

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING COMMISSION

May 5, 2017

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. The following members were present:

Members Present:

Reena Szczepanski, Chair
Judith Williams, Vice Chair
Kim Straus
Carolyn Roberts
Vivian Heye
Bonnie Keene
Michael Munson
Anna Voltura
Sophie Andar
Laurie Glaze

Member(s) Absent:

Don Reece

County Staff Present:

Patricia Boies, Director, Health Services Division
Rachel O'Connor, Director, Community Services Department
Kyra Ochoa, Health Services Staff
Katie Schwartz, Mobile Health Van
Julia Valdez, Constituent Liaison
Gina Capener, Administrative Manager, CSD

Others Present:

Krista Kelley, Motiva Corp.
Desiree Valdez, NM DOH
Kristin Carmichael, Southwest Care
Linda Finkelstein, First Choice
Miguel Chavez, Former County Commissioner
Korina Lopez, Youth Shelters & Family Service

Teri May, SFMC
Rachel Wexler, NM DOH
Terrie Rodriguez, NM AHC
Julian E. Duran, BC/BS NM

III. Introductions

Those present introduced themselves.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Roberts moved to approve and Commissioner Straus seconded. The motion to approve the agenda passed without opposition.

V. Approval of Minutes: April 7, 2017

A typo was noted on page 2 where it should read Life Link.

Commissioner Straus moved approval as corrected. Commissioner Roberts seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

VI. Matters of Public Concern

Miguel Chavez thanked the Commission for the opportunity to address them, and said he had great concern for those with mental health issues who are housed at the County jail. He reported that 67 percent of the County jail population have been diagnosed with a mental health condition. Emphasizing that he greatly respects the work of the HPPC and the work of the County, he asked that the Commission consider how mental health treatment can be provided to the jail residents, and offered his assistance.

Chair Szczepanski said that these were difficult issues, and the Commission will consider developing this as an agenda item. The County Community Services Department has made tremendous progress with public health initiatives at the jail. Commissioner Straus recommended including this as a future agenda item, and requested that the HPPC look at models.

Commissioner Roberts suggested considering the structures at the University of Arts & Science and how they may be used for homeless shelters and perhaps a safe house, supportive environment. The campus could serve as a social services center for the community.

Commissioner Williams pointed out that the County Corrections Department has a large behavioral health component and she confirmed what Mr. Chavez said, that the inmate must be willing to accept the services. The County had a task force working on issues within the jail, but that seems now to be disbanded. She recommended bringing corrections personnel into the service continuum.

Terri Rodriguez commented that throughout the state there are health councils looking at behavioral health services in the jails.

Ms. O'Connor said that she would be reporting on the crisis triage center and that Community Services staff will be meeting with jail staff to discuss medication-assisted treatments. She said her department interacts with the jail and she acknowledged that an inmate with mental health issues is a vexing issue.

VII. Presentations

A. Edgewood Health Commons

Krista Kelley, consultant for First Choice, said she had been working with First Choice for two years on the East Mountain Health Clinic Project. First Choice is a non-profit Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). She provided history on how the project started, noting there is a similar project in the South Valley of Albuquerque which is considered a "health commons" where people can access health care, WIC (Women Infant Children) services, behavioral health services, and dental – as a holistic approach to healthcare in a "one-stop shop" with a community farm, and health leadership high school. She anticipates the East Mountain Clinic will have the same holistic approach for healthcare and community health.

A project of this size requires private/public partnership. The funding package has been identified for this \$7.5 million project. The facility will be 22,000 square feet with 16 exam rooms and 10 dental operatories. The current facility is a portable building, donated from UNM, and serves 5,000 patients. Services will include primary medical care, dental, behavioral health, WIC, sub-specialty care and extended hours care. The WIC clinic is currently in Moriarty and sees 500 patients a month. She discussed the benefit of having a multitude of services within one facility. The economic impact of the project is significant for the region. She reviewed the funding sources. The project recently received eligibility for CDBG funding. She said that whatever the financial gap is, First Choice is committed to funding. Ground breaking is scheduled for October 2017 and build out by May 2018.

Linda Finkelstein, Edgewood Health Center Manager, said the current facility is 8,000 square feet, has foundation issues, and the hallways are a mere three feet wide. The facility serves its neighbors and provides quality care. The community supports the new facility. The clinic is federally qualified as in an area known as "frontier". Alaska and the Dakotas are also frontiers.

Ms. Kelley reviewed the plan for the facility and noted there was a community meeting space included in the plan, which will have a kitchen and hold nutrition education courses, etc. The SouthValley facility has a program for delivery of fresh vegetables and fruit. She demonstrated where the facility is sited and noted that other low-income service providers and low-income senior housing are proposed on the property. First Choice will be developing the infrastructure for the 42 acre section.

The facility will be owned by Santa Fe County, which is the major source of funding now, and First Choice is conducting the fundraising. First Choice will have a long-term lease with Santa Fe County.

Ms. Finkelstein discussed their payor sources, accreditations and identified their contractors. Today companies silo care; for example, a company that owns a hospital may build

and own a primary care practice or a professional services building and contract with specialists. That way the primary care doctors will refer back to their hospital, their specialists, labs, etc. She likened the siloing in health care to what occurred in mortgages. She discussed how First Choice can provide the federally-qualified rate to most companies. Currently, over 80 percent of the babies born through the facility are on Medicaid. Ms. Boies said the state average is 70 percent of babies born under Medicaid.

Commissioner Williams asked that renewables – solar and wind – be considered within the facility. Ms. Finkelstein said the 10-year plan includes a solar field for the Edgewood area. First Choice is working with the community on the health commons idea with the goal of wellness. She discussed the recruitment incentives to attract doctors and nurses. Ms. Kelley said First Choice is one of the largest residency programs for UNM.

Ms. Kelley said the facility will have the potential of serving 12,000 to 13,000 patients annually.

Commissioner Heye asked how co-occurring behavioral health programs were being developed to work with addictive patients. Ms. Kelley said First Choice is one of the largest Suboxone providers in the state. They work closely with the physicians and behaviorists, which makes the integrated behavioral health very functional. Ms. Kelley lauded their behavioral health director and said First Choice has community health workers specifically working with behavioral health patients through a grant.

Ms. Finkelstein discussed the advocacy and high level of involvement they provide their patients.

The response to the question of whether First Choice provides abortion was no, that is not part of what they do; however, they do provide birth control devices.

Ms. Boies asked what percentage of First Choice patients are from Santa Fe County. The response was about 42 percent currently, with the rest from the neighboring counties of Torrance, Bernalillo and Sandoval. These other counties are considering an annual set aside/recurring funding. Torrance contributes with indigent funds; the State provides funds via the breast and cervical cancer program and colon cancer screening initiatives.

First Choice was one of the first FQHCs in the nation to pilot a meals program for children at the South Valley clinic, and that program will be instituted in the East Mountain Clinic. Every child 18 and under, regardless of income level, receives a meal when entering the clinic.

Ms. O'Connor commented on the speed in which this project is proceeding, and she thanked the representatives. The plan is compatible with what Santa Fe County is trying to do in terms of a mixture of health care and social determinants work, i.e., food access, LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program), transportation, etc. Ms. Kelley reciprocated the compliment and noted that the HPPC and staff have been extremely helpful in moving this project through to the County Commission.

Mr. Chavez expressed appreciation to the past County Commission that placed a \$5 million bond question on the ballot. The \$2 million remaining on the bond will be used for another regional health-related facility. He noted there was also a revenue source for operations and maintenance.

In response to Mr. Chavez' concern about construction change orders, Ms. Kelley said the budget has factored in a 10 percent overrun. Ms. Finkelstein said the operational budget is developed annually based on patient care and payor sources.

Chair Szczepanski said the HPPC looks forward to visiting the site.

VIII. Matters from the Commission and Staff

A. Director's Report

Ms. O'Connor provided the following updates: An RFP and Notice of Funding Availability was issued for the Accountable Health Community program to solicit proposals for community-based navigation. Eleven proposals were received and are being reviewed.

A joint pilot project is being undertaken between Senior Services, the Fire Department and Christus, for at-risk seniors being discharged from the hospital. Seniors identified as at-risk will be referred to the Fire Department who will conduct a home safety check and then may refer the individual to the Senior Services for intensive case management. A program position has been requested for the FY 2018 operating budget.

The County is considering an increase in the GRT to fund the operational services at the Crisis Triage and other projects. County staff have been holding internal meetings on how to coordinate the sale of the bond, development of the capital structure, and what services would be included within the Center. Services would include the mobile crisis response team, navigation, crisis services (assessment, stabilization, psych services, peer support, pharmacy, and psychiatry) and detox.

Ms. O'Connor mentioned the importance of coordination on client flow, in terms of which clients are appropriate to go to the jail, which to the Crisis Center, and how that will be handled and determined. Pam Hyde is researching models and how to be most responsive to the community's needs.

Ms. Boies said that the County is moving away from being a claims-based payment reimbursement provider for those who qualify as indigent and towards contracting with the FQHCs, and she and Ms. Ochoa are visiting all the FQHCs that serve Santa Fe County residents.

B. Other Matters from the Commission

Explore with the City the use of the College of Santa Fe/University of Arts & Design. There are great opportunities for this property

IX. Future Agenda Items

A. Possible Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- Crisis Triage Center

- Jail issues to include behavior health
- The senior safety program
- Revisit the Health Action Plan and appoint HPPC members to the different goals
- Consider the July or August meeting at a different site with October slated for Edgewood
- Continue dialogue on the Accountable Health Community

IX. Announcements

A. Next HPPC meeting Friday, June 2, 2017 at 9:00 am at, Santa Fe County Community Services Department Conference Room, 2052 Galisteo Street

Other announcements included: San Ildefonso Pueblo is holding their healthcare, education and safety fair this weekend; El Camino Real Academy will host the second annual Fiesta Para Bebes May 6th.

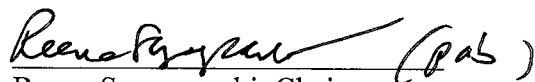
Chair Szczepanski announced that today was Judy Williams's last meeting as an HPPC commissioner. She thanked her for her tremendous mentorship, service and involvement in HPPC.

Commissioner Williams thanked the HPPC for the opportunity.

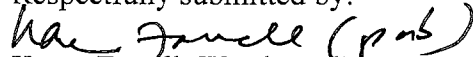
X. Adjournment

This meeting was declared adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Approved by:


Reena Szczepanski, Chair
Health Policy & Planning Commission

Respectfully submitted by:

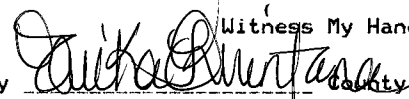

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