

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

Minutes - December 4, 2009

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MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING COMMISSION
December 4, 2009

A Discussion Session of the Santa Fe County Health Policy and Planning Commission was called to order at 8:55 a.m. by Chairman Larry Martinez on the above-cited date at the Adam Senior Center, 16 Avenida Torreon, Eldorado, New Mexico.

Roll call indicated the lack of a quorum for conducting official business therefore the Commission held a Discussion Session.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Martinez, Chairman
Arturo Gonzales, Vice Chairman
Fiquet Hanna Duckworth
Valery Henderson
Patricio Larragoite
Elizabeth Reynolds
Beverly Russell
Ardis M. Thomas
John "Jack" White
Judith K. Williams

MEMBER(s) ABSENT:

Rick Adesso, excused
Nancy S. Adelsheim, excused
Erika Campos, excused
Louis Carlos, excused
John Cassidy, excused
Lydia Zepeda Jennings
Melissa Manlove, excused
Dr. Frantz Melio, excused
Terrie Rodriguez, Vice Chairman, excused

STAFF PRESENT:

Cathy Berkley, Health and Human Senior Services Division
Rebecca Beardsley, Santa Fe County DWI Program
Lisa Garcia, Maternal & Child Health Council
Marie Garcia, Health and Human Services Division
Steve Shepherd, Health and Human Services Division Director
Julia Valdez, Constituent Services Liaison for BCC Commissioner Liz Stefanics

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kathleen Benecke, Las Cumbres Community Services Community Infant Program
Kathy Armijo Etre, CHRISTUS/St. Vincent Regional Medical Center Consultant
Ramona Flores-Lopez, Presbyterian Medical Services SF School Based Health Service
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Approval of the agenda was not made due to the lack of quorum.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: November 6, 2009

Approval of the Minutes of the November 6, 2009 meeting was not made due to the lack of quorum.

NEW MOBILE HEALTH VAN BUS TOUR

A tour of the new Mobile Health Van was conducted.

STAFF REPORTS

A. DWI/LDWI FY 2011 BUDGET OVERVIEW AND AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR FUNDING

Ms. Beardsley provided an overview of the Santa Fe County DWI Program as follows:

- In 1993, the New Mexico Legislature created the Local DWI Grant Program and funds county programs through the liquor excise tax.
- In 1997, Santa Fe County created a formal DWI Planning Council which advises the County on what components to fund in order to best address the local alcohol-related issues. The DWI Planning Council is made up of different representatives from the District Attorney's Office, law enforcement, tribal government, judicial system, public schools and concerned citizens. The Council meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 8:30 and the meetings are open to the public.
- Highlights of what is working include: Prevention education offered at the Santa Fe and Pojoaque schools grades K-college and information is provided to the public at a great number of community events.
- Evidenced-based programs are used, advertisements are done in movie theaters, buses, newspapers and in local publications in order to educate and raise awareness.
- In FY 2009, 29,063 people attended prevention activities and 16,803 students were served in 47 schools.
- The CADDy (Chauffer And Designated Driver) Program was implemented in June of 2007. Safe transportation is provided by Capital City Cab to any location within Santa Fe City limits. It runs on Fridays and Saturdays nights from 5:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. (peak hours for DWI arrests). The CADDy Program does not transport minors unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

- Data was recently pulled from the City of Santa Fe Police Department comparing DWI arrests for FY07 and FY2009 (after two years of operation). There were 219 DWI arrests in 2007 and 68 in 2009 on Fridays, which is a 69% reduction. There were 294 DWI arrests in 2007, down to 67 in 2009 on Saturdays, which is a 77% reduction. They attribute the decrease to community awareness and this program.
- Ms. Beardsley noted that they did not see the same results across the board: DWI arrests were up 29% on Mondays, 16% on Tuesdays and 22% on Wednesdays and 37% down on Thursdays.
- Last year the CADDy Program provided over 5500 rides.
- In addition to paying salaries and benefits for two law enforcement officers, they meet monthly with seven agencies to identify loopholes, trends and equipment needs and plan multi-agency checkpoints/saturation patrols.
- Both the city and county currently have vehicle seizure programs, which they believe will also contribute to reducing DWIs.
- Every DWI offender is screened/tracked and data is collected. They also make sure that they comply with J&S (staff essentially acts as probation officers). Standardized J&S's help ensure that all penalties and sanctions are imposed. 82% of arrested offenders were tracked in 2008.
- The program oversees Magistrate Court offenders – approximate case load is 1,400 active offenders (staff of 3). Magistrate Court is part of the New Mexico Court Monitoring project.
- There is a high usage rate of ignition interlocks – ordered ignition interlocks in 99% of the cases reviewed. A 90-day mandatory compliance hearing, which has raised compliance rates and will most likely be adopted by other counties.
- They are also involved in a state treatment study to ensure compliance with the law that mandates treatment for 2nd and 3rd offenders. The internal program policy mandates that anyone charged with an aggravated DWI undergo treatment even if it is a first offense. 96.4% of the offenders in the study were ordered to CARE Connection for alcohol/substance abuse screening and 98.2% of those were screened and 98.2% of those had treatment tracked which increases compliance.
- From 2003-2007, there was a 41% reduction in alcohol related accidents/crashes and a 48% reduction in alcohol related injuries. From 2003-2008 there was a 50% reduction in fatalities.
- In July 2009, a City/County Task Force addressing Alcohol was established. The objective of the Task Force is to develop a comprehensive community approach to reduce alcohol abuse and harm in Santa Fe by creating community change. Work teams are focusing on four areas: Education and prevention, law enforcement and judicial, treatment and alcohol taxation. All teams have made initial recommendations. The recommendations address short-term and long-term projects. There will be an update in January on the work of each group.

Ms. Beardsley reviewed the budget for the current fiscal year (2010) noting that the total is \$1,126,813. \$368,850 will be for prevention, \$156,000 for enforcement, \$96,200 for screening, \$87,500 for treatment, \$134,400 for compliance, \$236,363 for coordination, planning and evaluation and \$47,500 for alternative sentencing.

Ms. Beardsley requested approval/consensus from the Health Policy and Planning Commission to present the FY2010 Budget for the County DWI Program (as reviewed) to the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Gonzales asked how this budget compares to those of other counties.

In response, Ms. Beardsley said this budget is more than a lot of other counties who are operating DWI programs.

Chairman Martinez said the Commission cannot take any action on this today due to the lack of quorum. He noted that the HPPC Executive Committee can act on behalf of the Commission. The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2009.

PRESENTATION

A. Las Cumbres Community Infant Mental Health Program

Ms. Benecke presented information on Las Cumbres Community Infant Mental Health Program. Las Cumbres has been serving children, families and adults with special needs for over 36 years in Santa Fe, Los Alamos and Rio Arriba counties. The Santa Fe Community Infant Mental Health Program has been operating in Santa Fe since 1999, and has been part of Las Cumbres since 2001. The program is supported by the Brindle Foundation, the City Children & Youth Commission, March of Dimes, Santa Fe Community Foundation, and the Santa Fe County Board of Commissioners.

Ms. Benecke noted that they served 111 families last year. She explained that the Program provides comprehensive, therapeutic home-based services with a focus on the mental health of infants, ages prenatal to three. Staff therapists work with families where there are concerns about the parents' or caregivers' ability to provide a secure and trusting relationship with their infant or child or when there may be risk of abuse or neglect. The most frequent reasons for referrals are substance abuse; domestic violence; maternal depression; significant lack of parenting skills; and/or concerns for the risk of child abuse or neglect.

Commissioner Thomas requested additional information from Ms. Benecke in reference to what they do. She said the Corrections Department would like to start a program with the Boys and Girls Club to help families that have a parent who is incarcerated. She asked Ms. Benecke to consider working with the parents who are incarcerated – either while they are in the facility or when they get out. Ms. Benecke said they would like to have more collaboration with them. Commissioner Thomas will get Ms. Benecke's contact information following the meeting.

Commissioner Gonzales mentioned that representatives from the Boys and Girls Club will be guests on the radio station for the next broadcast. He invited Commissioner Thomas to be a guest also.

Commissioner Gonzales asked Ms. Benecke about staffing. Ms. Benecke said they have four full-time therapists and two part-time employees.

Chairman Martinez said there is growing evidence that early intervention programs are the way to go. He noted that he sits on the Child Wellness Advisory Committee (for Project Launch) and there seems to be consensus that early intervention is efficacious. He explained that the Student Wellness Action Teams have indicated that intervention activities need to start at an earlier age (at the elementary level). He said they need to do whatever it takes to keep the Infant Mental Health project going and whole. He invited Ms. Benecke to attend the Child Wellness Advisory Committee meetings.

Ms. Benecke said that intervention and prevention services offered in a child's earliest years have much greater impact on their long-term social and emotional well-being than services provided at any other time in life. Every dollar spent on prevention and early intervention can save up to \$17 down the road on other social, educational and health services. The strengthening of parents' and caregivers' relationships with their children, and the growth of understanding of the causes of their own behavior, help break the cycle of abuse and neglect, thus fostering healthier individuals, families and communities.

Ms. Benecke agreed that they have to start intervention at an earlier age. She said some children are being kicked out of day care centers because of behavioral problems at four years of age.

Chairman Martinez mentioned that he also serves on the Local Behavioral Health Collaborative for District 1, which covers Santa Fe, Rio Arriba and Los Alamos counties and they make these types of efforts high priority, when it comes to behavioral health issues. He said they have supported a proposal that was put together by Las Cumbres. He suggested that they make this an ongoing dialog and invited Ms. Benecke to attend future HPPC meetings. He also invited Ms. Benecke to be on the radio program.

B. Santa Fe Underage Drinking Prevention Alliance

Commissioner Henderson introduced Ms. Ramona Flores-Lopez noting that she and Ms. Flores-Lopez are members of the Santa Fe Underage Drinking Prevention Alliance.

Commissioner Henderson reported that they are working on initiatives with respect to talking to children *before they start drinking*. These messages have been broadcasted weekly in the city and county through e-mail efforts and CSV put it in their newsletter.

Commissioner Henderson referred to the handout that was distributed entitled "*The Human and Economic Cost of Alcohol Abuse in New Mexico, 2006*". The report was written and published by Jim Roeber from the Epidemiology and Response Division of the New Mexico Department of Health. Commissioner Henderson said they are talking to Jim Roeber about changing the messages to address the statewide directive, and to add another component to this – an advocacy tool, to provide parents the tools and resources to be better advocates.

Commissioner Gonzales said this is an excellent analysis and he thinks the point that Jim Roeber is trying to make with the statistics that he quoted is that we, as a state and

a community, have done a good job of dealing with DWI. He said we have to address the fact that alcohol is not only related to DWI. It also causes liver disease, cancer, domestic violence, etc, which means we have to put some money towards treatment and prevention programs. He said the radio station would be happy to use these messages as health promotion radio spots. They could be broadcasted both in English and Spanish.

Commissioner Henderson noted that some SAMSHA funding was dedicated for Santa Fe County to go towards adolescent health for alcohol and substance abuse, but for some reason this money is not getting back to Santa Fe County. They have inquired with the Department of Health about this and will be following up.

Ms. Flores-Lopez said in addressing the underage drinking problem- which is pretty severe in Santa Fe County- and in looking at who are influential people in young people's lives, they found that parents are the number one influential people and the second one is healthcare providers.

Ms. Flores-Lopez reported that she has agreed to work with an Education Committee on creating a training program for physicians who treat adolescents. Another challenge they have to address is children who self-refer, and maintaining confidentiality. They need help with resources-where to send people and how to address when physicians identify a problem, without notifying the parents. They are doing research on what tools are most effective with adolescents and providers and they are in the process of field testing the training program with a physician.

Ms. Flores-Lopez said that they are reminding parents that it is a fourth degree felony to serve alcohol to underage adolescents. They are looking at proposing a "Social Hosting" law that would be similar to the one that Albuquerque has.

Chairman Martinez noted that the various workgroups of the Alcohol Abuse Task Force will be presenting their recommendations on December 9th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Community Convention Center in the Nambe Room.

HPPC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Jail Health Subcommittee

Chairman Martinez reported that the Jail Health Subcommittee held a meeting last month and focused on what resources are necessary to implement the protocol that has been developed for the transition of those individuals who are receiving health care services in the detention facility when they are discharged. The Corrections Director (Annabelle Romero) suggested that the Subcommittee not come forward with the recommendations for additional resources, due to the present economic situation.

The Subcommittee also discussed the feasibility of doing a SBIRT screening for individuals who are discharged from the Adult Facility and it was pointed out that a pretty extensive screening is done presently. Commissioner Thomas noted that a comprehensive assessment is done by a nurse when individuals come into the detention facility.

Commissioner Gonzales asked if the Jail is doing Suboxone treatment.

Ms. Thomas said Dr. Rolig is working on doing this sometime down the road.

B. HPPC District II Recommendation

Chairman Martinez reported that the HPPC Executive Committee reviewed the applications for the District II vacancy and made the recommendation that the Board of County Commissioners consider Tita Gervers and Kathleen Rowe, as possible candidates to fill the vacancy. Each of them has experience, ties to the community and a good understanding of the issues in Santa Fe.

The Commission was unable to take action on the recommendations of the Executive Committee due to the lack of quorum.

C. Optum Health Status Update

Chairman Martinez noted that the key systemic problem that Optum Health is facing is the issue of getting payments out to the providers. Optum Health's system was unable to accommodate multiple registrations (when individuals receive services from more than one provider).

Chairman Martinez reported that the State Purchasing Collaborative has imposed fine and civil monetary penalties on Optum Health for their failure to pay providers. They are also being fined \$10,000 a day until they can demonstrate that their system is up to standard, with respect to paying claims.

Commissioner White suggested that contractors' systems be tested before a contract is issued.

MATTERS FROM THE COMMISSION:

**A. CHRISTUS/St. Vincent Regional Medical Center Update
(Behavioral Health Assessment Update)**

This agenda item was not discussed because Commissioner Campos was unavailable.

B. Health Para Todos Radio Station Update

Commissioner Gonzales reported that he and Chairman Martinez hosted the Con Alma Foundation Awards Ceremony - \$525,000 worth of funding was awarded. Chairman Martinez noted that this was the first time that they had a statewide webcast and it was a success.

Commissioner Gonzales noted that they will be meeting with the Boys and Girls Club to discuss how they are working with the kids whose parents are incarcerated-to help the children, etc.

As noted previously, Commissioner Gonzales invited Kathleen Benecke to be a guest on a future broadcast.

On the December 18th broadcast, the topic and discussion will be on Hospice care for patients with terminal illnesses.

Commissioner Gonzales reported that the program has been paid for another year. He said they will also be covering the State Legislative Session.

Commissioner Gonzales has nominated Santa Fe County and Que Suave Radio Station for the Behavioral Health Collaborative Media Award.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

Commissioner Henderson announced that the Department of Health Flu clinics are scheduled for Wednesdays, 8:30 am to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm on 605 Letrado, next to the Salvador Perez Pool.

The Department of Health is encouraging people in the following current H1N1 vaccination priority groups to get vaccinated as soon as possible: pregnant women, household members/caretakers of infants less than 6 months old, children 6 to 59 months of age, children and adults 5 to 64 years of age with certain chronic health conditions that increase their risk of complications from influenza, and healthcare workers and emergency medical service personnel involved with direct patient care.

The Department of Health is encouraging people in the current priority group to call their primary healthcare providers first, to ask if they are providing the H1N1 vaccine. People in the priority groups without insurance or a healthcare provider, or whose provider will not offer the H1N1 vaccine, can get the vaccine from a local public health office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a) **Executive Committee December 16th meeting at 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**
- b) **HPPC Regular Meeting, January 8, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by:

Larry Martinez, Chairman

Respectfully submitted by:
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer