

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING COMMISSION

June 6, 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.

Members Present:

Judith Williams, Chair
Shirlee Davidson
Vivian Heye
Reena Szczepanski
Don Reece

Member(s) Excused:

John Abrams
Catherine Kinney
Bryan Conkling

Staff Present:

Rachel O'Connor, Director, Community Services Department
Patricia Boies, Health Services Division Director

Others Present:

Bonnie Lochner, Project REACH Coordinator
Amy Sandoval, DOH/PHD/Health Promotion
Rachel Wexler, DOH/PHD/Health Promotion

III. Introductions

Those present introduced themselves.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by Commissioner Reece and second by Commissioner Davidson, the agenda was unanimously [5-0] approved as published.

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V. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Reece moved to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2014 meeting. Commissioner Szczepanski seconded and the minutes passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

VI. Matters of Public Concern

Amy Sandoval, on behalf of DOH, recognized and thanked the HPPC and County for completing the community health profile and health action plan.

VII. Presentation: Project REACH – Racial and Ethnic Approach to Community Health

Bonnie Lochner, Project REACH coordinator, introduced herself and spoke of her 15 years of experience as a nurse. She said the REACH program is funded through a Center for Disease Control (CDC) grant. She identified the Community Leadership Team with members from the New Mexico Department of Health, Santa Fe Public Schools, the City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe Farmers Market Institute, various non-profits from the community of Santa Fe, dieticians and community health workers as well as representatives from organizations providing medical care in Santa Fe that La Familia Medical Center (LFMC) coordinates the REACH efforts with. The Farmers Market, a for-profit organization, also serves on the team. She said the team has collaborated well and demonstrates the value of collective impact when working on an issue as broad as access to healthy food. REACH is working to address the critical care revolving door issue and making upstream changes on the population. REACH is actively working on two areas: access to healthy foods and encouraging physical activity. Ms. Lochner mentioned four food deserts in Santa Fe— urban areas in which it is difficult to buy affordable or good-quality fresh food. Many poor people live in food deserts where they have plenty of food but none of it is healthy.

The REACH grant identified the ethnicity of the Latino/Hispanic population in Santa Fe County. However, none of the initiatives exclude any other populations. She mentioned the focus on increasing the south side farmers market vendor participation. Over a two-month period the south side farmers market vendor count increased to 17 vendors up from five. The market accepts WIC and EBT. Ms. Lochner said a permanent location is being sought for the south side market.

Ms. Lochner stated the second push is with the school district on the Recess Before Lunch initiative. Studies have shown that kids eat more, waste less food, return to class calmer, behave better and as a result, instruction time is increased when they have recess/activity before lunch.

In term of long range goals, Ms. Lochner said REACH hopes to engage the City in improving access to healthy food zones along Airport Road, identifying a grocery store site, improving bus transportation, etc. She added to the definition of a food desert: an area greater than one mile from a grocery store with a rate of poverty higher than 30 percent.

Ms. Boies said project REACH dovetails with the recently approved *Santa Fe County Health Action Plan*.

Ms. Lochner discussed MoGro, which is a large, semi-truck/mobile grocery store that currently goes into six pueblos. The mobile grocery uses temperature-controlled trucks to provide access to healthy, affordable food to communities that currently lack access due to physical location and cost.

Ms. Lochner said all of La Familia's patients are screened for enrollment in Medicaid. She mentioned that LFMC has been in the community for 40 years and currently delivers one-third of Santa Fe's babies. La Familia is looking at how to help the complex patient from increasing in complexity and REACH is integral to that.

Rachel Wexler commended LFMC for their tremendous efforts in reaching out to the community and said she was impressed with the diversity of Community Leadership Team.

Ms. Lochner discussed an issue with the CDC grant that is being issued as an RFP. She said they are receiving support from Senator Heinrich's office and Andrew Black in bringing the money back into Santa Fe. The RFP award is between \$300,000 and \$500,000 for a three-year period. Along with the REACH grant there is also PICH, Partnership in Improving Community Health. REACH looks at specific racial and ethnic populations.

LFMC's new CEO, Jay Jolly, will start June 22nd.

VIII. Matters of Public Concern

A. Director's Report

Ms. O'Connor offered the following updates:

- The formal entrance to the Community Services Division has been relocated to the other side of the building, providing a better lobby space, and offering additional offices where the CARE Connection had been located
- At the May Healthcare Assistance Program (HAP) Board the budget and plan were approved for the new healthcare assistance program, which includes a mobile crisis response initiative, projects to reduce low birth weight babies, and an additional FTE. A resolution will be presented at the June HAP meeting to govern the program

Chair Williams pointed out that at the May HAP meeting there was representation from the community of providers, Corrections, the public defenders, and others to support the mobile crisis intervention unit.

Commissioner Davidson mentioned that there is crisis intervention expertise in the community.

Ms. O'Connor said the County will issue the RFP for another organization to implement the mobile crisis response team. It is important that potential bidders not participate in the drafting of the RFP.

Continuing her report, Ms. O'Connor noted:

- The County has a new DWI campaign coming forward – bus wraps, bar napkins, coasters, etc – to encourage people to find a safe way home and reporting DWI
- LFMC received funds from the County which were matched by other entities for an outreach program for opiate addicted pregnant women – that outreach campaign will be created by a vendor and is expected to roll out fall 2014

Ms. Boies distributed statistics about patients seen by the Santa Fe County Mobile Health Van. She said LFMC is participating with insurance enrollment events using the van locations. The long-time van driver is retiring and the County has posted the position for a weekend mobile health van driver.

As part of Mental Health Month, the County partnered with CSV and held an event at SFCC for mental health screening. PSAs in English and Spanish were aired throughout May.

Commissioner Reece mentioned a community health center in Stanley and asked whether the County's mobile health van could visit that site. Ms. Boies said she'd look into it. She added that the van carries educational materials for the residents.

Commissioner Reece said he was pleased the van sees the elderly but wanted to be sure materials are available for the youth and middle-aged populations as well. Ms. O'Connor said the mobile van nurse is planning on expanding the scope of services provided.

Regarding the project at the adult jail, Ms. O'Connor said there have been three Narcan trainings at the detention center and kits have been distributed. Detention staff is still waiting on HSD for the presumptive eligibility training. She said she was optimistic and at this point the jail is doing handwritten Medicaid applications which HSD is accepting. The larger issue of eligibility of the jail population and how to get them on Medicaid continues to be difficult. Stacey Byard, the re-entry specialist at the jail has not been able to dedicate herself fully to the position because her former position at the jail has not yet been filled. Ms. O'Connor recommended that Ms. Byard be encouraged to provide updates on at least a quarterly basis.

B. Other Matters from the Commission

Chair Williams reported that the small planning group to work on the City's healthcare-related task force created by resolution has not yet met. HPPC Commissioner Kinney has made efforts to convene a meeting but the City has not been receptive.

Regarding the assignments for the follow-through on the *Health Action Plan*, Chair Williams said with changes in the HPPC composition, new assignments need to be made. She asked the Commission to consider implementation and engaging the stakeholders responsible for the community-wide action work.

Commissioner Davidson said at the April 26th APNA NM Chapter conference in Albuquerque that she helped put on, information about an out-patient psychiatric care program at UNM was discussed. She commented on the fact that this program has incorporated primary care rather than primary care including psychiatric health. The program is showing good results/stabilization with the patients getting primary medical care along with their psychiatric needs

Ms. Boies mentioned that a separate \$5,000 cap for dental has been added to the policies regarding the County health care assistance program.

Ms. Boies said two candidates for appointment to the HPPC are moving forward for BCC approval.

IX. Future Agenda Items

- Early childhood discussion, presentation of Birth to Career initiative, including how the organizations interconnect (Santa Fe Community Foundation, United Way and the Baby Fund)
- Consider how to keep the *Action Plan* active

X. Announcements

A. Next HPPC meeting Friday, July 11, 2014, 9 a.m., La Familia Conference Room, 1035 Alto Street, Santa Fe

XI. Adjournment

This meeting was declared adjourned at approximately 10:55 a.m.

Approved by:

Judith Williams (pk)
 Judith Williams, Chair
 Health Policy & Planning Commission

Respectfully submitted by:
Karen Farrell (pk)
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