

SANTA FE COUNTY

HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes - June 5, 2009

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a) NEXT MEETINGS:		
The next HPPC Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 2009 from 8:30-10:00 a.m. at the Santa Fe County Health and Human Services Department, Suite B.		
The next scheduled regular HPPC meeting is August 7, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. at the Santa Fe County Health & Human Services Department, Suite B.		
Jail Health Subcommittee meeting is on Wednesday, July 15, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. at the Santa Fe County Health and Human Services Department, Suite B.		

MINUTES OF THE
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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
Terrie Rodriguez, Vice Chair
Arturo Gonzales, Vice Chair
Rick Adesso
Daniel Burke
Erika Campos
John Cassidy
Valery Henderson
Tanya Montoya
Beverly Russell
John "Jack" White

MEMBER(s) ABSENT:

Lydia Zepeda Jennings
Melissa Manlove
Dr. Frantz Melio

STAFF PRESENT:

Cathy Berkeley, Santa Fe County Senior Services Program Director
Marie Garcia, Health and Human Services Division
Ron Pacheco, Santa Fe County Senior Services Program
Steve Shepherd, Health and Human Services Division Director
Alan Wheeler, DWI Planning Council

OTHERS PRESENT:

Louis Carlos, candidate for Commission vacancy
Paula Devitt, Diabetes Center of Excellence

Kristin Quintana, intern Department of Health
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was reprioritized (Items 5B and 7B) were moved up on the agenda.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: May 1, 2009

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

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the Minutes of the May 1, 2009 meeting, as amended. Commissioner Russell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

HPPC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

5b. New appointments/June BCC meeting

[Copies of Membership Interest Forms of several prospective candidates to fill the Commission vacancies were distributed in the Commissioners' packets.]

Mr. Louis Carlos of the DWI Planning Council and Ms. Elizabeth Reynolds of the CARE Connection Advisory Board have been nominated to serve on the HPPC.

Commissioner Gonzales moved to accept the nominations of Mr. Louis Carlos and Ms. Elizabeth Reynolds to serve on the HPPC. Commissioner Russell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

Chairman Martinez explained that there are four applications for the senior citizen position on the HPPC, one for the dental position, three for the healthcare in correction institution, eight for the healthcare community and three for the unlisted representative. Ms. Garcia explained that these are unlisted because she has not received the interest forms from these individuals.

Mr. Shepherd noted that these have not been forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners, as of yet, because staff would like to get recommendations from the Commission.

Chairman Martinez asked the Commission if they would they like the Executive Committee to review the resumes and make recommendations to the HPPC. There was consensus to have the Executive Committee review the applications/resumes and make recommendations to the HPPC. The recommendations (to include alternatives) will then be presented to the Board of County Commissioners at the end of this month for approval.

Commissioner Gonzales suggested that a note be sent to the individuals who submitted resumes and letters of interest informing them that the resumes are being reviewed.

7b. Santa Fe County Senior Services

Mr. Pacheco and Ms. Berkley provided an update on the County senior services, centers and programs. Mr. Pacheco explained that Santa Fe County is very happy with the partnership they have with the City of Santa Fe with respect to the Memorandum of Understanding to operate the senior centers. However, Santa Fe County solely operates the El Dorado Senior Center and Ms. Berkley is the Director of the Center.

Mr. Pacheco said that this is a very busy time of year for them, as they are getting ready for the new fiscal year. They are presently making expenditures on the capital money they received and they are looking at all the centers to see what they need. They will be updating equipment and perhaps purchasing a new vehicle.

Mr. Pacheco mentioned that he and Ms. Berkeley would be going to Taos to learn more on how they can provide services/programs for seniors.

Ms. Berkley reported that the El Dorado Senior Center has expanded the congregate meals/lunches and the Meals and Wheels program has also grown. They now have three routes: Galisteo/Lamy, El Dorado and Arroyo Hondo.

Ms. Berkley said that they are looking for more volunteers given that the program has expanded. She explained that the senior activities at the El Dorado Senior Center are also growing fast. They now have yoga classes, where they have from 30-40 people and Tai Chi classes one time a week where they have 25-30 people. They would also like to sponsor a community support group where the seniors can share ideas.

Commissioner Rodriguez noted that the Senior Olympics program moved to the Recreation Division from the Community Services Division last year and she will be recommending that the Senior Olympics program remain with the Recreation Division because these are the people who know how to run these programs. She has requested that a person be assigned to the program. She mentioned that the Senior Olympics happen now in May instead of August.

Commissioner Gonzales asked Ms. Berkley if they collaborate with the Wellness Center in El Dorado. Ms. Berkley said they do, however, she heard that the Center is in foreclosure. Commissioner Gonzales suggested that Mr. Pacheco and Ms. Berkley be guests on the radio program.

Commissioner White suggested that they notify the Board of County Commissioners that they need help with the Meals on Wheels program.

STAFF REPORTS

DWI Planning Council/Appointments/Reappointments

Mr. Alan Wheeler, Chair of the DWI Planning Council requested the Commission's

approval to reappoint Yvonne Ortiz and Donna Morris to the DWI Planning Council. He also requested approval to appoint Sergeant Louis Carlos to the DWI Planning Council.

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the reappointments of Yvonne Ortiz and Donna Morris and appointment of Louis Carlos to the DWI Planning Council. Commissioner Russell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

PRESENTATIONS:

Taking care of Adult Diabetics

[Handouts on Diabetes were distributed in the Commissioners' packets.]

Ms. Tanya Montoya explained what adult diabetes is in detail. Diabetes is a disease that occurs when the body is not able to properly use energy from food. The body needs glucose for growth and energy. Glucose is a kind of sugar we get from many of the foods we eat and is absorbed into the blood through the digestive system. There are three main types of diabetes: type 1, type 2 and gestational diabetes. Most people who have diabetes have type 2 diabetes. Twenty-one million Americans have diabetes but one out of three do not know they have diabetes. Some people have a higher risk for developing diabetes than others. Diabetes is diagnosed by a simple blood test and early detection and control of diabetes can prevent complications and save lives.

Ms. Montoya reported that an estimated 130,000 New Mexicans have diabetes. She said this seems to be related to being overweight, an inactive lifestyle, an unbalanced diet and it can also be hereditary.

Ms. Montoya noted that there are programs that address this major health issue in New Mexico and promote physical activity and healthy eating, and to help persons at risk for diabetes and persons living with diabetes. Ms. Montoya explained the different programs and noted that there are also cooking classes/food demonstrations for people with diabetes. She distributed cookbooks that contain healthy recipes for people with diabetes.

Ms. Devitt reported that they opened the CHRISTUS/St. Vincent Regional Diabetes Center of Excellence in April of 2008. The program has served 2,513 individuals directly and has provided outreach to over 8,000 more. 410 individuals have participated in diabetes screening and 920 inpatient visits.

[A handout on the Diabetes Center of Excellence was also distributed in the Commissioners' packets.]

Ms. Devitt said that they are re-establishing collaboration with the Joslin Vision Network to get a retinal camera at their center. They hope to be able to provide retinal imaging for those patients who currently do not have access to it. They are also in the process of setting up Emergency Medical Records (EMR) so they can provide panel management to make sure everyone is current on eye exams, immunizations, foot exams and labs. They also offer a class six weeks after the delivery of a child to screen for diabetes. They do a free 2-hour glucose tolerance test. They do a health assessment for the mom: weight, height, BMI and waist circumference. They counsel the mother regarding

the results and help her set up a plan.

Ms. Devitt explained that they offer education classes on labs and setting goals towards getting to targets. Labs provided include A1C, lipid panel, urine micro albumin and a blood pressure test. These programs are sponsored by the Joslin Diabetes Center. Ms. Devitt mentioned that they have been approved for another year. She said sustainability and funding is the bottom line and in looking at their financial statement, the percent of patients without coverage is high: 42% of their patient visits were not covered. They are collaborating with various agencies, such as La Familia Medical Center, Villa Theresa Clinic, County Extension Office, Santa Fe Community College School of Nursing, and others, to refer patients to them for services they offer. They would also like to expand the education classes and create a network to find funding so they can offer free passes to the city facilities such as the Genoveva Chavez Community Center.

Chairman Martinez suggested that Ms. Devitt be a guest on the Health Para Todos Radio Program in the future. He said diabetes is one of the major health problems in this community.

Commissioner Gonzales suggested that they consider using Telehealth as a way to network and educate people. Ms. Devitt said she could get this information from him. She noted that the State has called her to set up a meeting and they could talk about this.

Food Policy

Commissioner Rodriguez reported on the Food Policy Council that was established on February 27, 2008 for the City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County. The purpose of the Council is to integrate all departments of the City and County as well as non-profit organizations and food and farming businesses in a common effort to improve the availability of safe and nutritious food at reasonable prices for all residents, particularly those in need - to ensure that a wide variety of safe and nutritious food is available to county residents; and that safe and nutritious food is not limited by economic status, location, or other factors beyond a resident's control and that the price of food in the city and county remains reasonably close to the average price existing in the balance of the region.

Commissioner Rodriguez referred to the Draft Santa Fe County Health Policy and Planning Commission and the Santa Fe City and County Advisory Council on Food Collaborative Agreement that was included in the Commissioners' packets. She requested that the Commissioners review the Collaborative Agreement and provide feedback. An Ad Hoc Subcommittee was put together to review the Agreement for possible adoption at the August meeting. The members are: Commissioner Gonzales, who will serve as Chair, Commissioner Adesso and Commissioner Rodriguez. The Food Policy Council will be reviewing the Agreement possibly at their next meeting. A copy of the last Food Policy Council's Agenda was included in the packet, along with a list of members of the Council.

Adoption Means Love

Commissioner Adesso reported on the Adoption Means Love (AML) Foundation,

which is a 501(c) (3) foundation that was founded in 2005 by Michelle Madrid-Branch. The AML foundation assists young people in New Mexico who “age out” or are “aging out” of the foster care system without being adopted. Grants are aimed at helping these young people become independent and productive adults.

Commissioner Adesso reported that at any given point in time there are 2,200 youth in the New Mexico foster care system. AML firmly believes that these children deserve our attention and that we can make a difference in their lives. Through their Forever Families Project and in collaboration with the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) of the State of New Mexico, they will continue to provide financial support to assist northern New Mexico families seeking to adopt children, no matter where the children reside. They will also assist families residing in or outside of New Mexico seeking to adopt children from northern New Mexico.

Commissioner Adesso explained that they will provide financial support, once a child has been adopted, to help minimize the number of adoption disruptions, which take place. It is their hope that every child will find their “Forever Family”. He said the purpose of the foundation is to promote adoption awareness. While there are programs in place for youth who are aging out of the foster care system, often times these young adults are faced with unmet needs. AML will continue to address these issues through their Funding Futures Project. In collaboration with the Youth Services Bureau Independent Living Program at CYFD, they will provide grants to youth as they transition out of foster care as a means of supporting them, as they become independent and productive adults. They also work with Gerard’s House on grief services. Commissioner Adesso offered to keep the Commission apprised. There was brief discussion about the fact that funding assistance - for a child in foster care - stops once the child is adopted.

5a. Jail Health Subcommittee

Chairman Martinez reported that the Jail Health Subcommittee took into account Dr. Steven Spencer’s comments on the medical protocol that they are trying to develop between the jail and the community providers. He noted that the question came up on whether or not this could be implemented, given the current resources and the answer was no. The Subcommittee will assess what resources are needed to implement the medical protocol. The next meeting will be on July 15, 2009 at 2:30 p.m.

Commissioner Rodriguez noted that there have been meetings to discuss those individuals who are under protective custody and may have a behavioral health issue or substance abuse problem - being in jail and/or the emergency room. There were representatives from the jail, Sobering Center, CHRISTUS/St. Vincent Regional Medical Center and law enforcement at these meetings. Commissioner Rodriguez reported that there was discussion about asking for procedures for this but the details still need to be worked out. She said the Jail Health Subcommittee might be an appropriate place to discuss this further.

Commissioner Gonzales said he hopes that Sangre de Cristo Community Health Partnership NM SBIRT will be involved because they have talked about having a

behavioral health councilor at SVRMC to do screening intervention. He noted that SAMSHA has grant funding for jail diversion and this may be a way to subcontract to get this done - provide counseling and possibly a SBIRT screen for those discharged from jail. He thinks it would be appropriate for this Commission to keep track of what is going on with healthcare reform and the economic stimulus money and provide feedback.

MATTERS FROM THE COMMISSION:

Health Para Todos Radio Program Update

Commissioner Gonzales reported that he developed a schedule for nine radio broadcasts.

Chairman Martinez invited Commissioner Cassidy to be a guest on the radio program next week.

Other Matters from the Commission-Subcommittee Updates

Commissioner Rodriguez mentioned that she would be attending the luncheon for the end of the Crisis Intervention 40-hour Training that was conducted by the CARE Connection for city officers and sheriff officers to deal with behavioral health issues.

Commissioner Campos announced that SVRMC, through a private donation, would be launching a series of lectures beginning June 20th to bring the idea of health care topics to a broader community.

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 Russell moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Approved by:

Larry Martinez, Chairman

Respectfully submitted by:

Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer