and depression.

Ms. Moseley mentioned that the screening takes approximately 5-10 minutes and is printed in English and Spanish. She said they gathered data on the impact of the program and found that there was a 76% reduction in use of the Emergency Room, 50% reduction in the average days of depression, 50% reduction in days of illegal drug use, 41% reduction in days of alcohol use, 37% reduction in binge days of alcohol use, 31% reduction in criminal justice involvement, 5% increase in housing stability and a 42% increase in average wages.

Commissioner Campos asked if they have seen that the individuals who have substance abuse issues also have mental health issues. Ms. Moseley said she has not seen any statistics on this.

Chairman Martinez noted that they get people on the primary health care side of it that has problems that are related to substance abuse. He mentioned that the National Association of Aging Health Centers did a study in the last five years that showed that 70% of all primary health care clinics had a behavioral health component associated with it. He said in his opinion, SBIRT is one of those projects that are starting to address that issue and primary health care.

Dr. Peterson said one of the things that they have experienced over the last five years is the accomplishment of the integration of the behavioral health and primary care clinics and this stems from having a “champion” at the clinic. One of the biggest champions they have

encountered in the five years are doctors. Dr. Peterson referred to page 6, 7, and 8 of the presentation. It talks about the model noting that the benefits for the consumer and the provider. Again, it provides a care continuum that allows care to happen at the community level seamlessly and without stigma to the patient. This extends the range of expertise in what a counselor and medical provider can accomplish individually. The team on site engagement is enhanced because of this model. The model bridges the gap between diagnosis and therapeutics on site providing for the right level of patient care. It creates confidence between the provider and the behavioral health counselor knowing that the supervisory and psychiatric consultation support is there. On site care also avoids the possible disconnect for the patient.

Dr. Peterson said the projected savings for the health care social services delivery system is \$97,956 per month or \$2.9 million annually. He noted that the clinics have access to a fully connected and operational statewide telehealth network and access to services in rural areas where none was available before. He said the model and structure cannot be duplicated anywhere in the state. Dr. Peterson said over the last five years SBIRT has developed a unique set of clinicians, a unique model and approach that would be really difficult to duplicate.

Mr. Nelson reported that they had approximately an 80% follow up rate - this is where they conducted a survey to gather their data.

Chairman Martinez said he sees the SBIRT model one that can be duplicated, but he understands that they are saying that this would be hard to do, without the infrastructure that SBIRT built.

Dr. Peterson reported on Sangre de Cristo Community Health Partnership activities towards sustainability for 2009-2010. They have submitted grant applications to Friends Research, HRSA BH Expansion LCDF, LCDF Dona Ana Count Indigent, Department of Aging Services, Santa Fe County/CHRISTUS St. Vincent Regional Medical Center Community Benefit Fund, Medicaid and 3<sup>rd</sup> party billings. Dr. Peterson noted that 20% of their partner site clients have Medicaid or 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance coverage.

SBIRT future sustainability program efforts include training, (motivational interviewing, community reinforcement approaches, impact depression) and clinical supervision, oversight of mental health counselors for programs and independent licensure. For telehealth: access to a statewide network, installation of equipment and connectivity, training, scheduling, troubleshooting and clinical protocol manuals. Dr. Peterson said they have conducted training at UNM Hospital and the UNM Trauma Center. They have also conducted training outside of the state.

Commissioner Manlove thought it was a travesty that the State of New Mexico does not allow anyone to get paid for any kind of behavioral health services. She said we actually have a program that actually works, that has worked far better than any other behavioral health that the State has had in terms of providing services to the largest group of people that need them. She thinks the State needs to look at the proven SBIRT model.

She mentioned that the Edgewood Clinic has had problems getting reimbursed from Value Options for psychiatry services.

Chairman Martinez noted that there are four bills that are being introduced at the Legislature, of which two bills would give an \$800,000 appropriation to SBIRT, and two bills that would require the single state entities to devote resources to SBIRT.

Commissioner Gonzales noted that they are getting a lot of opposition with respect to collaborative getting mandates requiring them to devote resources. There is also concern that these types of service providers will also ask for the same mandates. Commissioner Gonzales said the National Alliance of Mentally Ill (NAMI) has said that they will oppose the bill. He explained that SBIRT will probably withdraw the bills but will ask that the representatives send a very strong message that the Behavioral Health Collaborative reconvenes, specifically to request that they come up with how SBIRT resources can be sustained in the state of New Mexico.

Commissioner Campos asked how the third party portion is going. Commissioner Gonzales said it is going in the sense that they have a Medicaid number and they will be able to bill for their services.

Chairman Martinez thanked the representatives from Sangre de Cristo Community Health Partnership for their presentation.

## **HPPC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **a. Jail Health Subcommittee**

Chairman Martinez reported that they had a Jail Health Subcommittee meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup> and staff of the Corrections Department and the Adult Detention Center was extremely pleased with the resolution that the HPPC presented to the Board of County Commissioners with respect to furloughs. The Resolution urges the Board of County Commissioners to consult with the district judges who are granting furloughs to inmates of the Santa Fe County Adult Detention Center particularly for medical purposes – to consult with the jail health care providers before granting such furloughs. There was concern that this is a device that was being used by a number of inmates to get out and then carry contraband back into the facility. Mr. Shepherd noted that the Resolution is on the Board of County Commissioners agenda at the last BCC meeting in March. At the Jail Health Subcommittee meeting, Annabelle Romero, the Corrections Department Director reported that this is already having a positive impact.

Chairman Martinez said they were getting close to a complete medical protocol that outlines the responsibilities of community healthcare providers for people with chronic illnesses who are being discharged from the Adult Detention Center. He referred to a letter that he received from Dr. Steve Spencer who is participating in the Jail Health Subcommittee deliberations. In his letter, Dr. Spencer pointed out a number of issues and concerns. Chairman Martinez will present Dr. Spencer concerns to the Jail Health Subcommittee. He mentioned that Dr. Spencer was a formal member of the Corrections Advisory Committee and is a medical consultant for detention facilities.

Commissioner Gonzales thanked Chairman Martinez and the HPPC Executive Commission for their hard work on the letter to the Board of County Commissioners with respect to the bills that are being introduced during the 2009 session of the New Mexico Legislature. The HPPC Executive Commission focused on those legislative items that would likely have a significant impact on health care services for residents of Santa Fe County.

*Commissioner Gonzales had to leave the meeting.*

**b. Appointment/Reappointment for HPPC Commissioners  
(Expire 4/30/09-will submit to BCC at the April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting)**

Chairman Martinez reported that John Cassidy has been officially appointed to the HPPC.

Rick Adesso has left Women's Health Services; therefore his appointment to the HPPC was not made. Chairman Martinez reported that the HPPC Executive Committee discussed the vacancy and will extend an invitation to Women's Health Services to nominate someone to fill the vacancy. The vacancy (for District 3 representative) was also advertised.

**STAFF UPDATE/REPORTS:**

**a. Adam Senior Center**

Chairman Martinez introduced Cathy Berkley, the Program Manager for Santa Fe County Senior Services. Ms. Berkley made a presentation on the Adam Senior Center in Eldorado. The Ken and Patty Adam Senior Center opened in December 2007; however, the parking lot was not completed until February 2009. The programs they offer include nutrition, transportation and socialization. The activities they offer include exercise classes, art classes, computer skills and special events. Congregate meals are served Monday, Wednesday and Friday and will be moving to four days in April (M, W, Th, F). 5,547 meals have been served since December 2007: 2804 in this fiscal year (through January 31, 2009). They serve an average of 35 people at lunch daily. They also provide home delivered meals AKA "Meals on Wheels" – 2879 meals have been delivered since December 2007. 1562 meals delivered from July 1, 2008 to January 31, 2009. Lunch is delivered 5 days a week Monday through Friday by the driver and by 14 volunteers who rotate days. They have two routes: to Eldorado and to Galisteo, which was added at the end of October 2008. They are looking to expand to Canoncito and Old Las Vegas Highway areas.

Ms. Berkley reported that the driver was hired in mid February. He provides transportation to medical appointments picks up people for congregate meals and drives to events and special outings.

Ms. Berkley shared stories on the positive impact that the Senior Center has made.



Ms. Berkley noted that there are other County Centers that are run by the City of Santa Fe for Santa Fe County: Edgewood, El Rancho, Rio en Medio, Chimayo and Santa Cruz.

**b. Maternal & Child Health**

Ms. Garcia reported that Jacqueline Baca would like to be reappointed to the Maternal and Child Health Council and Tanya Montoya is interested in serving on the Maternal and Child Health Council. She requested the Commission's recommendation to reappoint Ms. Baca and appoint Tanya Montoya. She noted that the recommendations would go before the Board of County Commissioners in April for their approval.

**Commissioner Manlove moved to recommend that Jacqueline Baca be reappointed to the Maternal Child Health Council and that Tanya Montoya be appointed to the Maternal Child Health Council. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.**

Ms. Garcia reported that they are in the process of updating their plan and profile to submit to the Department of Health in preparation for the next 4-year Request for Proposal to the Department of Health. They have identified two priorities and are updating some data and statistics. They conducted focus groups to find out what the issues are with families- this was done with the Young Father's Group, the headstart in Nambe and the Early Headstart Program in Santa Fe and teenage mothers. They also conducted some surveys through the Maternal Child Health Council home visiting network and received one response from a pediatric provider. They are gathering all this information to move forward with reports. They currently have two priorities that they are focusing on: home visiting and the other is breastfeeding. They have chosen two new priorities: infant day care for infants from 0 to 2 years of age because this is a problem and much more expensive and is critical as far as developmental. The other MCH priority is to strengthen families and communities. The report is due June 15<sup>th</sup> to the Department of Health and a copy will be provided to the HPPC at that time.

Ms. Garcia said that United Way has invited them to make suggestions on the GIS mapping project – to survey families to find out what the problems are based on the priorities that they have chosen.

**MATTERS FROM THE COMMISSION:**

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

Chairman Martinez reported that during the course of the Legislative Session broadcast they interviewed House Speaker Ben Lujan and Representative Lucky Varela. They basically provided an analysis of all the health legislation and what the overall financial situation at the Legislature looks like.

They also interviewed Senator Sue Wilson-Bifford, Representative Steve Gardner and Representative Danice Picraux. They spoke about the economic stimulus money and the overall budgetary situation of the state.

Health Para Todos Radio Program had a remote broadcast at the Legislature on Primary Care Day.

They also had a broadcast where Alex Valdez provided an update on the CHRISTUS/SVRMC merger.

They also had Mary Feldbloom as a guest on the program. Ms. Feldbloom is with the National Consumers Union. She is promoting the single payer system.

Chairman Martinez spoke about House Bill 841 that was introduced by Representative Jim Trujillo on behalf of the Hospital Association. HB841 is designed to give counties authority for those counties who have exercised their full gross receipt tax authority, to place an additional tax on hospital gross receipt taxes for the purpose of raising the match for sole community provider funding. The HPPC Executive Commission will review the house bill and make recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners.

**b. Other Matters from the Commission-Subcommittee updates**

None presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**a. Next meetings:**

- 1) The next HPPC Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2009 from 8:30-10:00 a.m. at the Santa Fe County Health and Human Services Department, Suite B.
- 2) The next scheduled regular HPPC meeting is April 3, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Santa Fe County Health & Human Services Department, Suite B.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having completed the agenda and with no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Manlove 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