

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING COMMISSION

February 29, 2024

Santa Fe, New Mexico

A. This regular meeting of the Santa Fe County Health Policy & Planning Commission (HPPC) was called to order by Laurie Glaze at approximately 10:30 a.m. on the above-cited date in the Johnson Street Conference Room, 100 Catron Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

This meeting was held in a hybrid format with both remote and in-person participation.

B. The following members were present:

Members Present:

Steven Berkshire
Craig Schermerhorn
Sandy Dransfield
Nelsy Dominguez [virtual]
Jane Hajovsky [virtual]

Member(s) Absent:

Antoinette Villamil

County Staff Present:

Jennifer Romero, Director, Health Services Division
Rachel O'Connor, Director, Community Services Department [virtual]
Elizabeth Peterson, engage [virtual]

Others Present:

Laurie Glaze, Community Member [virtual]
Kathleen Tunney, CSV Community Health Manager
Rachel Cooper, DOH Health Promotion [virtual]
Kenneth Gallegos, Adult Protective Services

C. **Introductions**

Those present introduced themselves.

D. **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was accepted by consensus.

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E. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Schermerhorn moved approve the minutes of January 11, 2024, and Ms. Dominguez seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. [Ms. Dransfield was not present for this action and arrived immediately thereafter.]

2. Elections

Ms. Glaze indicated that since her terms had expired she was opening up the floor for nominations for Chair. Ms. Dransfield nominated Chair Berkshire, and thanked Ms. Glaze for her many years of service. Mr. Schermerhorn seconded the nomination and Chair Berkshire was unanimously voted Chair.

3. Legislative Update

Community Services Director Rachel O'Connor also thanked Ms. Glaze for her work for the commission and the department.

Turning to this year's legislative session, Director O'Connor noted that for the first time the CSD Department had their own list of priorities and had a presence at the Roundhouse. An appropriations request for \$1.2 million for CONNECT was carried by Representative Tara Lujan. She explained the process of moving a bill through the various committees. There was no hearing in the Finance Committee on the larger appropriation but \$350,000 came in from the junior bill. An additional \$160,000 came from Representative Szczepanski for CONNECT, and another \$160,000 for food for seniors.

Director O'Connor said she was heartened to hear the recognition and accolades for both CONNECT and La Sala. She commended Ms. Romero for her work.

A great deal of confusion arose during the session around the liquor excise tax bill which resulted in the bill being tabled. A third priority, CYFD reimbursement, also failed as did Ortiz y Pino's workforce bill. She said the session yielded mixed results.

An \$8 million fund for Santa Fe Recovery Center renovation came through carryover funds.

4. Behavioral Health Leadership Team

Director O'Connor spoke of the behavioral health strategic plan of 2017 which envisioned a coordinating body. A team met informally until COVID hit, after which a formal resolution came about enabling a group of 15 people to develop a system of services. This resolution was passed by the BCC this week. A facilitator, Ramona Flores-Lopez will give it a measure of independence. Ms. Dransfield has been representing the HPPC within this group.

A discussion ensued regarding current members' expiration. Ms. Romero said she would get the information regarding everyone's terms; this is also on the website. There has been a two-term limit and there was committee census to look into specifics about when it was possible to return

to the committee after being termed out. Mr. Schermerhorn suggested redefining the bylaws to allow a member who has served two consecutive terms would be eligible for rejoining for another two terms following a one-year absence.

5. 2024 Health Action Plan

Director O'Connor noted she has been making minor changes to the draft Health Action Plan that was already approved at a previous meeting. HPPC members have been provided copies. Overarching issues carried over from last year's plan include demographic information on poverty and disparities, along with LGBTQ issues, especially in the youth population, and housing. She has emphasized in the text issues concerning alcohol and youth behavioral health. She mentioned the role of CSD in providing basic support in a crisis. The plan will be posted on the County website and embedded in the strategic plan.

The Health Action Plan priorities guide planning, budgeting and daily activities. Director O'Connor thanked Ms. Glaze for her help on the plan.

Mr. Schermerhorn asked about the intended audience of the HAP. Director O'Connor said the community at large and the County, who uses the data. The County Manager referred to the document as the most used document in Santa Fe County. It guides hiring and is integrated into the County's overall strategic plan.

Mr. Schermerhorn pointed out that the community at large might have difficulty in understanding much of the terminology and acronyms, especially in the executive summary. He gave as an example the word "crisis" – did it refer to personal or more widespread crises. Director O'Connor stated they can beef up some of the explanations. She asked for feedback from the HPPC members.

Ms. Hajovsky recommended including a glossary or definition section.

Ms. Dransfield indicated she asked her neighbors if they knew anything about the activities of CSD and they did not. She suggested getting publicity about the HAP, which demonstrates how County dollars are used. Director O'Connor said there was a recent front page story on La Sala, but more publicity is warranted.

Kenneth Gallegos pointed out that in his work with Adult Protective Services they often call upon a crisis team. Director O'Connor said the Community Services Division helps fund the Mobile Crisis Team. "People don't often know what's happening in behavioral health until someone in their family has a behavioral health crisis," Said Director O'Connor. She added that after the technical changes are made it will go before the BCC.

6. Matters from Staff

Director O'Connor indicated that they are starting to incorporate sections of the HAP, such as strengthening the safety net by incorporating PMS as a third FQHC, along with La Familia and First Choice in Edgewood. A contract was just approved for around \$330,000 for PMS to

participate in the CONNECT system. They are also diversifying safety net services for youth. She again thanked Ms. Glaze and looked forward to working with Chair Berkshire.

As an update on La Familia, Ms. Romero said discussions are underway on how to help out, and Anchorum is assisting with technical aspects.

Ms. Romero listed the HPPC meeting schedule for the rest of the year: May 9th, August 8th, and November 14th. From 10:00 to 11:30, all in the Plaza Conference Room. She requested recommendations for new members.

7. Health Council Funding

Ms. Romero said in the past she was enthused about receiving state funding for this group as a health council and was thwarted by the bureaucracy. However, this year the County's health council can receive \$15,333 for five deliverables, including:

- agendas and minutes
- a resolution or supporting document
- attendance at the gathering of health councils on March 19th in Española
- a fact sheet
- a fact sheet with vision and mission statements, priorities, etc. The Health Action Plan could serve in this capacity.

Additionally funding may be forthcoming from the legislature.

Rachel Cooper from DOH said they are now working out how the money is going to be distributed and could amount to \$50,000 per health council.

Ms. Dransfield suggested having a fact sheet encompassing the main points of the HAP could serve to publicize the group.

Ms. Dominguez recommended inviting Valeria Alarcon to the May meeting who could provide more information on health councils in general.

8. Matters from the Commission

Mr. Schermerhorn requested a tour of La Sala, perhaps after new members are brought on. This would help to understand the scope of what they do. It could serve as an orientation.

Chair Berkshire suggested some recognition of Ms. Glaze's work over the years, perhaps in the form of a framable proclamation.

Ms. Hajovsky expressed concern about reaching a quorum in the coming meeting. Ms. Romero stated new members and reappointments have to be approved by the Board of County Commissioners. The HPPC could discuss prospects in a special meeting. Mr. Schermerhorn said they could make use of a nominating committee with fewer members than a quorum participating.

Ms. Dominguez said a special meeting could also take up the previously discussed changes to the bylaws in addition to the vacancies.

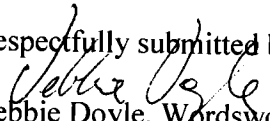
9. Adjournment

This meeting was declared adjourned at approximately 11:58 a.m.

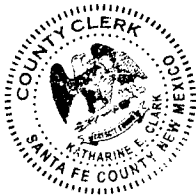
Approved by:



Steven Berkshire, Chair
Health Policy & Planning Commission

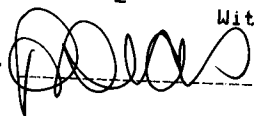
Respectfully submitted by:

Debbie Doyle, Wordswork

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