

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING COMMISSION

June 30, 2022

Santa Fe, New Mexico

1. A. This meeting of the Santa Fe County Health Policy & Planning Commission (HPPC) was called to order by Chair Laurie Glaze at approximately 10:00 a.m. on the above-cited date

Due to COVID-19 restrictions this meeting was held on the virtual platform Webex.

B. Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum with the following members present:

Members Present:

Laurie Glaze
Steven Berkshire
Christa Coggins
Sandy Dransfield
Jane Hajovsky
Susan Lyons
Antoinette Villamil [10:15 arrival]

Member(s) Excused:

Nelsy Dominguez
Craig Schermerhorn

County Staff Present:

Patricia Boies, Director, Health Services Division
Rachel O'Connor, Director, Community Services Department (CSD)
Chanelle Delgado, CSD Youth Services Manager
Alex Dominguez, CSD Behavioral Health Manager
Elizabeth Peterson, LEAD Program Manager
Jennifer Romero, Health Care Assistance Program Manager

Others Present:

Audie Nadler, NM DOH Health Promotion Coordinator
Joseph Pringle, CSV Program Director for Behavioral Health
Kathleen Tunney, CSV Community Health Manager

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C. Introductions

Those present introduced themselves.

D. Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by Commissioner Coggins and second by Commissioner Berkshire, the agenda was unanimously approved.

E. Approval of Minutes

April 21, 2022: Commissioner Dransfield moved to approve the minutes as published. Commissioner Coggins seconded and the motion to approve the April 21, 2022 minutes passed by unanimous voice vote.

2. Presentations

A. Behavior Health Update

Ms. O'Connor shared her screen and presented an overview of La Sala's two separate components housed in the same location: the detoxification program, which is managed by Santa Fe Recovery Center with 27 operational beds; and NM Solutions crisis program, which includes individual client services and the mobile crisis response team.

Regarding the detox program, Ms. O'Connor highlighted:

- The Santa Fe Recovery Detox has increased its bed count from 15 to 27
- Over 1,000 individuals have been served since in FY 22
- The program provides both social and medically monitored detox
- In partnership with NM Solutions, the detox center can meet behavioral health needs of clients
- The center provides a beautiful environment in which to detox

On the other side of La Sala is the crisis program, highlighted by Ms. O'Connor as follows:

- The program is operated by New Mexico Solutions
- The program has been opened in phases over the past nine months and is currently fully operational and fully staffed
- Operating hours are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- NM Solutions is fully accredited by CARF
- The program serves a diverse clientele, seven or eight daily, of individuals with severe behavioral health challenges
- The plan is that NM Solutions will eventually taper off Santa Fe County funding and be self-sustaining

Ms. O'Connor mentioned the partners noting that the majority of the clients entering La Sala are referred via the City's ARU, Alternative Response Unit. Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office has also brought individuals to La Sala. It is hoped that La Sala can assist in reducing the traffic in

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the emergency department and jail. She discussed the issues that individuals present with at the center.

The Santa Fe Mountain Center is providing an array of services with a focus on harm reduction in Edgewood, with space at First Choice.

She mentioned individuals in jail with low-level offences with behavioral health needs. The County recently funded an interdisciplinary team and is looking to partner with the jail to identify the top 15 repeat offenders with behavioral health issues. The County is hoping that after release from jail these individuals could be connected with community-based services and case management with Life Link.

A public awareness scope of services is being developed for La Sala. The County will continue to invest in youth behavioral services. RECC (Regional Emergency Call Center) is developing behavioral health and mobile crisis services training for 988.

Commissioner Dransfield lauded the progress of La Sala and CONNECT as “truly remarkable.”

In response to a question regarding the low number of individuals at La Sala, Ms. O’Connor said individuals receive services as a team response at La Sala. If someone is particularly agitated it takes a group approach, and professional and peer intervention.

Ms. O’Connor said the work being accomplished among programs is significant and crosses all the divisions.

In regarding to collecting data, Alex Dominguez said daily numbers are collected and reported to CSD. Community Services Department. The Recovery Center provides numbers that differentiate between walk-ins, referrals from other agencies, and direct referrals from CSV. The Crisis Center does not have those numbers because of diverting individuals. Tracking is a component that is being worked on. A client can receive services for a few days in a row and those numbers are not duplicated. There is discussion on how to best utilize the CONNECT program and the community navigators to better serve the clients that may be ending up in the wrong place.

Youth Services Division Update

Chanelle Delgado said Youth Services is the newest recognized division by the County. Currently the division is made up of the DWI Program and Teen Court. Historically, the youth service component issues grants to the community to fulfill youth needs through contractors. She highlighted the following:

- The DWI program is fully funded by state grants with a focus on prevention and treatment
- The Teen Court program is governed by the County and is a pre-adjudicated, voluntary diversion program for children 12-18. The approach is restorative justice to include the family and other community members. Teen Court also receives state funds

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- Youth Services receives referrals from public schools, juvenile probation as well as self-referrals
- Expedited counseling services to identify, refer and track individuals
- Behavioral management has been very useful during Covid
- There has been a recent uptick in alcohol-related substance use coming through the office
- Marijuana is the primary issue

Ms. Delgado reviewed the contracts that are granted through the division.

Teen Court addressed approximately 432 youths 6/1/21 through 6/1/22 – for traffic violations or misdemeanors. 181 youth completed the restorative justice programming and 116 youth and family connected to a counselor or behavioral health services

DWI Program focuses on the various components of offender compliance and monitoring, outpatient treatment and detox, prevention, public awareness, law enforcement and alternative sentences. There has been an uptick in fentanyl and heroin. Ms. Delgado reviewed the programs offered and highlighted the latest fentanyl awareness campaign, “One pill can kill.” A youth as young as 12 tested positive for fentanyl.

The City and County will be working together on a violence prevention program.

Ten grants that will be sustained for a few years will be awarded for behavioral health initiatives.

Commissioner Berkshire asked if any of the programs were geared towards youth and guns and alcohol/drugs. Ms. Delgado responded these are priority concerns for the County. Teen Court clients and parents are screened about guns and guns locks. This will be a priority for the youth violence pilot program.

In terms of evidence-based programs, Ms. Delgado mentioned the Voices for Girls and Boys Council, substance use programs, behavioral management program through the Mountain Center, and the DWI prevention and media literacy as well as the job skills through Innovate.

LEAD Santa Fe County

Ms. Boies indicated that the LEAD program is pursuant to a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice grant that the N.M. Behavioral Health Services Department applied for and received. NM BHSD has awarded grants to six sites, of which Santa Fe County was one. She mentioned that a planning group has been instrumental in developing the program and Elizabeth Peterson is the program manager.

Ms. Peterson said LEAD – Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion – looks to divert individuals with unmet mental health and/or substance use issues to case management services and resources. Ms. Peterson said the program has incredible partners: Sheriff’s Office, Public Defenders, District Attorney, Santa Fe Fire Department, Crisis Center, and Life Link. LEAD goals are:

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- To reduce criminal behavior
- To decrease criminal justice involvement
- To decrease emergency service utilization
- To improve public safety
- To improve individual and population health

Ms. Peterson said the program has been created to specifically address the needs of Santa Fe County. The program relies on multi-disciplinary team work. Case managers meet where it works for the client. The client is encouraged to define their goals and a harm-reduction model is used to assist them in reaching those goals. She discussed a “housing first” model which provides stable housing. The three pathways into LEAD: social law enforcement referral, arrest diversion, and soon to be implemented a community referral.

The LEAD program launched late December 2021:

- Received its first social referral January 2022
- To-date there are three individuals diverted rather than arrested
- 17 individuals have been referred via the social law enforcement pathway
- Two individuals are transferring from the San Miguel LEAD for a fresh start in Santa Fe
- Eight of 17 are actively engaged with the program

Ms. Peterson noted that the Santa Fe Sheriff’s Office has been overwhelmingly committed to this program. At this point, there has not been an in-depth discussion with the City’s Thrive Program.

Ms. Boies said the DOJ grant had specific requirements and the County has Ms. Peterson as its program manager and an evaluation component provided by Aspen Solutions.

3. **Matters of Public Concern** - None were presented

4. **Matters from Staff**

Ms. Boies said the Council of State Governments Justice Center approached her regarding having Santa Fe County participate in a project, “States and Counties Supporting Familiar Faces” to reduce incarceration through best practices and address frequent users of the criminal justice system. The Council is impressed with what the County is already doing and is interested in the County’s participation.

Jennifer Romero presented the CONNECT program to NACo, National Association of Counties, and there is a great deal of interest in the program serving as a state model.

The next meeting will focus on the Community Health Needs Assessments developed by the hospitals.

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5. Matters from the Commission

Commissioner Berkshire updated the Commission on the Planning Advisory Committee for the Housing Plan and said he has attended a couple of meetings where Site Southwest has presented the planning draft. A downpayment assistance ordinance is being development. He offered to provide additional details at a future meeting. Participants on the committee from HPPC include Commissioners Berkshire, Villamil and Dransfield.

Chair Glaze thanked staff for the presentations and added that it is very exciting to see Santa Fe County moving in this direction with the depth of these programs.

6. Adjournment

This meeting was declared adjourned at approximately 11:35 a.m.

Approved by:

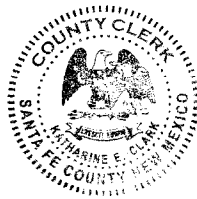
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