# **MINUTES OF THE**

# SANTA FE COUNTY

# **HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING COMMISSION**

# **February 7, 2014**

# Santa Fe, New Mexico

This regular meeting of the Santa Fe County Health Policy & Planning Commission (HPPC) was called to order by Chair Judith Williams at approximately 9:00 a.m. on the above-cited date at 2052 S. Galisteo, Suite B, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

### **Members Present:**

Judith Williams, Chair
Kathleen Rowe, Vice Chair
John Abrams [late arrival]
Bertha Blanchard
James Bond
Shirlee Davidson
Catherine Kinney
Reena Szczepanski [late arrival]
Sun Vega

# Member(s) Excused:

Bryan Conkling Vivian Heye [Two vacancies]

## Staff Present:

Rachel O'Connor, Director, Community Services Department Patricia Boies, Health Services Division Director Lupe Sanchez, DWI Program

### **Others Present:**

Tom Starke, County DWI Planning Council George Gamble

## IV. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Mann-Lev would not be available to provide an update on the E-cigarette legislative efforts; however, Ms. Boies offered to speak to this item.

Commissioner Blanchard moved to approve the agenda. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Bond and passed by unanimous voice vote. [Commissioners Abrams and Szczepanski were not present for this action.]

### V. Approval of Minutes: November 1, 2013

Commissioner Kinney moved to approve the minutes. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Bond and passed by unanimous voice vote. [Commissioners Abrams and Szczepanski were not present for this action.]

#### VI. Matters of Public Concern

# A. Shelley Mann-Lev, Update on Legislative Efforts re: E-Cigarettes

In Ms. Mann-Lev's absence, Ms. Boies reviewed the issue and noted that Ms. Mann-Lev is working on it at the City, County and State levels. The BCC recently passed a resolution supporting state legislation to prohibiting the sale of E-cigarettes to minors. Legislators are interested in hearing from citizens on this issue.

### VII. Matters from the Commission

#### A. Director's Report

Ms. O'Connor noted the following:

- The mobile health van nurse has resigned and the position will be reposted the nurse did not provide a full clinical report, however, there is some data
- Contract nurses are being utilized; the van continues to be staffed and is out in the community
- An offer was extended to a weekend nurse

Appreciating the difficulties the County has incurred in staffing the van, a suggestion was made to have La Familia be involved with running the mobile health van program. La Familia's involvement will improve services for the public.

Ms. O'Connor continued with her report noting:

- Sole Community Provider (SCP): three bills are out on this issue. A bill introduced by Nancy Rodriguez supported by the Association of Counties reduces the tax from 1/8 to 1/16 and includes expansion in the uses allowing for a non-claim based system. Another bill is similar to Rodriguez' bill without the expansion
- FIRs on the SCP bills have not been posted
- A determination of SCP will direct the County's staffing patterns, programs and the overall design of the Health Division
- La Familia has 17 pregnant women in enrolled in the opioid treatment program; La Familia is actively meeting with corrections to improve the program

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### B. Update on Health Action Plan

Commissioner Kinney distributed material regarding the next steps and reminded the Commission of the progress to date. Six priority goals were identified for this first phase. Each goal would have one or perhaps two indicators. The mental health group still needs assistance in measuring availability of mental health services. Annually the HPPC would receive an update and review progress on the indicators. Commissioner Kinney said she and Chair Williams have met with staff and would like to have the plan completed by early April.

<u>Lack of Insurance</u>: Ms. Boies said she and Commissioner Szczepanski met with Santa Fe Project Access. A lot of work has occurred on this issue. Information packets on options for health insurance and enrollment sites are being considered.

Commissioner Abrams asked if there was any way to determine how many people who have signed up for health insurance fall into the affordability gap. Ms. Boies said staff is striving to get better data.

Alcohol Abuse Among Adults and Youth: Commissioner Kinney said she met with Mr. Sanchez and Mr. Starke. The DWI Planning Council is developing a plan that will align with the draft community assessment.

<u>Drug Abuse Among Adults and Youth</u>: Commissioner Bond said he and Commissioner Heye worked on this and met throughout January. He noted that additional components were added to the community-wide efforts as well as a few indicators that they felt were appropriate.

Commissioner Kinney preferred that the HPPC hold to the two identified indicators and allow the community to expand indicators. The HPPC agreed to limit the indicators to two for the purposes of simplifying the report card.

Commissioner Bond said the ultimate goal is the reduction of drug abuse and the added indicators were intrinsic to that end. Commissioner Kinney said it is understood that subgroups (i.e., DWI, Opiate-Safe, the jail) will be collecting data that is not necessary for the HPPC to include in its published data. Ms. O'Connor said that she would discuss this issue with Commissioners Bond and Heye.

<u>Lack of Prenatal Care</u>: Commissioner Blanchard said she met with Ms. Boies and determining indicators may be challenging. PRAMS (Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System) data collection does not include a specified field regarding opiates. Work will continue on this goal.

Lack of Mental Health Service: Commissioner Davidson said she, Commissioner Vega and staff met with representatives from Life Link, CSV, Guidance Center, La Familia, SFPS and Joani Morales. The major point coming out of the meeting was the need for the continuum of care in the community. The community has the resources and needs to improve upon the continuity of care. She reported on the now defunct Santa Fe Crisis Response Team which was instrumental in reducing suicides in the community in the late 1990s and early 2000s. Apparently the mobile

health van was originally slated to include mental health screening. The need for geriatric care was mentioned.

Discharge from the jail is a clear indicator. Commissioner Davidson said the Crisis Response Team warrants re-review and she offered to forward an article on the issue to the members.

Ms. O'Connor clarified that the jail job description is not that of a discharge planner rather as originally conceived was upon release to distribute narcan kits and assist in Medicaid enrollment.

Referring to the goal of increasing availability of mental health services, Commissioner Kinney asked whether the group agreed with that and the population measure of availability. She noted the issue was mental health services not prevention of mental health issues.

Commissioner Kinney asked that the group finalize the indicator and report next month.

<u>Lack of Food Availability</u>: Ms. Boies reported that the Food Policy Council will be presenting a draft food plan to the BCC next week. The indicator in the health profile was the percentage of population who are low income and do not live close to a grocery store. Commissioner Rowe recommended developing a new indicator for presentation next month.

Commissioner Kinney asked that the action plan be placed on next month's agenda to rereview the indicators. She anticipated that a user-friendly 2-3-page summary for the public and press on the health action plan would be developed along with the final report.

# C. Legislative Issues – funding for health councils SB80

Ms. Boies said SB 80 would fund health councils to basically accomplish what HPPC has been doing with the community plan. The amount of the appropriation has been reduced from \$900,000 to \$100,000. Another bill SB 68 focuses on early childhood and requests \$975,000.

#### D. Other Matters from the Commission

Commissioner Abrams mentioned a recently introduced bill that calls for local foods to be introduced at schools. He indicated he was working on this issue in Edgewood.

### VII. Action Items

Chair Williams advised the Commission that the Santa Fe City Council has two pending resolutions creating large committees with a focus on healthcare. One proposes to study CSV solvency, financial and staffing issues, etc., and the second resolution focuses on the health needs and services of the community. Both resolutions create committees calling for County staff resources, holding public forums and including data collection and analysis. The resolutions are slated for public hearing February 12<sup>th</sup> at City Council meeting. While the County has had no input in either resolution, the resolutions name County staff, Commissioners and representatives to serve on the committee.

Santa Fe County HPPC: February 7, 2014 Ms. Boies said the scope of work of the resolution(s) is tremendous and there is neither funding nor staff. At the County's Healthcare Assistance Board meeting the County Commission directed the HPPC to provide a recommendation regarding the resolution(s).

Recognizing the turmoil in the healthcare system, the continued issue of SCP and indigent care, Chair Williams said the resolutions are premature. The hospital and providers have tremendous issues that they will have to respond to in regards to reimbursement, incentives, quality improvement data, and to overlay additional work is premature. She suggested the HPPC recommend to the BCC that any action should be delayed until at least July 1. Additionally, any further action should include the County from inception.

Commissioner Kinney moved that the HPPC recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that any discussion of a task force be deferred until after July 1<sup>st</sup> because of pending SCP legislation, major changes in insurance/ACA, and that the County Health Plan will be issued by that date. Secondly, if there is discussion regarding a task force in which the County is a participant, the County needs to be involved in those discussions in the beginning. Commissioner Rowe seconded.

Timing of the next County Healthcare Assistance Board meeting was discussed in relation to the City Council meeting and Ms. O'Connor said she would forward the HPPC's recommendation to the County Manager's office for further direction.

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### VIII. Future Agenda Items

Update on Health Action Plan

## IX. Announcements

A. Next HPPC meeting Friday, March 7, 2014, 9 a.m., 2052 Galisteo St.

### X. Adjournment

This meeting was declared adjourned at approximately 11:10 a.m.

Approved by:

Julith Williams, Chair (pers)

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Respectfully submitted by:

Mane Jamel (pd.) Karen Farrell, Wordswork

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