

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

**April 4, 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 9:05 a.m. on the above-cited date at 2052 S. Galisteo, Suite B, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Initially lacking a quorum, the Commission began with non-action items.

**Members Present:**

Judith Williams, Chair  
John Abrams  
Bertha Blanchard  
Shirlee Davidson  
Catherine Kinney  
Don Reece  
Reena Szczepanski [late arrival]

**Member(s) Excused:**

Kathleen Rowe, Vice Chair  
James Bond  
Bryan Conkling  
Vivian Heye  
Sun Vega

**Staff Present:**

Rachel O'Connor, Director, Community Services Department  
Pablo Sedillo, III, Public Safety Division Director  
Lupe Sanchez, DWI Program Director  
Peter Olson, DWI  
Stacey Byard, Re-entry Specialist, Adult Detention Facility  
Molly Archuleta, RN, Adult Detention Facility

**Others Present:**

Kelly Gallagher, Epidemiologist, NMDOH  
Melissa Heinz Bennett, DOH  
Erica Hoberg, NM Highland RN Program  
Robin Hunn, Access New Mexico



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### **III. Introductions**

Chair Williams welcomed new member Don Reece and requested those present to introduce themselves.

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

None were presented.

### **VII. Presentation: Report from County Corrections on Medicaid Enrollment and Narcan**

Ms. O'Connor said this project began a year ago in partnership with the County's Public Safety department/Santa Fe County jail, the Department of Health and the Santa Fe County Community Services Department, Health Planning Policy Commission, and the County's Fire Department to conduct a pilot project at the jail to address two of the HPPC's top priorities: distribution of Narcan kits upon the release from jail and enrollment in the Medicaid program.

Pablo Sedillo III, Director, Santa Fe County Public Safety Department, provided an overview of his responsibilities. He discussed the vested interest his agency has in the community – not specifically the jail but rather the community of Santa Fe County. The jail holds on average 550 inmates and 350 are usually from Santa Fe County. Of the total jail population approximately 86 percent have substance abuse issues and up to 70 percent have mental health problems. Dual diagnoses is also common.

Detention facilities are known as "revolving doors" because individuals who come in are treated, stabilized, released and returned with the same issue. The jail has established a follow-up protocol or CCP (continuous case plan or continuous care plan) which he depicted as a crucial ingredient to address the individuals that leave the jail and begin using drugs again. He suggested the Re-entry Specialist was more accurately a transitional position. The Re-entry Specialist had been a case manager in the facility and along with the medical department has been working on the Medicaid enrollment. Individuals do well in the jail's structured environment. It is when they are released that they falter.

In terms of collecting data, Mr. Sedillo said the Re-entry Specialist will be instrumental in this. He discussed the Narcan training and how family members are an integral component to success. Family members expressed concern that they will be targeted as a drug-using household. Mr. Sedillo stated the intention is to preserve life; the problem of drug users in the north is a generational problem.

Mr. Sedillo said he wants his Department to make an impact on the community. The department now has a staff psychiatrist, a medical director, and a staff psychologist. His warden refers to the facility not as correctional but rather the Human Services Department.

He spoke about electronic sharing of information in the medical department. Narcan training will be provided to all inmates and hopefully the families.

Stacey Byard, re-entry coordinator, provided an overview of her responsibilities and duties with a focus on Medicaid enrollment that can occur upon entry into the facility. She

discussed the Narcan training and the facility's desire to preserve the quality of life and prevent overdoses. She expected to work in conjunction with the medical department to insure that the data is available.

Ms. Byard said she would also be working to insure care for opiate-addicted pregnant inmates, as well as case management and assistance through the court system.

Molly Archuleta, Facility RN, said the medical team recently completed the Narcan training and she recognized the Department of Health in that effort. The nurses at the jail have a tremendous task with inmates in a multitude of drug use stages – high upon arrival, in withdrawal, sick from withdrawal – and the facility conducts withdrawal detox. Nurses will be holding Narcan training classes with all the inmates and there will be follow through.

Mr. Sedillo said drug abuse is epidemic and impacts the entire community. Santa Fe County wants to insure that there are mechanisms in place to combat the problem.

Ms. O'Connor said in the past Medicaid was terminated upon jail entry. HSD is now suspending rather than terminating and there is presumptive eligibility upon release. Mr. Sedillo said the termination of Medicaid has been a tremendous countrywide problem with the reapplication process lengthy and difficult. The jail will now be enrolling inmates in Medicaid prior to release.

Ms. Byard said the facility has a mental health team and individual therapy and assessments are conducted. Programs at the jail are varied including anger management, domestic abuse, Alcoholics Anonymous, to name a few.

Commissioner Blanchard pointed out that the individual requiring the Narcan will not be able to administer the drug. She asked whether family members were being trained and added that family members can now pick up prescriptions for Narcan. Ms. Byard said a lot of the inmates use with each other so hopefully the inmate training will help. Phase 2 will be to train the community.

Ms. O'Connor said the County is looking into the fire department hosting training. Melissa Heinz Bennett, NMDOH, said Pojoaque would be the pilot and a curriculum is being developed with the assistance of the jail's medical staff.

Ms. Heinz Bennett said Santa Fe County is making history in providing this program. She commended the leadership of Santa Fe County in its initiation of the program. She said the County through Ms. O'Connor's leadership was building a network of providers throughout the community. DOH was ready to assist the County and noted that overdose was one of the agency's nine health indicator priorities. She was very excited that the fire department would be engaged in community-based public overdose prevention education. She noted that the increase in overdose death over the past six years in Santa Fe County has been led by prescription opioids and that there is a spike in overdose death upon leaving a jail facility.

Commissioner Reece asked about data collection and pointed out the Veterans Administration uses an excellent off-the-shelf public access medical records program called “RPMS – Resource Patient Management System.”

Commissioner Szczepanski said she was pleased with the vision, collaboration and action that the department is presenting.

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

Commissioner Blanchard moved to approve the agenda. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Abrams and passed by unanimous voice vote.

#### **V. Approval of Minutes: March 7, 2014**

A series of corrections for clarification purposes were made to the draft minutes. The minutes were resubmitted and filed as corrected.

Commissioner Abrams moved to approve the minutes as corrected. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Szczepanski and passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

##### **A. Director’s Report**

Ms. O’Connor offered the following updates:

- The Healthcare Assistance Program (HAP) workgroup is studying the former Sole Community Provider program and the Indigent Healthcare program. The workgroup has developed a timeline to effectively meet legislative mandates
- La Familia has reported they have served 30 opioid addicted pregnant women during the first six months of the program – four babies have been delivered in the program without significant withdrawal symptoms. The data requires additional development
- La Familia’s director, John Cassidy, is leaving and partnership with the new director is important
- The County’s health care enrollment efforts have been moving forward; the enrollment contract with La Familia, radio PSAs. and work with Christus are a;; continuing
- The new nurse, who has a master’s degree in nursing administration and is near completion to be a nurse practitioner, starts next week
- May is mental health month and one of the County Commissioners has requested that the HPPC work on something, i.e., publicizing an 800 number in the Santa Fe County Health Action Plan and producing PSAs.
- A meeting occurred with the editor of the *New Mexican* about Narcan and the overdose issues and it is anticipated articles will follow

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**B. Other Matters from the Commission**

Commissioner Kinney reported on the City's plan to form a healthcare-related study group with County participation. She met with City Councilor Ives last week where she discussed the County's initiatives and ongoing work in the healthcare area. There was agreement that a systematic process outlining how the work identified in the resolution will proceed. A small work group consisting of two people from the County, two from the City and two from Christus will select a facilitator, develop a systematic process and recommendations for appointments onto the study group.

Chair Williams pointed out that the resolution states the Mayor will appoint the 30 members. Commissioner Kinney said the meeting will begin after July 1<sup>st</sup> following union negotiations with Christus.

**IX. Action Items**

**A. Health Action Plan**

The Health Action Plan will be presented to the BCC April 29<sup>th</sup> at the 9 a.m. Healthcare Assistance Board meeting.

Ms. O'Connor said she and Ms. Boies had a few minor additions. Following HPPC approval the plan will go to an in-house graphic designer and then be forwarded to the BCC.

Commissioner Kinney noted that the priority goals were originally set for one year and that was amended to be two years. The plan refers to the calendar year and that reference will be clarified throughout the plan.

Following discussion the subsequent changes were made to the goals to be edited consistently throughout the document and staff was charged to consult *Healthy People 20/20*

- Suicide deaths: ~~Decrease~~ Reduce suicide rate
- Low birth weight babies: ~~Decrease rate of~~ Reduce low birth weight of babies
- Domestic violence: Reduce ~~the occurrence of~~ domestic violence
- Obesity among children and adults: Reduce ~~prevalence of~~ obesity among children and adults
- Diabetes: Reduce ~~prevalence of~~ diabetes
- Teen pregnancy: Reduce pregnancy ~~rates~~ among adolescent girls
- Vaccination for preventable diseases: Increase ~~percentage of~~ effective vaccination coverage for adults

Ms. O'Connor said Santa Fe County Fire Department will be added to the partner list.

Commissioner Abrams moved to approve the County Health Action Plan as amended. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Reece and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Davidson said SAMHSA and the American Psychiatric Nurses Association are working across the country facilitating Recovery to Practice conferences. As a facilitator, she will be providing the training at UNM Hospital.

**X. Future Agenda Items**

Healthcare Assistance Program (HAP)  
The Fire Department and health care  
Mental Health Month  
Update on City study group

**XI. Announcements**

**A. Next HPPC meeting Friday, May 2, 2014, 9 a.m., 2052 Galisteo St., Suite B**

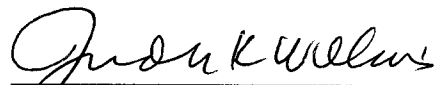
Robin Hunn, Santa Fe Project Access, said the project has been closed out. Project Access provided enrollment assistance for Medicaid and the exchange, and in coordination with other entities identified individuals qualified for the special enrollment period. She discussed the extended enrollment period. Given that there will still be thousands of uninsured in Santa Fe County, Project Access will try to reinvent itself. The board is interested in greater transparency regarding charity care.

Ms. O'Connor thanked Ms. Hunn for keeping in touch with the County during the enrollment process.

**XII. Adjournment**

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

Approved by:



Judith Williams, Chair  
Health Policy & Planning Commission

Respectfully submitted by:



Karen Farrell, Wordswork