

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING COMMISSION

July 11, 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 La Familia, 1035 Alto Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

A quorum was achieved with the following members present:

Members Present:

Judith Williams, Chair
Catherine Kinney
John Abrams
Shirlee Davidson
Vivian Heye
Bonnie Keene
Don Reece
Carolyn Roberts

Member(s) Absent:

Bryan Conkling
Reena Szczepanski (excused)

Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

Jay Jolly, La Familia, CEO
Amy Sandoval, DOH/PHD/Health Promotion
Jeff Thomas, Southwest Care Center
Joohee Rand, Santa Fe Community Foundation
Katie Dry, Santa Fe Baby Fund, Santa Fe Community Foundation
Katherine Freeman, United Way
Richard De Mella, City of Santa Fe
Robin Hunn, New Mexico Health Insurance Consultant

III. Introductions

Those present introduced themselves.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by Commissioner Reece and second by Commissioner Davidson, the agenda was unanimously approved as published.

V. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Reece moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Commissioner Abrams seconded and the minutes passed by unanimous voice vote.

VI. Matters of Public Concern

None were offered.

VII. Presentation/Discussion

Ms. Boies reminded the HPPC that one of the key priorities in the *Action Plan* is to reduce the occurrence of low birth weight babies. The key players of the various collaborative efforts that contribute to the priority will provide presentations. Currently there are collaborations with the United Way, City of Santa Fe, the public schools, County and others to work together on early childhood issues.

A. Early Childhood Collaborative Efforts and Initiatives

Joohee Rand, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Santa Fe Community Foundation, provided information on the Birth to Career collaboration which started with K to 12 educational opportunities and the relationship to poverty. Researching where the funding was going to support Santa Fe Public Schools indicated more money per student was going to support schools that had the least poverty and highest achievements. This began discussions with other non-profits and donors to identify strategies to support students. The whole life of the child needs to be considered along with the family and community support.

Ms. Rand said they identified anchor educational institutions – United Way, Santa Fe Public Schools, and Santa Fe Community College and they met to discuss how they could work together. At that time the United Way's Early Childhood Steering Committee was already formed and there was a clear desire to work together on the issue.

Successful transitions require sharing data, stated Ms. Rand. A data team was launched to look at indicators, alignments and data needs of different organizations and to develop recommendations to a shared vision of the collaboration. Well being is an important component to review especially when looking at the most vulnerable population. The children need a wrap-around support to thrive at school. The indicator analysis included mapping of the census tracts in schools and what that consistently revealed was the areas with the highest poverty level and

households with children under 18 headed by a single woman are currently the low opportunity index areas. Early Learning Center is working within these areas.

Opportunity Places were defined as places to target resources. They are looking for transitional success, well being and potential inequities (the gap in opportunities for kids).

A data and resource hub has been created to systemize what the data team is doing. The data hub will provide a centralized, online, interactive place for the key outcome indicators. The hub is intended to provide a comprehensive, interactive and continuously updated research directory available on line that the community stakeholders can access.

Commissioner Kinney asked about the outcomes of the collaborative effort and Ms. Rand said there is at this point a shared vision and preliminary desired outcomes. She said they have discussed what and who before how.

Ms. Rand said they are looking for funding partners and the Community Foundation has committed \$220,000 for the next three years. For specific detailed data agenda special funding will be required; however, the aggregate level data can be collected for a low cost.

A question was asked how the *Action Plan* priority of reducing low birth weight babies relates to the overall birth to career initiatives. Ms. Boies said one of the collaborative working groups is the Early Childhood Steering Committee which is through age five. Birth includes pre-natal.

Katie Dry, Director, Santa Fe Baby Fund, explained their early childhood initiative that focuses on prenatal to age four and works to raise awareness of the importance of well being of the County's youngest citizens. Ms. Dry said her work focuses on the upstream countywide social change.

The Santa Fe Baby Fund was started with an initial donation from the Brindle Foundation and it was based on the belief that helping babies to thrive is an issue of social justice and smart economic development. Ms. Dry said Santa Fe Baby Fund recently conducted a strategic planning process and developed a needs assessment in Santa Fe County and criteria for investment of the Baby Fund with a focus on the upstream. The fund will be focusing on:

- Drug and alcohol exposed babies and their mothers struggling with addiction
- Teen pregnancy prevention and services to teen parents
- Access to quality, affordable infant and toddler care
- Community wide work: Santa Fe Early Childhood indicators project and Birth to Career Collaborative

Ms. Dry said she was working to develop a public awareness poster that will serve as a tool to identify early childhood health issues to be posted throughout the County.

How is the evidence systematically built into the data? Commissioner Kinney mentioned an overlap between substance abuse and teen pregnancy. Ms. Rand said that is the type of data-driven strategy that the collaborative wants to build. She said they were still working on the

principles and approaches of the collaboration and could easily add evidence-based programs/models. Commissioner Kinney offered her assistance.

Katherine Freeman, CEO, United Way of Santa Fe County said the Early Learning Center was recognized as an example of an evidence-based approach to action. United Way of Santa Fe County was the local system for Project Launch; a federal SAMHSA grant intended to fund local systems of child wellness through local children's projects. A group which included Christus St. Vincent, Brindle Foundation, DOH, Santa Fe County, etc. met monthly for five years who identified key service delivery issues that included postpartum home visiting, increased home visiting, and childcare. CSV funded the postpartum home visiting for any family that wants it in Santa Fe County.

Ms. Freeman said while good work is occurring the indicators for the County's youth are not changing. The steering committee has always been committed to the balance between more data, more input and action. The Early Childhood Steering Committee brought together a whole array of early childhood services for children and their families. The public school district offered the old Agua Fria Elementary School to serve as the Early Childhood Center. She distributed a case statement publication designed for donors on the center.

The steering committee is working on the partnerships for the Center and an MOU to define it as a collaborative group working on early childhood issues. At this point the MOU has no attached financial commitments. The first action and priority is the play space strategy at the Agua Fria Center. The center will work on performance indicators and best practice available for the discipline. The goal for the center is to experiment, to be a demonstration for how people can come together and provide high quality projects – for kids and parents in a way that New Mexico can afford and measure the readiness for school beyond academic indicators.

Ms. Freeman said the Center will use a two generation approach providing the highest quality evidence based services for kids and parental and caregiver capacity building with a center for working families that would be explicitly focused on increasing the family income and wrapping around the Center services.

The WPA building at the Agua Fria campus will be occupied by United Way and many services will provided there with a significant professional development component for the families. They will continue to do policy work to encourage centers of this nature throughout the state.

The Center will serve 120 children but reach 1,000 through health, behavioral health, outreach, and home visiting. Ms. Freeman was confident the building would be built.

VII. A. Director's Report

Ms. O'Connor and Ms Boies offered the following updates:

- The Board of County Commissioners approved the Health Care Assistance Program resolution with an amendment making funds available regardless of immigration status. The resolution will be emailed to the HPPC members.
- The re-entry specialist at the jail said 30 individuals have been enrolled in Medicaid; coordinating release dates is difficult and follow-up often not possible
- The County passed a resolution asking CMS to reconsider the policy on inmate-related health insurance

- The RFP for the (Behavioral) Crisis Response Team/Unit is under development. There has been input from law enforcement, HPPC members, experienced mobile crisis response team members, NAMI and EMS. The City of Santa Fe and Rio Arriba County have expressed interest in participating. Coordination will be critical. The team will provide preventive services in crisis situations
- Counties received a letter from HSD requesting payment from January to June 2014 of the funds set aside for SCP program which ended January 1, 2014. At this point the counties have not responded
- Community Services programs have been rearranged with staff taking on different responsibilities
- La Familia is currently serving 45 opiate-addicted women, the majority pregnant. A second year contract will be entered into with La Familia
- Narcan training at the jail is ongoing
- Santa Fe County has a new DWI campaign: Think SaFe

Ms. O'Connor said the jail has requested funding and/or assistance in a treatment program for inmates with severe alcoholism. The jail is considering chemical injections, and a great many questions came up. Can jail staff monitor the injections? How does it work? Where is the evidence-based data, what occurs post discharge? The jail proposed that the mobile health van could provide services and the HPPC desired additional information. A suggestion was made to invite the Corrections Medical Director to make a presentation on this at the next HPPC meeting.

Chair Williams asked that the jail's re-integration program be discussed. Commissioner Davidson commented that individuals are leaving the jail with health issues that require follow up.

B. Other Matters from the Commission

None were presented.

VIII Future Agenda Items

- Update from Stacey Byard, Re-entry Specialist
- Invite the Corrections Medical Director and Lisa Leiding to discuss their proposal for alcohol treatment – how it works, what it does, what occurs post discharge, etc.; Kati Schwartz, mobile health van nurse could also be invited
- What is the HPPC's role in monitoring the *Action Plan* and tracking the indicators?

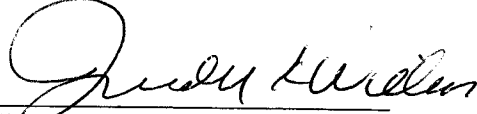
IX. Announcements

- A. Next HPPC meeting Friday, August 1, 2014, 9 a.m., 2052 Galisteo St., Suite B

X. Adjournment

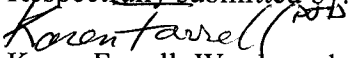
This meeting was declared adjourned at approximately 11:12 a.m.

Approved by:



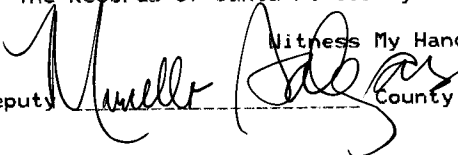
Judith Williams, Chair
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