

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING COMMISSION

August 4, 2016

Santa Fe, New Mexico

I. This regular meeting of the Santa Fe County Health Policy & Planning Commission (HPPC) was called to order by Chair Reena Szczepanski at approximately 9:00 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 achieved with the following members present:

Members Present:

Reena Szczepanski, Chair
Vivian Heye
Kim Straus
Don Reece
Carolyn Roberts
Anna Voltura
Judith Williams

Member(s) Absent:

John Abrams
Bonnie Keene

County Staff Present:

Patricia Boies, Director, Health Services Division
Rachel O'Connor, Director, Community Services Department
Kyra Ochoa, Health Care Assistance Program Manager
Erin Ortigoza, Planning Division, Growth Management Department

Others Present:

Desiree Valdez, NMDOH, Health Promotion
Tom Starke, Santa Fe Behavioral Health Alliance
Bernie Lieving, Santa Fe Opiate Safe
Shelley Mann-Lev, Santa Fe Prevention Alliance

III. Introductions

Those present introduced themselves.

VI. Matters of Public Concern

Ms. Mann-Lev announced:

- Santa Fe Public Schools has a new director of Wellness, Sue Lujan O'Brien
- The alcohol tax issue will be presented to the State Health & Human Services Interim Committee August 23rd. The initiative will be introduced to the BCC at its September 27th meeting

Mr. Starke announced that:

- At a recent Santa Fe Behavioral Health Alliance team meeting several people raised concern regarding the jail's lack of equipment and the fact providers were non-local and from a medical staffing agency
- The Alliance is very interested in the \$5 million GO bond issue approved by the BCC that may provide funding for a crisis triage/stabilization center

Ms. Boies said at the last BCC meeting the Board approved five broad questions for a general obligation bond issue in November. The ballot question regarding health facilities, "Shall Santa Fe County issue up to \$5 million in general obligation bonds to acquire, construct, design, equip and improve community health facilities within the County?" is very general and does not itself speak to any particular project. However, the County is interested in two projects: the Edgewood Health Commons and a behavioral health crisis triage center.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the agenda as published. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Roberts and passed by unanimous voice vote.

V. Approval of Minutes

A correction was noted in the spelling of Betty Sisneros Shover, NAMI.

Commissioner Roberts moved approval as corrected. Commissioner Williams seconded and the motion passed without opposition.

VII. Presentations**A. Opioid Policy and Overdose Prevention in Santa Fe County**

Ms. Mann-Lev said the epidemic/crisis of opioid use disorders has led to many overdose deaths in the County. Santa Fe Prevention Alliance has been working with Santa Fe Opiate Safe (SOS) which was started by Rachel O'Connor, to coordinate efforts of individuals in a wide variety of capacities -- nurses, physicians, treatment providers, community members, harm reduction providers, educators, and law enforcement, as well as prevention staff. SOS is one of three standing committees of SFPA. Bernie Lieving and Ms. Mann-Lev serve as co-facilitators and are interested in strengthening and continuing its accomplishments.

Ms. Mann-Lev reported on a recent conference, attended by 235 individuals, whose goal was to increase responsible opioid prescribing practices and encourage the integration of the CDC guidelines as a standard of care.

The following points were noted:

- The USA, with five percent of the world's population, uses 80 percent of the world's opioids
- New Zealand and the USA are the only two nations that allow advertisement of prescription drugs
- The AMA recently came out against prescription drug advertisement
- New Mexico's death rate for opioid overdose is double that of the national average – Northern New Mexico is much higher and has historically had opioid challenges
- Prescribing practices need to be addressed
- Of the 235 participants at the conference approximately 110 were prescribers of opioids. A survey was distributed. The conference alone was worth the effort for the mine of information
- SOS is exploring how to expand on learning support
- Another conference is being considered in a couple of years
- A nonjudgmental, qualitative clinic assessment is underway to understand the systems that impact the goal of increasing responsible opioid prescribing practices

Mr. Lieving said SOS has become the resource for the entire community across disciplines. He mentioned that SOS assisted NM Pain & Spine Center in a Naloxone (Narcan) overdose prevention co-prescription program in May and to date they have done 25 co-prescriptions for people with chronic pain.

In response to the SOS training program, a physician said it was the first time in his career where he felt connected to the community and resources.

The Dose of Reality program, funded through HSD, educates and engages pharmacists about Naloxone and a co-prescribing program has been developed. It has been successful and people are requesting it.

Additional clinic surveys are anticipated to foster relationship building around the issues for greater awareness in prescribing benzodiazepines and opioids, especially to people who use alcohol. He said he feels SOS has hit the ground running and is a resource for physicians, public safety personnel and community-based organizations.

Ms. Mann-Lev said work is done in the trenches as it increases access to Narcan and overdose prevention education. Mr. Lieving said SOS is looking for ways to facilitate physician-to-physician, provider-to-provider opportunities for engagement beyond the professional learning communities.

Commissioner Roberts recommended developing a professional support group with physicians, PAs and NPs to work with those less familiar with the range of services needed.

Commissioner Voltura recalled a state required six-hour course she took for her pain management CME medical license in New Mexico that she found to be very helpful. The course

included many issues but clearly had a focus on the physician's responsibilities. While the course can be taken online she strongly recommended attendance.

Ms. Ochoa said Christus was a key partner in the SOS conference which made it more successful and points for CME requirements were offered.

Commissioner Heye said additional education is needed for doctors who treat current heroin users. There appears to be a disconnect with how to handle the heroin user. In northern Santa Fe County and Rio Arriba County heroin overdoses tend to be higher than those from prescription medication. Mr. Lieving said they are discussing heroin use. He said they are hearing from people on the street and law enforcement that there is a spike in methamphetamines for which there is no field antidote.

Ms. O'Connor said a contract is being developed with the Prevention Alliance to increase the availability of Narcan in the community and to support Mr. Lieving's position at the Alliance.

Ms. Mann-Lev said there is a strong commitment to increase the availability of Narcan and prevention education in Santa Fe County. Mr. Lieving trained law enforcement trainers to train the force. There have been nine reversals of overdose this year through Narcan. Ms. Mann-Lev pointed out that the training teaches people how to treat and respect people who are involved in using drugs.

Mentioning a recent experience with an individual in an overdose reversal situation, Commissioner Heye, in her capacity as an acudetox specialist, was present where the Santa Fe County Sheriff's officers were humane and approached the patient without judgment and administered Narcan.

Mr. Lieving said the word "humanity" has come up during Narcan training for law enforcement. Law enforcement wants to incorporate within their culture recognition of officers that assist in a reversal.

Ms. Mann-Lev said SOS is making progress with Christus with a training for trainers next week. She highlighted that County funding began in May for this program and in three months there has been incredible progress. The Sobering Center has seen opioid users increase to 60 percent from 10 percent in 2011. Medicaid provides full coverage for Naloxone.

Ms. O'Connor reminded the HPPC that a re-entry position was funded at the jail to conduct Medicaid enrollment upon release and distribute Narcan for those at high risk. The jail continues distribution of Narcan upon release. Once the third re-entry position is hired, a presentation at HPPC with jail representation will be planned for fall.

Mr. Lieving said community first responders are usually lay people who live with people who use drugs. One of the priorities is to get Narcan to the community lay person. It could be seen as a home medicine or safety measure like a fire extinguisher.

Commissioner Roberts brought the issue up that the County jail does not provide Methadone to its inmates. Missing a few days of Methadone treatment reverts that individual

back to step one. Ms. O'Connor said there have been preliminary conversations about this around Suboxone at the jail.

Commissioner Williams complimented the SOS notes and information that is circulated.

Ms. Boies added that the County mobile health care van nurse Kati Schwartz is trained in harm reduction and carries Narcan on the van. Ms. Schwartz will be working with DOH and applying to receive Naloxone for distribution to families.

Chair Szczepanski lauded the progress being made on the harm reduction front. The County should be recognized for making the community stronger through its foresight with the Mobile Crisis Response Team and its leadership in addressing opioid addiction.

B. County Agriculture & Ranching Implementation Plan

[Plan available @ <http://www.co.santa-fe.nm.us>]

Ms. Boies said this plan meshes with HPPC's priority of increasing consumption of healthy food. She introduced Erin Ortigoza, senior planner in the County's Growth Management Department. Both Ms. Ortigoza and Ms. Boies sit on the joint City/County Food Policy Council.

Ms. Ortigoza said the BCC unanimously passed the implementation plan for agriculture and ranching in Santa Fe County. The plan represents decades of work accomplished through community planning efforts and partnerships with active agriculture support organizations. The County's Sustainable Growth Management Plan supports agriculture and ranching. This plan is a comprehensive action-oriented approach to the food system. The plan goes through the policy framework, which includes the County Health Action Plan, the food plan, and the economic development plan, all with components that speak to agriculture and food access. The County will continue to develop relationships with local organizations that work on food, including Farm to Table, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Quivira Coalition, the NM Cattlemen Association, and others.

She discussed a series of meetings that occurred throughout the County to discuss the status of agriculture – the underlining point of the plan is to build relationships and establish an ongoing dialogue to understand the challenges regarding the production of food, access to resources for food distribution and awareness of market opportunities. The information was distilled into four focus areas: protecting land and natural resources, supporting agricultural operations, promotion of innovative approaches to agricultural use on County properties, and understanding the capacity of our local food system.

Ms. Ortigoza said there are opportunities that can be tapped to get equipment, technical and/or conservation support to farmers and ranchers. The County's open space can be used to integrate agriculture and ranching in a manner that would help the overall integrity of the property. The County has retained a contractor to conduct an agricultural resource inventory.

With an increasing demand for local fresh food, Ms. Ortigoza said they are determining how much can be grown in the region to meet the demand. In the next few months roundtable discussions with markets and growers will begin in order to develop maps to better identify the areas which may serve to inform infrastructural investments, such as storage and distribution hubs.

Chair Szczepanski said she has received many communications with concerns that the State Department of Agriculture the organic certification program because of funding issues, which could put organic farmers out of business. Ms. Ortigoza said the Santa Fe Food Policy Council has discussed this and will be drafting a letter addressing this situation.

Commissioner Reece said certification issues vary by state but he advocated using the Federal USDA organic definition which is broad-based and even-handed. New Mexico organic certified beef is problematic because the state lacks an organic certified processing plant (slaughter house).

The state primarily grows chili, pecans and alfalfa.

Ms. Ortigoza mentioned that SFCC has a program in greenhouse management with aquaponics and hydroponics and the graduates of the program are working in technical greenhouses with great results, providing another perspective of where and how food can be grown.

VIII. Matters from the Commission and Staff

A. Director's Report

Ms. Boies reported on the following:

- The mobile health van is at the County Fair
- The RFP for the gap analysis on health care needs and service delivery within the County is moving through the County procurement process
- Santa Fe County Resolution 2016-70 ensures that the balance of indigent health care funds will be protected through a transfer to the Corrections Department; however, there is a commitment from the County that the three-year plan for the Health Care Assistance Program that was presented to HPPC continue
- Dental care therapist legislation coming up in 2017 Legislative Session reportedly has the support of the NM Dental Association and should be brought to HPPC at meeting this fall

Ms. Boies spoke of the funding from DOH for health council deliverables and the desire to work with the surrounding Northern counties on the same deliverables. Ms. Ochoa discussed RHANE (Regional Health Alliance Northeast) that was formed to apply for the CMS grant and is supported by the DOH health promotion team. The concept is to develop better health care delivery and incorporate social determinants of health. She commented that there was tremendous benefit in having someone with Mr. Lieving's skills working within RHANE on the SOS issues.

Commissioner Straus encouraged staff to consider including San Miguel County, which uses Santa Fe as its health care source. The Las Vegas hospital is not delivering babies and those people are traveling to Santa Fe for services. Ms. Ochoa said San Miguel is in DOH's Region 2 and discussions to include them are ongoing. While the grant doesn't include San Miguel, RHANE can grow to include them.

Ms. O'Connor noted that Santa Fe County is funding an initiative called Homework Diners through an MOA with the City. This program provides a free family meal when school children are provided tutoring services.

B. Other Matters from the Commission

Commissioner Williams said the policy director of the Treatment Advocacy Center in Washington, DC was in Albuquerque and she attended a meeting with him and Betty Shover of NAMI. The meeting was about SB 113, which is New Mexico's Assistant Outpatient Treatment Act. If an individual is not adhering to their mental health treatment and is deemed potentially harmful to self or others the court may institute a process for treatment compliance. It is not a criminal process. Treatment Advocacy is seeking SAMHSA money; there was no money within SB 113.

IX. Future Agenda Items

- CSV Community Health - presentation of Implementation Plan
- Presentation on dental therapist legislation
- Discuss San Miguel maternity care issues – DOH to investigate
- Presentation of Teen Court program
- SB 113 – Assistant Outpatient Treatment Act and Las Cruces and Albuquerque progress
- Long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARC)
- Re-entry program at the jail

X. Announcements

A. Next HPPC meeting Friday, September 2, 2016 @ 9 a.m.

XI. Adjournment

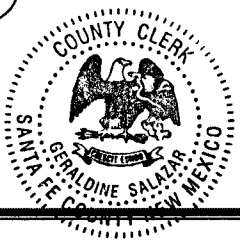
This meeting was declared adjourned at approximately 11:05 a.m.

Approved by:

Reena Szczepanski (ps)
Reena Szczepanski, Chair
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