

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Special Meeting

June 24, 2014

This special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was called to order on the above-cited date in the Santa Fe County Legal Conference Room at the County Courthouse at approximately 9:10 a.m. by Chair Danny Mayfield

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum with the following Board members present:

Members Present:

Danny Mayfield, Chair
Robert Anaya, Vice Chair [late arrival]
Liz Stefanics
Miguel Chavez [late arrival]
Kathy Holian

Member(s) Excused:

[None]

Staff Present:

Katherine Miller, County Manager
Rachel Brown, Deputy County Attorney
Rachel O'Connor, Community Services Director
Patricia Boies, Community Services
Carole Jaramillo, Budget Director
Lisa Garcia, Health Care Assistance Program
Camille Varela, Health Care Assistance Program
Lorice Griego, Health Care Assistance Program
Chris Barela, Constituent Liaison
Lisa Katonak, Manager's Office

Others Present:

Pablo Sedillo II, Christus St. Vincent
Francis Ong, Community Member

I. B. Introductions

Those present introduced themselves.

I. C. Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by Commissioner Holian and second by Commissioner Stefanics the agenda was approved by 3-0 voice vote. [Commissioners Anaya and Chavez were not present for this action.]

I. D. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of May 27, 2014 BCC Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Stefanics moved to approve the May 27th minutes as submitted. Her motion was seconded by Chairman Mayfield and passed unanimously. [Commissioners Anaya and Chavez were not present for this action and Commissioner Chavez arrived shortly thereafter.]

II. Action Items

A. **Resolution No. 2014-47, A Resolution Establishing the Santa Fe County Health Care Assistance Program, Ratifying Actions of the Santa Fe County Indigent Hospital and Health Care Board and Replacing Resolution 2013-1-IB**

Ms. Boies stated this resolution is required by amendments to the Health Care Act by the legislature. This creates in the County Treasury a Healthcare Assistance Fund that may be used to pay for ambulance services, cremation and healthcare services for indigent patients. The act no longer requires that the fund be used solely for the reimbursement of claims and allows the County to contract with providers for indigent care. She added that in April the Healthcare Board approved *The Health Action Plan* as recommended by the HPPC. Last month the Board approved the HPPC's recommendations for funding targeted to the priorities in the plan.

The resolution supports the action plan priorities, sets forth policies for the new program and directs staff to develop implementation procedures. There is no longer a statutorily created Indigent Hospital and Healthcare Board, thus the current meeting was noticed as a special meeting of the BCC.

Ms. Boies outlined allowed uses for the fund as defined in the resolution. She reviewed provisions of the resolution: eligibility, \$25,000 cap for services or \$10,000 for substance abuse, payment will not be paid for services covered by insurance or Medicaid, residency, inclusion of dental and mental services.

Commissioner Stefanics moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Holian seconded.

Commissioner Stefanics proposed to amend item 7. D to read "Any person applying for services including immigrants must be domiciled in Santa Fe County." Commissioner Holian seconded.

Expanding on her proposed amendment Commissioner Stefanics said the applicant would still fall under the same income eligibility requirements. Chairman Mayfield asked if "any

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person” did not automatically include immigrants. Ms. Brown stated the sentence does not exclude immigrants, however, the practice and policies have been not to accept those claims.

In response to Commissioner Chavez’ question Ms. Boies said both incorporated and unincorporated parts of the county are included.

The amendment passed unanimously [4-0] [Commissioner Anaya was not present for this action.]

Chairman Mayfield asked if there was a requirement that applicants had to be registered with Centennial Care or Medicaid. Ms. Boies noted that providers have to certify that the services are not otherwise covered as indicated in 7.C. Ms. Brown said the language could be modified to clarify that the applicant first has to apply to other coverage providers.

Chair Mayfield move to make that clarification and Commissioner Stefanics seconded.

The amendment passed unanimously [4-0]. [Commissioner Anaya was not present for this action and arrived shortly thereafter.]

Chairman Mayfield asked how the cap was arrived at. Ms. Boies said past history was reviewed and they will be monitoring all the claims and keep running totals.

Ms. Brown outlined the amendments made to the resolution for the benefit of Commissioner Anaya.

Commissioner Anaya stated inclusion of immigrants had been discussed before and he had concerns about it. He asked that there be extensive public outreach and feedback. He said similar provisions have been broached at least three times and voted down consistently. Having served as department director in the past, he said he was familiar with the budget and had concern the funds might be insufficient to meet needs. He said a study session may be warranted. He noted it is not known how all the changes will work out in the future.

Commissioner Chavez pointed out that immigrants contribute taxes and in other ways, and this is a new day. Commissioner Anaya said he was uneasy with the lack of notice regarding the amendment to include immigrants.

Chairman Mayfield asked what kind of documentation was required to show eligibility. Ms. Boies explained the providers rely on income tax forms, pay stubs, verification from homeless shelters, etc.

Chairman Mayfield asked what fund balances are being moved over. Ms. Miller indicated that since the last two quarters SCP were encumbered but not paid they would fall to cash. She added the state is requesting approximately \$1 million. Ms. Boies noted that \$525,000 is the remaining balance from the community providers. Ms. Miller said \$1.8 million is anticipated in revenue for the next year but this will diminish as hold-harmless is phased out.

Resolution 2014-47 passed by majority [4-1] voice vote with Commissioner Anaya casting the nay vote.

II B. Approval of Indigent Hospital and County Health Claims

Ms. Boies said this will be the last time this item will be presented. There have been no new sole community provider claims.

Commissioner Stefanics asked about continuing to pay into the hospital fund. Ms. Miller said that money was budgeted even though SCP is no longer in effect. The state requested payment but had no plan for how to distribute the money. Commissioner Stefanics asked if it would be possible to pay the hospital directly without the match. Ms. Miller suggested waiting to hear if the hospital comes up with a distribution scheme which would allow it to be matched, since it is already encumbered to the state and there is no way to pay the hospital directly. It could be paid after July 1st. Commissioner Chavez recommended waited at least three months to see what happens.

Chairman Mayfield asked if the state had already received the federal match. Ms. O'Connor said the communication with the state has been casual thus far. There is no mechanism at this point to distribute the funds. Commissioner Stefanics stated they could wait three months and if there is no action, contact CMS regarding a direct match.

Mr. Sedillo indicated Christus St. Vincent is also concerned and they have been meeting with HSD, but they are slow to act. Commissioner Stefanics encouraged Mr. Tassin and Ms. Miller to meet with HSD together.

Commissioner Stefanics moved to approve 131 claims in the amount of \$113,571.86. Commissioner Holian seconded. The motion carried unanimously. [5-0]

III. Matters Of Public Concern (Non-Action Items)

There was no one from the public wishing to speak.

IV. Discussion/Information Items/Presentations

A. Matters from the Commission

1. Discussion and Direction to Staff Regarding the Scheduling of Future Meetings Concerning the Health Care Assistance Program

Noting there is no longer a statutorily established Indigent Board there are various options about how the Commission could meet and discuss healthcare issues.

Commissioner Stefanics moved to hold the Housing Authority meeting at 9:00 am on the last Tuesday of the month, with healthcare reports and updates to be heard first in the regular BCC meeting. Commissioner Anaya seconded. Following discussion, the starting time was changed to 10:00 am for the Housing Authority, with the BCC to start at 11:00. The motion carried by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

IV. B. Matters from County Manager and Staff

Ms. Boies referred to the mobile healthcare van schedule and statistics in the packet. Visits are rising steadily. She noted that they will be interviewing for a new weekend driver.

Chairman Mayfield asked if the van was involved in childhood vaccinations. Ms. Boies said they have done adult immunizations. Childhood immunization tends to be done serially and the schools play a role. Chairman Mayfield asked about tetanus shots and Ms. Boies said she did not think this was done in the past but she would look into it.

IV. C. HPPC Update

Ms. Boies said Chair Williams was traveling. The last meeting was taken up with implementation of the priorities.

IV. D. CHRISTUS/St. Vincent Regional Medical Center

Mr. Sedillo said there was nothing to report.

V. Executive Session

Commissioner Stefanics moved to go into executive session pursuant to NMSA Section 10-15-1-H (7) to discuss pending or litigation regarding the sunset clause of the indigent law passed during the legislative session. The motion passed upon unanimous roll call vote with Commissioners Anaya, Chavez, Holian, Stefanics and Mayfield all voting in the affirmative.

[The Commission met in closed session from 10:22 to 10:30.]

Commissioner Holian moved to come out of executive session having discussed only the matter listed above, and with no action taken. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Concluding Business
A. Announcements
B. Adjournment

Having completed the agenda and with no further business to come before this body, Chair Mayfield declared this meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Approved by:

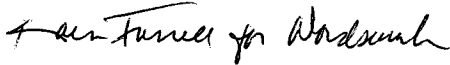

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