

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

**April 5, 2019**

**Santa Fe, New Mexico**

**I.** This regular meeting of the Santa Fe County Health Policy & Planning Commission (HPPC) was called to order by Christa Coggins at approximately 9:04 a.m. on the above-cited date at the Santa Fe County Community Services Department conference Room, 2052 Galisteo Street, Santa Fe.

**II.** The following members were present:

**Members Present:**

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

**Member(s) Absent:**

Laurie Glaze [excused]  
Kim Straus [excused]  
Sandy Dransfield [excused]  
Laura Brown [excused]

**County Staff Present:**

Patricia Boies, Director, Health Services Division  
Rachel O'Connor, Director, Community Services Department  
Jennifer Romero, Interim Health Care Assistance Program Manger  
Julia Valdez, Constituent Liaison

**Others Present:**

Jesse Cirolia, CSV  
Aurora Trujillo, CSV  
K. Gwendolyn Gallagher, NMDOH  
Dawn Abriel, Bright Heart Health  
Erica Abeyta, Prevention Alliance  
Susan Carter, Life Healing Center  
Kristen Carmichael, Southwest CARE  
Desiree Valdez, NMDOH  
Kevin Cole, Serna Solutions

Louisa Putnam, Arcoiris  
Joyce Vaughan, La Familia  
Bernita Woody, BCBS  
Meredith Root-Bowman, PHS  
Kermit Cole, Serna Solutions  
Lisa Rhode, Consultant  
Betty Sisneros Shover, NAMI  
Lawrence Hovey, Counterdrug Task Force

**III. Introductions**

Those present introduced themselves.

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- IV. **Approval of Agenda**
- V. **Approval of Minutes**

These items were deferred pending achievement of a quorum.

**VI. Matters of Public Concern**

Jesse Cirolia announced Pete's Place will be open to men for only two more months. Volunteers are needed on Friday and Sunday nights. During the summer the shelter is open only to women.

Commissioner Coggins stated the Santa Fe Community Foundation's Piñon Awards nominations for non-profits will be open for approximately two more weeks. Nominations can be submitted for organizations or individuals and can be informal.

Commissioner Dominguez said the Con Alma grant cycle closes April 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. They support multi-sector collaborations and the grants are from \$10,000 to \$20,000. A conference on Men and Violence will be held on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Additionally, an RFP is out seeking an organization that works with immigrants, specifically to help with the 2020 census. provide information to be distributed through Ms. Boies.

Erica Abeyta announced that the Santa Fe Prevention Alliance will be having a learning series on substance use disorder and housing instability

**VII. Presentations**

**A. Christus St. Vincent Community Health Needs Assessment**

Ms. Cirolia advised that some of the data could be seen as discouraging and heading in the wrong direction. However, resilience is also in evidence. "Every number represented as data is also a person." She gave a brief historical perspective and reviewed a power point featuring principal indicators. The data is being collected for the IRS-mandated needs assessment. To this end a "Health Indicator Café" was held in October, and data was collected through focus groups, key informants and windshield surveys. Aurora Trujillo explained that windshield surveys are done by community observation and noticing things like shopping carts in neighborhoods, location of clinics, transportation availability and general environment.

Ms. Cirolia said they looked through the two lowest income areas in Santa Fe to do observations, which provided important insights.

Reviewing the indicators, Ms. Cirolia noted that the percentage of women receiving prenatal care, number of low birth weight babies and neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS) have all gotten worse. Breastfeeding has improved due to hospital initiatives. She outlined the interventions they have instituted for NAS.

Regarding children and adolescents, the indicators of adolescent obesity, depression and having someone who believes they will be a success are all worse. Ms. O'Connor noted that UNMH has said that suicidal ideation in adolescents has tripled in two years. Ms. Cirolia pointed out that as part of the adolescent HUGS program, the hospital has a contract with the Sky Center to provide counseling to teens and families

In adult behavioral health, deaths by drug overdose, and suicide have decreased. Alcohol-related deaths is holding steady. Ms. Cirolia reviewed the CDPI (Clinician Driven Program Improvement) initiatives for alcohol abuse, including Vivitrol, which has resulted in a 42 percent decrease in hospital readmissions.

The two leading causes of mortality continue to be heart disease and cancer, although they are lower in Santa Fe than in the rest of the country. Obesity and consumption of healthy foods are worse, but food insecurity is lessening.

Primary factors in women's health: domestic violence, obesity and homelessness are all worse. However, the increase in domestic violence statistics could be due to improved screening. Ms. Trujillo noted that the number of homeless women is increasing by 50 per year.

Regarding seniors, fall-related deaths are down and CSV has instituted an aggressive fall prevention program in the hospital. More seniors are getting flu shots, due in part to taking off the request for a Social Security number on the form, which was acting as a deterrent among the immigrant population.

A negative statistic is suicide deaths of seniors is up, 50 percent of which are done with firearms. There tends to be a correlation with domestic violence and isolation.

Ms. Cirolia turned to the CHIP, the Community Health Implementation Plan and the super priorities they have determined. For 2020 to 2023 these are behavioral health, both adult and adolescent, senior care, and social determinants of health. She reviewed the various barriers to care for seniors, among which are found social determinants such as transportation.

She presented a graphic demonstrating the super priorities vis-à-vis community grants. These will now be given out every three years after the needs assessment to minimize the administrative burden. The needs assessment will be published on July 1<sup>st</sup> and the RFP will go out in October.

In response to Commissioner Coggins' remark that the early childhood piece seemed to be the biggest loser, Ms. Cirolia said that will be included in "maintenance of effort" aspect. She spoke of collaboration among the home visiting providers as an example of continuity.

Commissioner Cooney stressed the huge negative impact of poverty on health. It is essential to avoid duplication of services and emphasize collaboration. Ms. Cirolia recognized the prevalence of economic oppression and the need for economic justice. She gave as an example the fact that life expectancy is demonstrably less in low income areas. Housing is an immense problem. Kevin Cole said in addition to economics, enfranchising the powerless and

incorporating them into the social fabric are integral factors. Ms. Cirolia agreed, adding that ongoing, continual input from the community is planned.

Betty Sisneros Shover noted collaboration has increased but lack of resources continues to be a problem, particularly in regards to behavioral health.

Lisa Rhode asked if this committee had a position on political clout. Ms. Boies explained that the HPPC takes positions on issues and legislation, such as dental therapy and Medicaid Buy-in, and makes a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners. The BCC may then pass a resolution to support state legislation on that issue.

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

### **A. Directors Report**

Ms. Boies noted the following:

- The Accountable Health Communities is having a name change to Santa Fe County Connect: A Network for Health and Well-Being. The Unite Us software platform had a soft launch this week.
- An RFP has gone out for a consultant to help with the 2020 census

Jennifer Romero stated that the Unite Us software platform will allow real time navigation and referrals among providers. First Choice was the first to log on to the new platform. There are 13 partner organizations plus Santa Fe County divisions and around 70 navigators. Ms. O'Connor said she has been meeting with some new cabinet secretaries and they were familiar with the County's Accountable Health Community.

Ms. O'Connor gave updates on:

- There will be an Edgewood First Choice Medical/Dental facility kickoff on April 29<sup>th</sup>
- County CSD is partnering with Bernalillo County and First Choice in remodeling the old First Choice building to convert it into a CCSS – Comprehensive Community Support System for behavioral health services in an integrated living room model
- The behavioral health strategic plan has been finalized. She anticipated more funding from the new administration. She is looking forward to forming a core leadership team
- County CSD is hoping to start a youth behavioral health focus
- County CSD has interviewed and chosen a candidate for a Senior Services Director
- An RFP is being developed to support a navigator position for pre-adjudication work in magistrate court for people with behavioral health issues

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

Commissioner Roberts asked what was being done at the old College of Santa Fe, which appears to present an opportunity for housing. Ms. O'Connor said she believed Santa Fe Recovery and One Door were using the campus. She suggested it could be a future meeting topic. Ms. Cirolia encouraged a presentation by Chainbreakers as well.

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**IX. Future Agenda Items**

- Discussion of healthcare and priority healthcare concerns and effectiveness of current healthcare providers in Santa Fe County/Commissioner Cooney
- Presentation on behavioral health at the jail/Mark Boscelli (May)
- Update on Presbyterian needs assessment (June)
- Behavioral Health
- Accountable Health Community overview and update (August)
- Old College of Santa Fe Campus
- Chainbreakers
- CVS-CDPI presentation/Laura Goitien

Commissioner Cooney encouraged taking up his issue to promote synergism in the Commission. It was felt by the Commission that the topic would require more time than the usual two-hour meeting provides and that it might require a special forum and a facilitator. Commissioner Cooney said he would like to get input on presenting the topic as soon as possible, thinking outside bureaucratic structures through active dialogue. Ms. O'Connor noted it would be helpful to establish baselines before seeing where the funding is going.

**Announcements**

- A. **Next HPPC meeting Friday, May 3, 2019, 9 a.m., Santa Fe County Community Services Department Conference Room, 2052 Galisteo Street**

**X. Adjournment**

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

Approved by:

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

Respectfully submitted by:

*Debbie Doyle (ps)*  
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