

**SANTA FE COUNTY**

**HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Minutes - May 1, 2009**

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**MINUTES OF THE**  
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**HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING COMMISSION**

**May 1, 2009**

A Regular Meeting of the Santa Fe County Health Policy and Planning Commission was called to order at 8:30 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  
Lydia Zepeda Jennings  
Melissa Manlove  
Dr. Frantz Melio  
Tanya Montoya  
Beverly Russell  
John "Jack" White

**MEMBER(s) ABSENT:**

Rick Adesso, excused  
Terrie Rodriguez, excused

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Marie Garcia, Health and Human Services Division  
Ron Pacheco, Santa Fe County Senior Services Program  
Steve Shepherd, Health and Human Services Division Director

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Scott Berger, Harmony for Life  
Ken Coleman, possible candidate for Commission vacancy  
Mari Tankenoff, Harmony for Life  
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

Chairman Martinez introduced and welcomed newly appointed member Tanya Montoya.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: April 3, 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 Cassidy moved to approve the Minutes of the April 3, 2009 meeting, as amended. Commissioner Russell seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.**

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

#### **a. Harmony for Life**

[Information on Harmony for Life was distributed in the Commissioners' packets.]

Harmony for Life is a worldwide wellness center that offers unique and flexible programs for people and businesses who want to experience more life harmony, well being, satisfaction and success. They offer an innovative, holistic approach to coaching, consulting, counseling, and holistic healing that recognizes and addresses the whole nature of your self and life. Harmony for Life was created by wife-and-husband business partners Mari Tankenoff and Scott Berger.

Mr. Berger and Ms. Tankenoff provided a brief history of their backgrounds.

Ms. Tankenoff is a licensed psychologist, professional and clinical mental health counselor and author/writer with over fifteen years of counseling and clinical experience. She has worked with individuals, couples, families, groups, organizations, and businesses on a variety of issues. Mr. Berger is a CTA certified life coach, holistic healer, self-empowerment consultant and author/writer with over 20 years of providing holistic healing and integrative bodywork services for individuals and organizations. He also has extensive experience in retail management, and financial planning for individuals and businesses.

Ms. Tankenoff noted that they met with Commissioner Virginia Vigil and she suggested that they make a presentation to this Commission. She said one of their biggest priorities is to be part of this community and to make a substantial contribution to the community, by providing services and collaborating with various agencies. She said they are interested in seeing what the needs are. She noted that they accept Medicaid patients and insurance reimbursements. She explained that they charge \$60.00 an hour, instead of \$90.00 an hour, for those patients who do not have insurance. She said they want to be a part of the solution of the present economic situation, and not a part of the stress.

Mr. Berger explained that the Essential Self Workshop series promotes and supports the vitality, self-empowerment, and transformative well-being of people and businesses. Each workshop features a didactic/teaching component for educational and informational purposes, as well as group participation and interaction. Each workshop emphasizes the innate and unlimited power within each participant to personalize and apply take-home insights and tools to last a lifetime. The life coaching series focuses on where people are and where they want to be. Life coaching does not involve any diagnosing, treatment, therapy, or emphasis on pathology or illness. A person establishes their agenda and personal measures for success in any aspect of their life. Both Ms. Tankenoff and Mr. Berger offer life coaching, individually and/or as a team.

Ms. Tankenoff said if they don't have the capacity to assist people with the problems they have, they will refer individuals to the appropriate practitioner/doctor, etc. She explained that they offer comprehensive follow up services via telephone, e-mail, and video conferencing for convenient, seamless and ongoing availability and assistance. They also avail themselves at their physical office location, as well as onsite at a chosen locale. Ms. Tankenoff mentioned that they are HIPAA compliant.

Chairman Martinez informed Ms. Tankenoff and Mr. Berger that the Commission recently revised the Resolution that created this Commission and they designated an alternative or complementary provider position on the Commission.

## **HPPC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

Chairman Martinez reported that the next meeting of the Jail Health Subcommittee is scheduled for May 20, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. at the Santa Fe County Health and Human Services Department, Conference Room. He noted that he has another meeting in Albuquerque that day and may arrive late to the Jail Health Subcommittee meeting. He asked Commissioner Cassidy and Commissioner Melio to attend the meeting.

Chairman Martinez reported that the Board of County Commissioners has adopted the resolution that the HPPC recommended which urges district judges – who grant furloughs to inmates – to consult with jail health staff prior to granting the furloughs. He noted that the Corrections Department health staff has indicated that they have already seen a change on behalf of the judges, as a result of the resolution.

Chairman Martinez noted that the Jail Health Subcommittee is working on the medical protocols and Dr. Steven Spencer has submitted some recommendations for the protocols. He offered to send a copy of Dr. Spencer's recommendations to the members of the Subcommittee.

Commissioner Manlove noted that there would be training and certification to introduce health care providers on the use of Buprenorphine, a new office-based treatment option for treatment of opiate addiction. Physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, therapists and pharmacists can acquire knowledge and tools to treat patients addicted to heroin, methadone and prescription narcotics. The training will be held on July 17, 2009 in

Albuquerque and is sponsored by UNM's Project ECHO, Addiction Treatment Program. Commissioner Manlove will forward the information on the training to Ms. Garcia and she will forward it to the Commissioners.

**b. Executive Committee (5) Appointments: Chair, Vice Chair (2), Commissioners (2)**

Chairman Martinez reported that the members of this Commission have been reappointed for another term. However, the Commission needs to appoint a Chair and (2) Vice Chairs and two commissioners to the Executive Committee.

**Commissioner Melio nominated Commissioner Martinez as Chair. Commissioner Russell seconded the nomination.**

**Commissioner Gonzales moved to close nominations for Chair by acclamation. Commissioner Melio seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.**  
(Chairman Martinez will serve as Chair of the Executive Committee for another term.)

**Commissioner Zepeda Jennings nominated Commissioner Rodriguez for Vice Chair. Commissioner Melio seconded the nomination.**

**Commissioner Russell nominated Commissioner Gonzales for Vice Chair. Commissioner Zepeda-Jennings seconded the nomination.**

**Commissioner Melio moved to close nominations for Vice Chair. Commissioner Manlove seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.**

(Commissioners Rodriguez and Gonzales will serve as Vice Chairs of the Executive Committee for another term.)

Commissioners White and Melio were reappointed to the Executive Committee. Commissioner Cassidy offered to attend the meetings, when possible.

**c. Discussion of new vacancies**

There are presently six vacancies on the Commission: a representative from complementary and alternative medicine, a senior citizen, dental provider/community, healthcare in Corrections Institutions and healthcare community, as needed.

Chairman Martinez noted that he received some inquiries about the Commission. He mentioned that the Youth Shelters approached him recently and is interested in becoming more engaged with the HPPC.

Chairman Martinez introduced Ken Coleman, a prospective candidate to fill a Commission vacancy. Mr. Coleman provided a brief overview of his background noting that he has experience in community health care for over 35 years. He was a hospital administrator for over 30 years. Mr. Coleman is the Chairman of the Labor Relations Committee and is a member of the American Hospital Association.

Chairman Martinez said long-term care, and the fact that Santa Fe County has insufficient resources to address long-term care needs, is one issue that the Commission needs to address and devote some time and attention to. He said Mr. Coleman would be a wonderful addition to the Health Policy and Planning Commission given his background and experience.

Chairman Martinez noted that Santa Fe has two major nursing homes. He mentioned that he had an opportunity to visit the Open Hands Program and it was a very impressive program. He suggested that a presentation from Open Hands be a future agenda item.

The Executive Committee will review the feedback and comments received from the County Commissioners - with respect to membership - at their next meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

**MATTERS FROM THE COMMISSION:**

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

Chairman Martinez reported that the month of May is Behavioral Health Month and they would like to interview Linda Roebuck, the Governor's Behavioral Health Point Person.

Commissioner Gonzales suggested that Alfredo Vigil, Secretary of the Department of Health be a guest on the next broadcast to discuss the SWINE Flu issue. Dr. Harris of La Familia Medical Center and Dr. Michael Palestine of CHRISTUS/St. Vincent Regional Medical Center will also be asked to be guests for future broadcasts. Dr. Vigil and Dr. Steve Jenison have requested to be on the program. Commissioner Gonzales offered to coordinate a forum to discuss the SWINE Flu issue.

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

Commissioner Campos announced that CHRISTUS/St. Vincent Regional Medical Cancer Center has partnered with the University of New Mexico Cancer Center for medical oncology and providing patient access to clinical trials. She noted that they also have a "Cancer Awareness" truck going around the community and the theme is making cancer a little less scary. Women's Health Services is also a sponsor.

Commissioner Campos announced that the Women's Health Fair is tomorrow.

Commissioner Henderson gave a brief update on the Cooking Classes and Food demonstrations noting that the next class will be at the Teen Parent Center and they have 25 interested students who either have babies or are pregnant. The Teen Parent Center is located at Santa Fe High South Campus.

Commissioner Gonzales gave a brief report on the recent American Telehealth Association National meeting. He reported that there were over 2500 attendees. He noted that the Office of Coordinator for the Economic Stimulus Package reported on the funding

available for Telehealth and televideo. He mentioned that a Telehealth Mental Health Committee has been developed.

**c. Discussion of July meeting**

Chairman Martinez noted that the Executive Committee discussed the idea of not having a HPPC meeting in July due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

**Commissioner Gonzales made a motion that there would be no meeting in July. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Coleman asked if there was any coordination with the various pueblos on behavioral health and primary care issues.

In response, Chairman Martinez said the local behavioral collaborative recently passed a resolution to invite two of the Native Americans local collaborative to attend the meetings. Commissioner Gonzales said that some of the pueblos have elected to be involved in their own programs. Commissioner Henderson noted that the Maternal Child Health Council tries to include a Native American member. Mr. Shepherd said the County has a Native American liaison.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Having completed the agenda and with no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Russell moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Manlove, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

**Approved by:**

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**Larry Martinez, Chairman**

Respectfully submitted by:

*Jo Ann G. Valdez*, Stenographer