

**SANTA FE COUNTY  
HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING COMMISSION**

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**October 2, 2009**

A 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 a quorum for conducting official business as follows:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Larry Martinez, Chairman  
Terrie Rodriguez, Vice Chairman  
Arturo Gonzales, Vice Chairman  
Nancy S. Adelsheim  
Erika Campos  
Louis Carlos  
John Cassidy  
Fiquet Hanna Duckworth  
Valery Henderson  
Patricio Larragoite  
Melissa Manlove  
Dr. Frantz Melio  
Beverly Russell  
Ardis M. Thomas  
John "Jack" White  
Judith K. Williams

**MEMBER(s) ABSENT:**

Rick Adesso, excused  
Lydia Zepeda Jennings, excused  
Elizabeth Reynolds, excused

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Cathy Berkley, Health and Human Senior Services Division  
Lisa Garcia, Maternal & Child Health Council  
Marie Garcia, Health and Human Services Division

Ron Pacheco, Health and Human Senior Services Division  
Steve Shepherd, Health and Human Services Division Director

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Katherine Freeman, Director United Way of Santa Fe County  
Courtney Guthreau, Project HOPE  
Linda Longacre, Project Access  
Carol Tyrell, NMDOH, MCH  
Julia Valdez, Constituent Services Liaison for BCC Commissioner Liz Stefanics  
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

Chairman Martinez introduced and welcomed the newly appointed Commissioner, Ms. Judith Williams, the representative for the senior citizen position.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Item 5a) Matters from the Commission was moved up on the Agenda.

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

**MATTERS FROM THE COMMISSION**

Commissioner Gonzales and Commissioner White attended a meeting with the Board of County Commissioners on behalf of the HPCC.

Commissioner Gonzales made a report to the Board of County Commissioners on the City/County Alcohol Abuse Task Force recommendations. These were the recommendations that came out of the Education Committee, Judicial Committee, Law Enforcement Committee, Treatment Committee and the Alcohol Tax Option Committee. Commissioner Gonzales noted that the representatives will take these recommendations back to their prospective governing bodies: the City Council and the BCC.

At the BCC meeting, the County Manager (Roman Abeyta) was asked to do a cost analysis of what the recommendations would do to the County's budget.

Commissioner Gonzales said that the Task Force will continue to meet - to come up with numbers and work with the County Manager to get some cost figures on those recommendations.

Commissioner Rodriguez reported that the City Manager presented the recommendations to City Council and they were passed unanimously. However, there were some exceptions - one of the recommendations was that the City should not allow alcohol on City property, but this issue has to be re-examined. The City would like to have these kinds of initiatives be mirrored by the County.

Commissioner Gonzales noted that the recommendations from the Education Committee include working with the schools and parents in terms of substance abuse and alcohol awareness, etc. The recommendations also include training for councilors and social workers on screening and brief intervention, and how to look at risks of substance and alcohol abuse. The Education Committee recommended that the County/City support Governor Richardson's initiative at the next Legislative Session with respect to DWI. Another recommendation of the Education Committee was to request that Medicaid pay for some screening and brief intervention codes that are currently accepted by CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services).

The Education Committee also recommended that the City/County support the Attorney General's initiative in the next Legislative Session for the local county tax option.

The meeting was also about the decision and/or resolution that the County made not to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with CHRISTUS/St. Vincent Regional Medical Center (CSV). During the September 4, meeting, the HPPC expressed concerns that this reported action was taken without consultation of the HPPC by the Board of County Commissioners. The HPPC requested a meeting with the Board of County Commissioners to address the concerns with respect to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). Commissioner White asked them about the resolution and Commissioner Stefanics indicated that there was probably not a resolution or a motion made, things are still under consideration and that County Manager, Roman Abeyta will get back with the HPPC. The BCC essentially tabled the issue saying that a lot of things are still being considered, that this is still in the decision making process and they have not come up with a real concrete conclusion.

Chairman Martinez clarified that there were two letters: the first letter that was delivered on September 4<sup>th</sup> talked about the motion that the HPPC made and passed that urged the County Commissioners to make available \$2.6 million in matching funds for \$13 million of supplemental funding. The second one was the (draft) letter to the Honorable Mike D. Anaya, Chairman of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners dated September 11, 2009 by HPPC Chairman Larry Martinez. This letter expresses concern about the fact that the Board of County Commissioners has decided not to have a MOA with CSV and asks the BCC for a meeting to discuss the reasoning for the decision not to enter into a MOA with the hospital.

Commissioner Gonzales explained that County Manager, Roman Abeyta was not prepared to meet with them at that point in time. He noted that Alex Valdez, CEO of CSV said at that meeting that even though there is not a MOA, CSV is prepared to fund \$410,000 to the Community Benefit Fund and they would like to continue the RFP process through the HPPC for distributing these funds.

Commissioner Gonzales said that the County is apparently going to make a big push with Esperanza on domestic violence issues. They will have what they are calling "Domestic Violence Day". They will also have a press conference and Commissioner

Gonzales offered them an opportunity to have a couple of spots on the radio program and possibly a live remote.

Mr. Shepherd added that Alex Valdez also committed \$300,000 for Project Access as well.

Ms. Julia Valdez noted that the County is also having a Town Hall meeting at the County Commissioners Chambers on domestic violence issues.

Chairman Martinez thanked Commissioners White and Gonzales for attending the meeting and handling this on his behalf.

Commissioner Gonzales concluded his report noting that the County has indicated that they will continue with their portion of the radio contract for the Health Para Todos Radio Program. He noted that they would like to have a broadcast in the near future on the proposed Medicaid cuts.

Chairman Martinez mentioned that they devoted the discussion of the September 25<sup>th</sup> radio broadcast to a behavioral health continuum. Arturo Delgado, the Public Information Officer of CSV and Mark Boschelli, the Clinical Supervisor for Presbyterian Medical Services, were guests on the show. They discussed the various aspects of assessment and the need to build up outpatient therapy and resources. CSV reported that they would not be closing their inpatient psychiatric unit as rumors have indicated.

Commissioner Gonzales said that the BCC expressed concerns that people are not accessing the County Indigent Fund dollars-people are not billing or asking for reimbursement from the Indigent Fund. Mr. Shepherd offered to provide the Commission a report on this at the next meeting.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: September 4, 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.

Page 5, 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph, 1<sup>st</sup> sentence was changed to read: “*Commissioner Larragoite said that he sees **socio-isolation** in older adults, particularly in rural and agricultural communities.*”

Commissioner Larragoite made the following changes to the Minutes of the September 4, 2009 meeting:

Page 11, last paragraph, the following statements were added:  
“*Commissioner Melio said he is presently dealing with a patient who could not receive very costly pain injections without the indigent funding.*”

*“Mr. Alex Valdez was asked what line item in CSV’s budget would the supplemental funding go, if it is received. Mr. Valdez said it would go in the General Fund.”*

Commissioner Larragoite requested that the roll call vote be included in the minutes - on the motion that was made and passed on page 12. The motion was as follows:

*“Commissioner Gonzales moved that the Health Policy and Planning Commission firmly recommends to the Board of County Commissioners that they appropriate \$2.6 million from the County fund as a match for the Supplemental Sole Community Provider Funds of \$13 million, no later than September 18, 2009. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion, which passed by roll call vote.”* The roll call vote was as follows:

*Chairman Martinez and Commissioner Melio abstained from voting having declared a conflict of interest.*

*Commissioner Russell – yes*

*Commissioner White – yes*

*Commissioner Rodriguez – yes*

*Commissioner Cassidy – yes*

*Commissioner Henderson – yes*

*Commissioner Gonzales – yes*

*Commissioner Reynolds – yes*

*Commissioner Larragoite – no*

*Commissioner Thomas – yes*

*Commissioner Adelsheim – yes*

*(Commissioner Campos left the meeting before the vote was taken.)*

**(Motion passed with a vote of 9 to 1)**

**Commissioner Melio moved to approve the Minutes of the September 4, 2009 meeting, as amended. Commissioner Adelsheim seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.**

#### **STAFF REPORTS:**

##### **a. Adam Senior Center**

Mr. Pacheco and Ms. Berkley gave an update on the Adam Senior Center in Eldorado. Mr. Pacheco reported that they have been granted five different contracts through the State for capital projects and they are working hard on spending these funds.

Ms. Berkley distributed a handout on the numbers for the Adam Senior Center for the last quarter. The Eldorado Center served 1376 congregate meals and 1143 Meals on Wheels, held 651 activities and provided transportation to 104 individuals. She noted that they added a new painting class that will start in the middle of October.

Ms. Berkley mentioned that a cactus garden was donated to the Adam Senior Center.

She noted that they made arrangements with vendors at the Farmers Market to get great prices on organic food and they have been incorporating organic food into their menus.

Ms. Berkley explained that she is beginning to see a trend with seniors who are living out of their cars. These are middle class people who have lost their jobs and are not used to asking people for help. They are embarrassed and/or ashamed of their current situation. Ms. Berkley said this is a hidden problem and we need to be aware of it.

**b. Maternal & Child Health Council**

[Copies of the Santa Fe County Maternal and Child Health Council (Council) Profile and Plan for 2010-2014 were distributed.] The Profile and Plan will serve as a guide and a plan of action for the Council for the years 2010-2014. The Council has identified its priorities and goals following a review of its vision and mission statements as well as consideration of changes and trends emerging in maternal, child and family health in Santa Fe County.

Ms. Lisa Garcia explained that the Council was first funded through the New Mexico Department of Health in 1991 by the New Mexico State Legislature's County Maternal and Child Health Plan Act. Continued funding is contracted annually from the New Mexico Department of Health to the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners to support the Council's work. The members of the Council are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to act in an advisory role in matters of maternal and child health. Ms. Lisa Garcia reported that they had two resignations on the Council and they need a motion by the HPPC to reappoint the other six members.

**Commissioner Melio moved to reappoint the six individuals to the MCH Council. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.**

Ms. Lisa Garcia reviewed the MCH profile data noting that they promote breastfeeding and the current breastfeeding rate of clients from La Familia Medical Center is at 90%.

Ms. Lisa Garcia reported that the Council will be changing its priorities for the next four-year funding cycle to include: infant care and strengthening family connectedness for improved community health and child development (and wellness). She said that abuse and neglect is increasing and the need for the TANF/Food Stamps program is increasing as well.

The Profile and Plan for 2010-2014 was submitted to the Department of Health in June. The Council has not received any feedback as of yet. Commissioner Henderson noted that the Department of Health will be meeting about the Request for Proposals in about two weeks and they should provide some feedback at that time.

Commissioner Rodriguez asked if they had any discussions about dental health for the families that they serve.

Ms. Lisa Garcia said this did not come up.

Commissioner Larragoite asked Ms. Lisa Garcia if they have seen a rise in the area of post partum depression.

Ms. Lisa Garcia said yes.

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

### **a) Project LAUNCH Update**

Ms. Freeman thanked County staff from the Health and Human Services Division for their support and assistance with the Project LAUNCH (Santa Fe Children's Project). She said that the mission of the United Way of Santa Fe County is to create lasting change in chronic community conditions and they fulfill this mission through the Santa Fe Children's Project.

Ms. Freeman reviewed the PowerPoint presentation on Project LAUNCH.

[Copies of the PowerPoint presentation were distributed and reviewed.] She explained that the purpose of Project LAUNCH is to promote the wellness of young children, birth to 8 years of age. Project LAUNCH defines wellness as a state of positive physical, emotional, social and behavioral health. The Santa Fe Children's Project is a blend of direct service, collaborations, public and private partnerships, community engagement and policy and advocacy that creates *lasting* change in Santa Fe. Project LAUNCH is funded through a SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) 5-year grant that was awarded to the Department of Health and the Maternal and Child Health Division. The Childhood Action Network identified the Santa Fe Children's Project as meeting the criteria to carry out this grant. The New Mexico Department of Health will use the grant to build state-level infrastructure, promote system alignment and develop a demonstration project through the Santa Fe Children's Project. The County manages the grant. Grants were awarded to only six states; therefore New Mexico was very fortunate to be able to secure this grant funding.

Ms. Freeman reported that they have a State Plan through Project LAUNCH and they have a local plan, which is carried out through the Santa Fe Children's Project. The Local Plan strategy is to carry out home visiting through the First Born program, to continue with execution of the Pre-K program, work on the Out-of-School-Time Program, promote family engagement, empower home daycare providers network group, financial literacy for families, early childhood investment and the creation of a local level Child Wellness Council that will include representatives from health, mental health, child welfare, substance abuse prevention, early childhood education and local education agencies. The local level council will meet monthly and will be responsible for providing strategic guidance and program planning to the local project.



Ms. Freeman said that the grant requires that they do an environmental assessment at the state and local levels and that they flesh out the goals of the grant with the State and Local Strategic Plan. She offered to distribute copies of these to the HPPC when they are available.

Ms. Freeman noted that 60 families are presently enrolled in the First Born home visiting program and the capacity for this fiscal year is 95 families. She said that the biggest challenge is in hiring home visitors.

Chairman Martinez asked if Spanish speaking home visitors receive priority. Ms. Freeman said yes.

Ms. Freeman said that they will be expanding the Pre-K and Family Support program into new schools. She said the Out-of-School-Time program is being piloted out of Kaune Elementary which started this summer. They had partnerships with a number of youth-serving organizations in Santa Fe, which they funded to come in to do a summer program and plan to do the same in the fall. The target was between 20-40 kids and they now have 96 kids.

Ms. Freeman reported on the revenue by funding sources for FY2010.

**b) Project HOPE**

[Copies of the PowerPoint presentation on Project HOPE were distributed and reviewed.]

Project HOPE (Health Opportunities for People Everywhere) and United Health Group are collaborating to overcome health disparities in underserved areas of the United States via state-of-the-art health technology. Together, they have developed a multi-faceted program, including a mobile health and training unit that will catalyze sustainable community-based health improvements in chronic diseases along the continuum of care- from primary to specialty services.

Ms. Guthreau reported that over 50 years, Project HOPE has worked to make quality health care available for people around the globe (active in over 30 countries). They do assessments to identify where the needs are, educate health workers at the facility and community levels, provide humanitarian aid (medicines and supplies) in response to disasters, and mobilize communities to fight diseases such as TB, HIV/AIDs and Diabetes. Ms. Guthreau noted that their oldest program is in China, over 10 years old.

Ms. Guthreau said they want to incorporate a mobile unit into the project in the future. As new healthcare challenges evolve, Project HOPE addresses them thru leadership and partnership-seeking out and implementing innovative solutions.

Ms. Guthreau said that for over 10 years, Project HOPE has been building clinical, educational and support service capacity to prevent, diagnose and treat diabetes in targeted countries and regions – particularly, China, India and Mexico. She explained that if the current trends continue, a quarter of all people in Mexico will be living with diabetes,

within the next 10 years. She said that the diabetes epidemic is growing and there is one death every 10 seconds that is attributed to diabetes. There are two new cases of diabetes every 10 seconds and in an effort to respond to the urgent need for cost-effective strategies to improve the health and quality of life of people affected by diabetes, Project HOPE launched a two-year diabetes education initiative.

Ms. Guthreau reported on the chronic disease approach as follows: prevention, screening and specialty care, improve clinical, education and communication skills, peer support/education, which includes informal, individual counseling, as well as group education in various formats, lifestyle modifications and community mobilization.

Ms. Guthreau reviewed the Diabetes programs in China, India and Mexico noting that there are 10 University Hospital Training Centers in China, 1577 Master Trainers, 812 hospitals in 31 Provinces and more than 200,000 beneficiaries. The Mexico Diabetes Program includes a “5 Steps to Self-Care” 24 hour patient course that has reached more than 75,000 community members.

Chairman Martinez asked Ms. Guthreau what the strategy is in terms of those with high level of depression.

Ms. Guthreau said that they have found that helping people to understand their disease greatly diminishes the frustration of living with a chronic disease. The other piece is the need for behavioral health care.

She explained that obesity is a global health crisis contributing to the diabetes pandemic. 38% of 2435 third graders (2008-2009) were overweight or obese. The term “diabesity” was made up to raise awareness about the relationship between the diseases. In 2007, Project HOPE launched a “Healthy Habits for a Healthy Weight” initiative reaching 2,500 school children, along with their parents and teachers. This targets third graders, parents and teachers and teaches about wellness and healthy habits. Three healthy habits are promoted: Eating 5 or more fruits and vegetables per day, drinking 2 liters of water per day and exercising 1 hour per day.

Ms. Guthreau provided an overview of New Mexico HABITS for Life Program. They would like to have collaborations with primary care clinics and community organizations to operate a mobile health unit. The five program components include healthy habits outreach (awareness, community mobilization), screening campaign (and referral to medical home), HW training (multidisciplinary, direct and distance), telemedicine and specialty care (consult and referral) and operations research (M&E, best practices dissemination).

Ms. Guthreau said the next steps include finalizing the menu of services, finalizing the unit design, piloting school-based outreach and hiring staff. The Pre-Launch event is scheduled for November 16-17 and they plan to launch the event in the first quarter of 2010.

Chairman Martinez asked what they have to do to become a partner. In response, Ms. Guthreau said she finds that a critical component is time – people just don't have enough time - so they need to have enough partners so that the unit is productive.

Commissioner Williams asked what the United Health Group provided.

Ms. Guthreau said that the United Health Group provided the funding and equipment but the project design and staff are from Project HOPE. The United Health Group asked them to come up with something “out of the box” and indicated that they were interested in something like a mobile unit with remote telemedicine capabilities.

Commissioner Campos asked if there was a grant component for the entities that are already providing diabetes training or education.

Ms. Guthreau said she would like to see the unit being used every day, and she would be interested in seeing the training components of those entities that are already providing training or education. She explained how partners would “buy in” to the New Mexico HABITS for Life Program noting that they would assist in training the health workers and providers. There would be a telemedicine component attached to this.

Commissioner Adelsheim asked what the time commitment is for this project. Ms. Guthreau said it is a 3-year project that started as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Commissioner Henderson noted that they are looking at having one mobile unit – she asked if there was an opportunity to increase this over time. Ms. Guthreau said not in the 3-year period. They will have to show the effectiveness of the unit.

Chairman Martinez said possibly they could have Courtney Guthreau as a guest on the radio program.

## **HPPC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **a) Jail Health Subcommittee**

Chairman Martinez reported that they met on September 16<sup>th</sup> and one of the things he asked the Jail administration was what they needed from the HPPC to implement the protocol for those individuals with chronic diseases - what the County needs in order to do this. Staff indicated that they do not have the resources to implement the protocol but this is not a good time to ask for additional resources. The Jail Health Subcommittee will bring the community health providers to the table and figure out how to do this without creating additional staffing needs for the County. Chairman Martinez spoke about doing SBIRT assessments to see if they can start turning some situations around with intervention.

Chairman Martinez asked Commissioner Adelsheim if she would be interested in serving on the Jail Health Subcommittee. Commissioner Adelsheim agreed to serve on the Jail Health Subcommittee.

The next Jail Health Subcommittee meeting will be rescheduled.

**b) District II Representative Application Review**

Chairman Martinez reported that they received four applications for the District 2 vacancy. The date for accepting applications was extended; therefore more applications are coming in. The applications will be reviewed at the next Executive HPPC committee meeting.

Mr. Shepherd noted that they also have a vacancy in the MCH position as well.

**MATTERS FROM THE COMMISSION**

**Community Benefit Funds**

Commissioner Russell referred to the email she sent to Commissioner Campos with respect to the MOA with the County. She said without a MOA, is it still appropriate for the HPPC to serve in this capacity, or should the hospital pull together a separate group to take on the task on the hospital's behalf? If the HPPC does participate, what is the relationship the process/review will have with the County's Call to Action and the broad priorities that are defined in that document. Also, what education will be provided to the community to educate them that the County/HPPC does not have the same partnership agreement? She said if the County does not have a MOA basis to serve the hospital, possibly something should be drafted to give the HPPC legal authority to be able to make recommendations of the Community Benefit Funds.

Mr. Shepherd offered to get something in writing from the County Manager.

Commissioner Campos said that a formal letter will follow from CSV. CSV will be asking the HPPC to make recommendations on the distribution of approximately \$400,000 in Community Benefit Funds. CSV would like the group to focus on behavioral health and substance abuse.

Chairman Martinez asked if there were any Commissioners who would be interested in serving on the Community Benefit Funds Committee.

Commissioner Williams offered to be a potential member of the Community Benefit Funds Committee.

Chairman Martinez suggested that the Community Benefit Funds Committee put together a calendar on when the work will be submitted, when the applications will be accepted, etc.

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

Commissioner Campos reported that CSV had prostate screening last Saturday and 153 men were screened, and of those, 17 had elevated PSAs. They also had their annual

Health and Safety Safari event and had a record turnout this year, approximately 1000 people attended.

Commissioner Campos announced that CSV will have their Annual Breast Cancer screening on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. She said that CSV is also sponsoring the Fresh Dairy Farmer's Market. They will also have the annual flu shot clinic at the hospital and at Arroyo Chamiso clinic.

Commissioner Campos noted that the CSV Foundation is doing their annual fundraiser and the funds will go to the Diabetes Healthy Habits Program.

Commissioner Campos reported that they continue to do the Behavioral Health Community Analysis. They will be adding a qualitative component and have asked the local behavioral health collaborative to give suggestions on gathering the behavioral health information. They will also be looking at the work force 20/20, sort of an estimation of what the region will need as far as physicians, as well as health care providers of different types. The Commission should hear more about this in the next two months.

Commissioner Henderson noted that the Department of Health will administer seasonal flu shots every Wednesday at the Letrado Office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

#### **MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN**

None presented.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a) **Executive Committee October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting at 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**
- b) **HPPC Regular Meeting, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**
- c) **Jail Health Subcommittee Meeting, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:30 p.m.**

Commissioner Rodriguez announced that she will have to resign from being the Chair of the CARE Connection Committee. She encouraged the HPPC to work with that group.

Chairman Martinez noted that County Commissioner Virginia Vigil asked him to recognize Daniel Burke for the many years of service he provided to the HPPC. He will be invited to the next BCC meeting and presented with a plaque.

Ms. Marie Garcia announced that in order to conserve paper and mailing costs for Santa Fe County, packets for the HPPC will no longer be mailed and the agenda, draft minutes and packet material will be e-mailed to the Commissioners. The Stenographer will receive a hard copy.

Julia Valdez announced that the Santa Fe Farmers Market Fall Festival is scheduled for tomorrow.

Commissioner Henderson thanked the County, the CARE Connection and the Sobering Center for allowing the cooking classes to be held at the county facility.

Chairman Martinez thanked everyone for their condolences and kind expressions on the passing of his grandmother.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having completed the agenda and with no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Melio moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Cassidy and passed by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

**Approved by:**

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**Larry Martinez, Chairman**

Respectfully submitted by:

*Jo Ann G. Valdez*, Stenographer