

**SANTA FE COUNTY**

**HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Minutes April 4, 2008**

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<b>a) NEXT MEETINGS:</b>		
<b>1)</b>	The next HPPC Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16, 2008 from 8:30-10:00 a.m. at the Santa Fe County Health and Human Services Department, Suite B.	
<b>2)</b>	Next scheduled regular HPPC meeting is Friday, May 2, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at the Santa Fe County Health & Human Services Division Conference Room, Suite B. (If approved at the April meeting)	

**ADJOURNMENT**

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**MINUTES OF THE**  
**SANTA FE COUNTY**  
**HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**April 4, 2008**

**Santa Fe, New Mexico**

A Regular Meeting of the Santa Fe County Health Policy and Planning Commission was called to order at 10:40 a.m. by Chair Martinez on the above-cited date at the Angelinas Restaurant Conference Room, 1226 North Railroad Avenue, Espanola, New Mexico.

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Larry Martinez, Chair  
Terrie Rodriguez, Vice Chair  
Daniel Burke  
Valery Henderson  
Melissa Manlove  
Beverly Russell  
John "Jack" White  
Glenn Wieringa

**MEMBER(s) ABSENT:**

Rick Adesso, excused  
Erika Campos, excused  
Arturo Gonzales, excused  
Lydia Zepeda Jennings, excused  
Patrycia Sanchez, excused  
Dr. Frantz Melio, excused

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Marie Garcia, Health and Human Services Department  
Steve Shepherd, Health and Human Services Department Director

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Jacqueline Baca, Maternal Child Health Council/prospective Commission member  
Lore Pease, El Centro Family Health  
Jennifer Shuemaker, Santa Fe Rape Crisis and Trauma Center  
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

The Commission met at the Plaza in Espanola at 9:00 a.m. They toured the El Centro Family Health Clinic.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: January 17, 2008**

Chair Martinez said he made some 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.

Seeing none, Commissioner Burke moved to approve the Minutes of the January 17, 2008 meeting as amended. Commissioner Russell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Wieringa requested that discussion on the Tecton Basin (oil and gas drilling issue) be an agenda item for future issues/discussion.

Introductions were made. Chair Martinez introduced Jacqueline Baca of the Maternal Child Health Council and Jennifer Shuemaker of the Santa Fe Rape Crisis and Trauma Center. Ms. Baca gave a brief history of her background. Ms. Baca is the 4H Home Economist for the County and will be temporarily replacing Commissioner Hale on the Commission.

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

#### **a. St. Vincent Regional Medical Center/CHRISTUS Update**

Chair Martinez gave an update on the St. Vincent Regional Medical Center (SVRMC) CHRISTUS proposed partnership. He reported that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) has asked that the Health Policy and Planning Commission give a recommendation to them regarding the issue of disclosure of the proposed agreement between SVRMC and CHRISTUS. Chair Martinez spoke with Alex Valdez to see if anyone from SVRMC was going to attend today's meeting to answer questions the Commission may have. However, Erika Campos is on vacation and Alex Valdez is in the middle of interviewing chief financial officer candidates.

Chair Martinez said one of the main concerns is the impact of the Ethical and Religious Directives of the Roman Catholic Church on the services that SVRMC will provide. There are concerns as to whether or not the reproductive services that are currently being done at the hospital will be impacted. There are also concerns about end of life issues and questions have been raised as to whether or not the advanced directives will take precedence over the Ethical and Religious Directives (in terms of the services that are provided to patients).

Chair Martinez noted that Alex Valdez has indicated that they do not wish to make the contents of the proposed agreement public because it contains propriety and confidential information. This is what the BCC has asked the Commission to give advice on.

Chair Martinez referred to copies of the letter from the Department of Health (Pamela Hyde, Secretary of the Human Services Department and Alfredo Vigil, Secretary of the Department of Health) to Alex Valdez, Dr. David Gunderson (Chair of the Board); Jeff Puckett (CHRISTUS) dated March 27, 2008. [Copies of the letter were distributed in the Commissioners' packets.]

The letter basically recommends that the proposed agreement between CHRISTUS and SVRMC be postponed or delayed until they have an opportunity to assess and understand what the impact of this change will mean, regarding access to services and rights of individuals of all faiths to receive and direct their own care. The letter asks some questions to SVRMC and CHRISTUS and they have responded to the letter. Chair Martinez mentioned that Alex Valdez has indicated that the response is available for review if the Commission wants to see it.

Commissioner White stated that the Ethical and Religious Directives have been upgraded/updated. He said this is a development towards the concerns of the citizens of the community of Santa Fe. He felt that the Advanced Medical Directives need to be given more legal weight and violations, which would result in penalties. He suggested that the Commission encourage the BCC to ask SVRMC and CHRISTUS to disclose the financial information in terms of future management. Ask them what is the nature of the deal – is it a partnership or a takeover?

Chair Martinez noted that the Department of Health letter asks questions related to the structure and business relationships between CHRISTUS and SVRMC. He asked the Commission what they would like to do in terms of making a recommendation to the BCC.

Mr. Shepherd mentioned that the BCC has requested that the two parties allow legal counsel for the County to review the proposed agreement with the understanding that they will not talk about things that are propriety. However, this was denied.

Commissioner Rodriguez thinks it is imperative that the County asks questions with regards to financial information because there is an obligation with the public funds that are invested.

Commissioner Wieringa said the County has a financial stake in this.

**Commissioner White moved that the Commission recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that they require the disclosure of the contract between CHRISTUS and St. Vincent Regional Medical Center pertaining to the proposed partnership/merger. Commissioner Rodriguez seconded the motion for discussion purposes.**

**Discussion:**

Commissioner Manlove agreed and said the Commission should ask these questions given the County's substantial investment in providing sole community provider funding to SVRMC. She would like to see the answers to the financial questions.

Chair Martinez asked the Commission if there was any objection to include wording that states that this recommendation is made in light of the County's investment in SVRMC via the matching dollars for sole community provider and anticipated future ongoing public dollars.

Chair Martinez called for a vote.

**Motion carried.** (6 in favor, 2 opposed).

**b. El Centro Family Health Common  
(Commissioner Dan Burke/Ms. Pease)**

Chair Martinez introduced Lore Pease and thanked her and Commissioner Burke for the tour of the El Centro Family Health Common/Center.

Commissioner Manlove asked Ms. Pease if Alfredo Vigil, Secretary of Department of Health, is in any way participating in discussions with the common health partners.

In response, Ms. Pease said no, however, he and Commissioner Burke should be credited for starting the joint partnership.

Commissioner Manlove said, in trying to plan for the future, the Commission has a role in assisting the County in coordinating resources - and not duplicate services.

**STAFF REPORTS: APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS  
(Information/Discussion/Possible Action)**

**Appointments/Resignations to Maternal & Child Health Council  
Appointments/Reappointments/Resignations to DWI Planning Council**

Ms. Baca referred to the letter from Kim Straus. Ms. Straus is requesting to be considered for appointment to the Santa Fe County Maternal and Child Health Planning Council.

Ms. Baca mentioned that she received an e-mail from Victoria Parrill stating that she would be resigning from the Maternal and Child Health Council. She noted that she did not receive an official letter of resignation.

Ms. Baca noted that the appointment/reappointments/resignations would be on the Board of County Commissioners' agenda at the end of the month.

**Commissioner Wieringa moved to accept the appointment of Kim Strauss to the Maternal & Child Health Council and the resignation of Victoria Parrill. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.**

Mr. Shepherd reported that Glenn Wieringa is resigning from the DWI Planning Council due to a possible conflict of interest, as he assumed the role of the Traffic Safety Bureau's Underage Drinking Coordinator. Mr. Shepherd thanked Mr. Wieringa for serving on the DWI Planning Council.

Mr. Shepherd said the DWI Planning Council would like to reappoint Donna Bevacqua-Young and Shelley Mann-Lev and Allan Wheeler to the DWI Planning Council.

**Commissioner Russell moved to approve the resignation of Glenn Wieringa and the reappointments of members: Donna Bevacqua-Young, Shelley Mann-Lev and Allan Wheeler - to the DWI Planning Council. Commissioner White seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.**

Commissioner Wieringa distributed publications on Underage Drinking. He said this is a document for parents. The publication talks about parental influence on the use of alcohol, proven skills to prevent underage drinking and how alcohol affects the teenage brain.

## **HPPC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

Chair Martinez reported that the Jail Health Subcommittee met on February 6<sup>th</sup> with Annabelle Romero, County Corrections Director and she provided them a comprehensive report. Ms. Romero reported that all the nurses' positions have been filled and therefore she does not have to rely on agency nurses. The County also hired an Assistant Medical Director and they now have a Mental Health Director.

Chair Martinez noted that the County Corrections Director has asked for six positions in the budget for next fiscal year, which included a Case Manager. She indicated that transportation continues to be an ongoing problem. She is evaluating three options for transporting inmates when they are discharged from the facility. She reported that medications also continue to be a problem. Chair Martinez said the Commission might want to discuss this in the future - how they can assist with this problem.

Chair Martinez reported that the Corrections Department would be putting out a Request for Proposal for medical electronic records. He mentioned that staff from the Corrections Department toured the Utah facility to look at their electronic record system.

The next Jail Health Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup>. An article that was published in the *Journal Santa Fe* on April 2, 2008 regarding the Jail Health Care Agreement with the Department of Justice was distributed and reviewed.

**b. Legislature Updates**

Chair Martinez reported that all the healthcare reform bills did not pass. There have been discussions that there might be a Special Legislative Session to discuss the Health Solutions Act and the healthcare reform bills.

Chair Martinez reported that House Bill 615 that was introduced by Representative Lucky Varela was passed and signed into law. House Bill 615 is seeking to mitigate the proposed rule change that would eliminate intergovernmental transfers by the centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). This proposed rule change may jeopardize some community provider resources. The Board of County Commissioners has written a letter of recommendation to the Governor to veto the bill.

**c. Discuss new monthly meeting dates beginning in May (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon)**

There was consensus that the Commission would try meeting on the first Friday of the month starting May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The following meeting was scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**MATTERS FROM THE COMMISSION**

Chair Martinez reported that the Santa Fe Rape Crisis and Trauma Center would be seeking a Robert Wood Johnson foundation grant and they need some partners. The Center is requesting that Santa Fe County consider being one of those partners.

Ms. Shuemaker explained that the main focus of this grant is the Building Healthy Teen Relationships Initiative. The purpose of the Building Healthy Teen Relationships program is to support the creation and evaluation of comprehensive community-based models of prevention that aim to decrease relationship violence and increase positive, protective relationship skills.

Ms. Shuemaker mentioned that there were over 1000 people throughout the country who are interested in this initiative. She noted that the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation would fund eight grants nationally over four years. Each grant award will be up to \$250,000 a year with a maximum of \$1 million. The chance of receiving the grant is very small because there is a lot of competition for the grant; however, Ms. Shuemaker said Santa Fe has a good chance of getting it because of the demographics and partnerships.

Ms. Shuemaker said a community has to have a base population of at least 2,000 youth between the ages of 10-14 in their community. Smaller communities are encouraged to partner with neighboring communities. Priority will be given to lower-income communities with high rates of violence. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation seeks to identify a diverse group of urban, rural and suburban communities to participate in this initiative. The deadline for receipt of brief proposals is April 16<sup>th</sup>. Applicants will be notified on May 20<sup>th</sup> if they are invited to submit a full proposal and July 8<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for receipt of full proposals. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation will make site visits to the finalists between August 4-29 and notification of awards and start of grants will be on November 15, 2008.



Funded projects must consist of a partnership comprised of one lead agency with 1 to 3 partnering organizations that have distinct roles in implementing the components of the initiative. The organizations making up the core partnership must have a combined expertise and demonstrated capacity in all four areas:

- 1) Ability to mobilize and develop leadership among young people.
- 2) Knowledge and capacity to address and prevent dating and sexual violence.
- 3) Knowledge and capacity to reinforce positive social norms and address policy in the community.
- 4) Demonstration of work in at least 1 of the 4 components and dedicated resources in place to expand that work.

Commissioner Wieringa referred to #4 above and asked what components they are referring to.

In response, Ms. Shuemaker said these four components refer back to working in the community, working in social norms, working with youth and domestic violence. She said they want to see long-term systemic change that will last beyond the grant period.

Commissioner Rodriguez asked Ms. Shuemaker if she is asking for a letter of commitment from the Commission.

Ms. Shuemaker said yes, as well as a commitment to be a partner, so they can submit for the grant, stating that they will partner with the community to assist in accessing schools in communities.

Chair Martinez said this fits within the Commissions' Call to Action.

Commissioner Wieringa asked if they would involve the schools.

Ms. Shuemaker said they plan on involving the schools because it is important to bring the schools into the process.

**Commissioner Burke moved that the Commission submit a letter of support denoting that the Commission commits to being a partner. Commissioner Wieringa seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.**

Commissioner Henderson announced that the Department of Health Division of Policy and Performance (DPP) would be awarding eight mini grant proposals not to exceed \$3,000. DPP has a central role in eliminating health disparities through training and dissemination of information. As part of this effort, they announced the funds for Health Disparities Mini-Grants to address disparities among/across racial and ethnic minority populations. The funding will be made available to fund five priority areas: mother and child health prenatal care, preventable diseases, infectious diseases, violence and injury and risky behaviors. The deadline to submit proposals is April 18, 2008.

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

Chair Martinez reported that Representative Lucky Varela and Senator Feldman were interviewed after the Legislative Session. They interviewed Glenn Wieringa and Dr. Dick Roth -the primary mover behind the interlock legislation- on the last broadcast. They spent a great deal of time discussing the fact that New Mexico has fallen from among the top 10 states in terms of alcohol related deaths and accidents.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None presented.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**a. Next meetings:**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Having completed the agenda and with no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Burke moved to adjourn, second by Commissioner Wieringa, and by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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**Larry Martinez, Chair**

Submitted by:

*Jo Ann G. Valdez*, Stenographer