

RESOLUTION NO. 1999-44

HEALTH CARE POLICY RESOLUTION

THE SANTA FE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY FINDS THAT:

The health, safety and welfare of the public are of vital interest to Santa Fe County

The County has adopted the following vision statement on November 14, 1995:

Santa Fe County government strives to be a responsive, cutting-edge organization, which has integrated the vision of its residents, employees and elected officials. The Santa Fe County Commission is strongly committed to protecting and preserving our cultural traditions, pristine resources, and diverse communities. Our administration is dedicated to the health, safety, and welfare of the public we serve and to ensuring the quality of life and preservation of resources for future generations. Resident involvement is an essential and integral component to the success of Santa Fe County government. The Santa Fe County Commission is committed to working collectively with constituents to solve problems confronting our communities as we move into the 21st Century.

It is in the public interest of the County to establish its role in health care services given the rapid changes in the realities of health care today.

The County, through public input, community forums and other planning processes developed the Santa Fe Health Care Policy Plan ("Plan").

Through the development of the Plan the following Statement of Commitment to Our Community has been proposed:

Santa Fe County government recognizes that the manner in which health care and community services are being delivered is rapidly changing. Active public involvement with our residents, service providers, community-based organizations, and educational institutions is necessary to ensure affordable, quality, accessible, prevention oriented health and community services that are responsive to our diverse demographics and geography.

And through the input of the community and through the planning process the following health mission statement has been proposed;

Santa Fe County is committed to the improvement, protection and accessibility of existing health services. The County will utilize partnerships with health organizations that will enhance and increase the level of health care provided to Santa Fe County residents and communities.

BE IT THEREBY RESOLVED by the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners:

Goal 1

Define the County's specific roles and responsibilities in meeting new health care challenges.

Objective: Establish a County Health Planning Commission.

Action: The County Health Planning Commission will consist of members of the community appointed by the County Commission.

Action: The County Health Planning Commission will address health care needs of county residents, identify methods of health care delivery, and seek partnerships and grants.

Objective: Using departments within the county, establish the parameters of Santa Fe County's health care services in relation to state, federal and municipal programs.

Action: Each department which has contact with health related activities will submit an analysis of the involvement with health related activities and assess how that role will be defined and enhanced in the future.

Objective: Participate with State Department of Health to better understand and define the roles and responsibilities of government entities (Federal, State, County and Local) in health services.

Goal 2

To improve the quality and efficiency of county health and community-related services through the creation of a County Health and Human Services Department.

Objective: Strengthen the capacity of Santa Fe County to address the health care needs of the community.

Action: Evaluate and assess existing resources in Santa Fe County

Action: Implement the County Manager's five-year plan which would create full time paramedic teams throughout Santa Fe County.

Objective: Begin the development of internal measures in Santa Fe County government to eliminate duplication between agencies that deal with health issues and oversee the activities of those departments.

Action: Assess the importance of each department in relation to its role in the health and welfare of county residents.

Action: Develop mechanisms to join efforts of the departments.

Action: Proceed with a plan to join the efforts of these departments.

Action: Create evaluative structures within county departments to ensure that they are operating in a manner that maximizes use of resources.

Objective: Coordinate and create partnerships with those of other governmental agencies, private organizations and community groups.

Action: Inventory all agencies in the region that are concerned with health care issues.

Action: Identify existing and potential partnerships between agencies

Action: Coordinate and track the activities of health care agencies in the region.

Objective: Create a county health plan that is updated annually and submitted to the BCC for approval at the start of every fiscal year.

Goal 3

To increase public awareness of the services available to them.

Objective: Develop a user friendly health and health related information and referral program for use by residents of Santa Fe County.

Action: Research and identify funding sources appropriate for this project and the costs associated with this project.

Action: Develop and implement the proposal.

Objective: Develop a public information campaign to help residents understand the services provided to them, especially the indigent fund.

Action: Support outreach and lobbying efforts of local health agencies.

Action: Assist these agencies by helping to find local funding for projects.

Action: Sponsor community forms on health care issues.

Action: Inform constituents about changes at the federal, state and local level that could affect access to health care.

Action: Create a plan based on market research that develops the best method for reaching the public.

Objective: Develop resources available on the Internet.

Action: Coordinate input of MCH, Health Care Task Force, the BCC, and the Health Planning Council for delivery to the County Management Information Systems Department for appearance on the County Web site.

Goal 4

To promote prevention and early intervention in the treatment of illness are important to creating a healthier community.

Objective : Coordinate the activities of community health agencies and other programs within Santa Fe County with the purpose of promoting preventative care.

Objective: Further the use of County facilities for education and outreach projects in the Community

Goal 5

To identify and develop where needed local and regional coordinated health care planning efforts and participate in those efforts.

Objective: Reach out towards other governmental, community and private agencies to research the possibility of regional interest in a Regional Health Care Council.

Objective: Establish a database that tracks the supply, demand and utilization of Health services in Santa Fe County in order to assist health planning efforts.

Objective: Communicate and promote rural health care issues.

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APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED this 30th day of March, 1999

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Witness my Hand and Seal of Office
Rebecca Bustamante
County Clerk, Santa Fe County, N.M.

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