

**MINUTES OF THE**  
**SANTA FE COUNTY**  
**HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING COMMISSION**

**June 7, 2019**

**Santa Fe, New Mexico**

**I.** This regular meeting of the Santa Fe County Health Policy & Planning Commission (HPPC) was called to order by Chair Laurie Glaze 9:03 a.m. on the above-cited date at the Santa Fe County Community Services Department Conference Room, 2052 Galisteo Street, Santa Fe.

**II.** A quorum was established with the following members present:

**Members Present:**

Laurie Glaze  
Christa Coggins  
Barry Cooney  
Nelsy Dominguez  
Bonnie Keene  
Michael Munson  
Carolyn Roberts

**Member(s) Excused:**

Kim Straus  
Sandy Dransfield  
Laura Brown

**County Staff Present:**

Patricia Boies, Director, Health Services Division  
Rachel O'Connor, Director, Community Services Department  
Jennifer Romero, Health Services Staff  
Alex Dominguez, Health Services Staff  
Sara Smith, Constituent Liaison  
Lupe Sanchez, DWI Coordinator

**Others Present:**

Anna Hansen, County Commissioner	Terrie Rodriguez, NM Alliance Health
Meredith Root-Bowman, Presbyterian	Erica Abeyta, SFPA
Stuart Castle, PIRE Consultant	Susan Carter, Life Healing Center
Dawn Abriel, Bright Heart Health	Jeff Thomas, Southwest CARE
Ramona Flores Lopez, Citizen	Betty Sisneros Shover, NAMI
Dan Nickelson, NASPE, St. Elizabeth's	Tom Starke, Recovery Santa Fe
Desiree Valdez, NMDOH	Brandy Van Pelt, La Familia
K. Gwendolyn Gallagher, NMDOH	Lupe Salazar, Barrios Unidos
Carolyn Moore, Nurses with Heart	Sixto Aguirre, Barrios Unidos
Amy Fisher, BCBS	Tony Michels, BCBS
Kermit Cole, Serna Solutions	

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### **III. Introductions**

Those present introduced themselves.

### **IV. Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Coggins moved to approve and Commissioner Munson seconded. The motion to approve the agenda passed without opposition.

### **V. Approval of Minutes: May 3, 2019**

County Commissioner Hansen and Commissioner Cooney asked to strike a statement on page 7. With that change, Commissioner Coggins moved approval and Commissioner Dominguez seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **VI. Matters of Public Concern**

County Commissioner Hansen expressed her appreciation of the HPPC. She announced the Rhode Island Detention System is going to make a presentation at the New Mexico Association of Counties conference in Clovis, with emphasis on the opioid crisis.

Dawn Abriel stated Bright Heart has initiated a program in conjunction with the Department of Health/Behavioral Health Division to ensure a warm hand-off prior to release from the emergency department. This is a pilot program starting in northern New Mexico.

Betty Sisneros Shover described NAMI's informational meeting series. Dr. Matt Stricherz will be talking about substances commonly abused. Their talks are live-streamed and on YouTube. Tom Starke added that generally there are 15 to 20 people in the room for these talks, but 100 to 200 people watch on-line.

Mr. Starke said there will be a memorial for overdose victims sponsored by Santa Fe Recovery held August 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 5:30 in the courtyard of the Our Lady of Guadalupe. The sixth annual Rally for Recovery will be held on September 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:00 to 4:00 at the Midtown Campus. Meow Wolf will be sponsoring an art show. Additionally, there are now 440 certified peer support workers and they will be manning a help center.

Terrie Rodriguez announced that the first meeting of the Governor's statewide complete count census committee was held on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Regarding the census, Ms. Boies noted that the BCC established a Complete Count Committee for the 2020 Census and she will be bringing a resolution to the County Commission on June 25<sup>th</sup> to increase the size of the committee and to approve members, who require appointment by the BCC. The City will be joining in the committee. Robert Rhatigan of UNM, who presented to the HPPC last year, has been involved, and the national director of the US

Census toured the state last week, culminating in meetings in Albuquerque which included congressional representatives and funders.

**VII. Presentations**

**A. Presbyterian Healthcare Services Community Health Needs Assessment**

Ms. Boies introduced Meredith Root-Bowman, who presented on the Presbyterian needs assessment to the Commission in April. Ms. Root-Bowman stated she would be sending the 150-page PHS Community Health Needs Assessment document electronically and would be providing highlights of the report. The IRS requires this assessment of non-profit hospitals. She said PHS typically serves as a community convener and believes in partnering to strengthen what exists, while avoiding duplication of efforts and assessment fatigue. She said this was an opportunity to accentuate the positive.

Presbyterian's priorities are: behavioral health, social determinants of health, access to healthcare, and healthy eating. Ms. Root-Bowman stated they arrived at these priorities through studying previous assessments, surveys, forums, and data from DOH, IBIS and USDA. The implementation plan was informed by community input. She spoke of the need to acquaint residents and providers of available resources and assets.

The first priority, behavioral health, includes plans for a comprehensive strategy, an opioid stewardship program, and developing peer support. They will emphasize telemedicine to connect providers with those who need services. Commissioner Hansen pointed out that that population may not have access to computers.

Commissioner Cooney noted that behavioral health often leads to anti-social behavior which involves many other facets of the community, including law enforcement. Ms. Root-Bowman indicated they support LEAD (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion), and will be providing medically assisted treatment (MAT), and Narcan distribution. They are currently not providing SBIRT-type screening (Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment) but are looking into that as a future option.

The behavioral health component also includes support for the Santa Fe Prevention Alliance and youth programs, as well as drug disposal drop-off options.

Chair Glaze asked about MAT and continuing case management. Ms. Root-Bowman stated they have an integrative addictions medicine team for case management in conjunction with peer support. Higher need clients are diverted to intensive case management. They are focused on training all physicians, in and out of the system, in MAT.

Mr. Dominguez asked if they were doing detox in the ER and Ms. Root-Bowman responded that they emphasize initiation of treatment for continued, long-term follow-up.

Turning to the social determinants of health, Ms. Root-Bowman indicated they are aware of barriers to health related to social needs and to counteract this they are cross-training peer support workers in community support. She said PHS has been part of the Accountable Health

Community (now Santa Fe County Connect) and they have a five-year work plan to screen for social determinants, with an emphasis on identifying the risk of interpersonal violence.

Ms. Root-Bowman stated access to care is being addressed through increased DOH certification of community health workers, expanding the ECHO clinic model, increased referrals for home visits, and self-management of chronic condition workshops.

The hospital serves free healthy meals to kids zero to 18 – breakfast from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and lunch from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm, seven days a week. The PHS system has served over 40,000 free meals. Discounts are sometimes offered for adults. Ms. Root-Bowman added they work with the farmers market.

Ms. Root-Bowman reiterated they are building on what exists. She outlined their community benefits, most of which come in the form of financial assistance to ensure greater access. Additionally, they bring in federal grants. She said she will send out the report, which will also be published on the website after it is approved by the board. Following that there will be yearly action plans and progress reports with in-depth evaluations of select programs.

In response to a question from Mr. Dominguez Ms. Root-Bowman said the peer support program will probably begin at the start of 2020.

Commissioner Coggins asked about support for LEAD and other organizations. Ms. Root-Bowman stated they work with DOH-funded health councils and other conveners, such as the Food Policy Council and Santa Fe County Connect.

## **B. Evaluation of DWI Prevention and Compliance Program**

Rachel O'Connor said Community Services oversees the Community Safety Division which is comprised of the DWI program and Teen Court. In order to make sure these programs were doing a good job and to elicit any recommendations for improvement, PIRE was contracted to evaluate the DWI program.

Stuart Castle, consultant for the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (PIRE), noted as a matter of potential interest that an RFP for \$100,000 is to be released shortly from the Office of Substance Abuse; in the past this has gone to the Prevention Alliance.

Mr. Castle thanked those who contributed to the evaluation, including County staff and various focus groups. He presented graphs showing an overall trend toward fewer crashes, which mirrors the aim of the DWI program. The latest data is from 2017. He pointed out that with small numbers, one crash with multiple fatalities, for instance, can result in a spike. However, in addition he showed statistics demonstrating an increase in alcohol-related deaths from all causes. In this area Santa Fe is much higher than the national average.

PIRE developed six objectives, each having a number of recommendations. Lupe Sanchez, DWI Program Coordinator, pointed out the County's compliance program monitors offenders pursuant to court orders from magistrate and district court. Heretofore, there was no

assessment for behavioral health issues. Recently the program has contracted with an independent social worker to assess and link those in need with services. This component will be evaluated in another year. Mr. Sanchez stated offenders are now referred to detox and outpatient services with Santa Fe Recovery Center. Mr. Dominguez indicated \$250,000 has been dedicated to residential treatment and \$71,000 for outpatient services.

Ms. O'Connor stated they have begun to "braid" their funding across divisions.

Mr. Castle said there were some general recommendations: raise the price of alcohol, reduce outlet density, prevent underage drinking and conduct screenings. He reviewed the six objectives:

- Objective 1: Increase law enforcement efforts, including saturation patrols and checkpoints
- Objective 2: Increase perception of risk and consequences of DWI through awareness campaigns
- Objective 3: Fortify youth resistance to alcohol and drugs through programs in the public schools
- Objective 4: Generate community support for anti-DWI efforts
- Objective 5: Reduce DWI recidivism using compliance measures including random urinalysis
- Objective 6: Reduce recidivism among offenders with substance use dependence

Mr. Sanchez outlined issues involving time lag between arrest and disposition of the case. One of the issues is backlog at the state lab involved in testing. He noted the number of variables which makes it difficult to pinpoint causality.

### **VIII. Matters from the Commission and Staff**

#### **A. Director's Report**

Ms. Boies announced there have been two cases of hepatitis A reported in Santa Fe County and over 100 in Albuquerque. She will be meeting with DOH concerning this; they want to prevent an outbreak in Santa Fe.

Ms. O'Connor gave the following updates:

- The behavioral health strategic plan has been distributed and a consultant hired to assist in putting together a Core Leadership Group of approximately 20 people of varied backgrounds. An inventory will be done along with a prioritization of the recommendations in the behavioral health strategic plan. The first meeting will be July
- There will be a press release next week regarding the upcoming CCSS planned for Edgewood. They will be renovating the old First Choice facility

#### **B. Other Matters from the Commission**

Chair Glaze stated she, Ms. Boies and Ms. O'Connor met with County Manager Katherine Miller to discuss MAT at the jail. A discussion group is being formed that will

consist of representatives from County Legal, jail staff, MAT providers, Ms. Boies, Ms. O'Connor and herself. It is anticipated this may result in a presentation to the BCC.

Commissioner Cooney brought up the planning meeting scheduled in anticipation of a special meeting to discuss the role of the HPPC. Chair Glaze said the morning session of the special meeting will have a presentation by the County Manager, discussion of funding and the work of the Community Services Department. In the afternoon there will be a discussion of the role and history of the HPPC. The planning meeting will consist of HPPC Commissioners Cooney, Dransfield, Glaze and possibly Brown. An email will go out once a date is fixed for the special meeting. There may be a facilitator.

**IX. Future Agenda Items**

The August meeting will focus on Santa Fe County Connect, the name of the Accountable Health Community in Santa Fe County.

**Announcements**

- A. **No meeting in July. Next HPPC meeting Friday, August 2, 2019, 9 a.m., Santa Fe County Community Services Department Conference Room, 2052 Galisteo Street**

**X. Adjournment**

This meeting was declared adjourned at approximately 11:07 a.m.

Approved by:

*Laurie Glaze (pb)*  
Laurie Glaze, Chair  
Health Policy & Planning Commission

Respectfully submitted by:

*Debbie Doyle (pb)*  
Debbie Doyle, Wordswork

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