

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING COMMISSION

July 3, 2015

Santa Fe, New Mexico

I. This regular meeting of the Santa Fe County Health Policy & Planning Commission (HPPC) was called to order by Commissioner Reena Szczepanski at approximately 9:00 a.m. on the above-cited date at the La Familia Medical Center (LFMC), 1035 Alto Street, Santa Fe, NM.

II. Initially lacking a quorum action items were addressed later in the meeting. The following members were present:

Members Present:

Reena Szczepanski
 Don Reece
 John Abrams
 Vivian Heye
 Bonnie Keene
 Carolyn Roberts
 Kim Straus
 Anna Voltura

Member(s) Absent:

Judith Williams, Chair [excused]
 AnnaMaria Cardenalli [excused]
 Bryan Conkling

County Staff Present:

Patricia Boies, Director, Health Services Division
 Rachel O'Connor, Director, Community Services Department
 Kyra Ochoa, Health Services Staff
 Camille Varela, Health Care Assistance Program
 Lorice Griego, Health Care Assistance Program

Others Present:

Kristin Carmichael, Community Health, Christus St. Vincent
 Desiree Valdez, NM Department of Health, Health Promotion
 Christa Trujillo, NM Department of Health, Health Promotion
 Ramona Flores-Lopez, PMS
 Jay Jolly, LFMC, CEO
 Nick Brady, LFMC
 Vanessa Quintana, LFMC OB Health Dept.

Betty Bustamante, LFMC, OB Coordinator
Kimberly Garner, LFMC, Lactation Specialist
Wendy Johnson, LFMC Medical Director
Patty Shure, Las Cumbres Healthy Babies Program
Linnea Moreno, Las Cumbres Healthy Babies Program
Bernie Lieving, Southwest Care Center

III. Introductions

Those present introduced themselves.

Lacking a quorum, action items IV, approval of agenda, and V, approval of minutes were handled later in the meeting. [See page 5]

VI. Matters of Public Concern

None were presented.

VII. Presentations: Low Birth Weight Prevention Initiative

Ms. Boies said La Familia and Las Cumbres were awarded County funding via an RFP process to address the low birth weight issue that was identified as a priority in the Community Health Plan.

A. La Familia

Betty Bustamante, LFMC, RN, said the medical providers at LFMC have delivered over 1/3 of the newborns at the community hospital. In 2013, LFMC deliveries had a low birth weight statistic of 5.88 percent. In 2014 that number increased to 7.4 percent. LFMC proposes strengthening its support to the highest risk groups delivering low birth weight newborns in Santa Fe.

The low birth weight prevention program consists of three approaches which will integrate with existing programs and new community outreach programs. Approaches are: prevention of unplanned pregnancies, increased awareness, and promotion of early prenatal care, and mitigation of risk factors during pregnancy. The high risk population has been identified as teens, immigrant women, women with poor nutrition, homeless women, women who smoke, women with low educational levels, women living in poverty, women with chronic diseases and women who use alcohol or drugs. The program will focus on high risk neighborhoods which are those with high unemployment, low income and high crime. La Familia plans on providing enhanced social support services, addiction treatment and adding incentives for prenatal class attendance as well as nutritional services to mitigate the neighborhood level risk factors. Using evidence-based criteria through its three-approach program to include counseling, outreach and public awareness, collaboration with other community organizations, advertisements, screening tools and referral, and incentives to participate will strengthen impact along with pregnancy testing, counseling and community outreach.

Ms. Bustamante said awareness of available services is a big problem and targeted public awareness/outreach campaigns will be used to remedy this. There will be a specialized team for working with teens with a teen clinic at the Santa Fe Community College where confidential counseling and contraceptives will be available. Long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) will be made available to the targeted populations as well as to the homeless population.

All information will be available in Spanish and there will be an emphasis that everyone has access to care regardless of their ability to pay or immigration status. Outreach will be a strong component of LFMC's programs.

To mitigate risk during pregnancy, LFMC will implement a screening tool for nutritional issues, food security, drug and alcohol use, medical history, domestic violence, depression, etc. with an in-place referral program. Transportation subsidies will be available. Substance users will meet in special groups.

Home visits have shown to decrease low birth weight incidence and LFMC will continue to work with all local home visiting programs. La Familia will continue to expand its treatment for opioid addicted pregnant women by adding an additional community health worker to work with the case manager in providing additional social support including targeted home visits.

On behalf of LFMC, Ms. Bustamante thanked HPPC for their continued support.

Wendy Johnson, LFMC Medical Director, introduced Kimberly Garner, an MSW and lactation expert who was recently hired to help gather data and work on the low birth weight grant and other activities. Dr. Johnson spoke highly of her team.

Ms. Boies noted that Santa Fe County's low birth weight rate was higher than that of the state. Dr. Johnson stated that although at this point there is no review showing a direct correlation, there is a concurrent increase in opioid addiction statewide and countrywide. Ms. Bustamante said nutritional issues clearly have a big impact.

Commissioner Szczepanski asked about LARCs and whether there were any problems. Dr. Johnson said LFMC was in the red \$56,000 in funding for providing LARCs. As a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), LFMC gets paid on a PPS (prospective payment service/\$137) rate for Medicaid patients regardless of any materials used including the LARC, which costs \$600 to \$800. It essentially disincentivizes FQHCs from providing LARCs.

Mr. Jolly said LFMC's patient population is 37 percent Medicaid and 40 percent uninsured.

B. Las Cumbres

Linnea Moreno of Las Cumbres, introduced their organization, which is located in Santa Fe County, Rio Arriba County, Taos and Los Alamos counties. In Santa Fe County they have a therapeutic program for infants from 0 to 6 years with a focus on home visiting. The Competent Parenting Home visiting program has an emphasis on supporting healthy caregiver-child relationships as the most effective way to ensure healthy development. At the heart of all Las Cumbres programs is its relationship-based philosophy and commitment to families over time. In reviewing the home visiting programs, she noted they provide prenatal care on up to age of three

and are open to any family and not income-based. Their Grandparent Program serves as a support group for grandparents raising grandchildren.

The low birth weight program begins with outreach and collaboration in creating partnerships with other community providers. Materials will be posted at libraries, laundromats, health fairs, parks, etc. Primarily, they will be focused on the northern regions of Santa Fe County. Las Cumbres uses promotoras to help in the community and works to connect the families to community resources. They will serve the expectant mothers by providing individual case management, personalized support and complete assessments and screenings.

Las Cumbres' FIT (Family, Infant, Toddler) program provides a continuum of integrated developmental and therapeutic services to families who have concerns about the development of their young child ages birth to 3. Those services include: evaluation and assessment, developmental consultation and counseling, family education, home visits, a community resource center of materials on child development, speech, occupational, and/or physical therapy

Ms. Moreno said the home visiting program will utilize the Pathways Program, a data based tracking system that ensures priority linkages are made. Ms. Moreno said Las Cumbres tries to be at all community events.

Patty Shure, Las Cumbres, said the focus in their response to the County RFP was community building and outreach. She said as of the first part of the year, in Santa Fe County Las Cumbres is serving approximately 100 families. The Healthy Baby Program aims to serve 15 new families.

Ms. Moreno said Las Cumbres excels at referrals to get services to their clients. She mentioned WIC (Women Infants Children) support, TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), and SNAP (food stamps) and said they help walk their clients through the process. She added that the home visitors help tremendously.

Observing that both LFMC and Las Cumbres are talking about promotion, Commissioner Straus mentioned an idea floated to DOH whereby a kiosk would be created at Wal-Mart that would be staffed by a promotora and would provide information about healthy pregnancies, pregnancy prevention and appropriate early childhood development. He suggested reconsidering it. It could be a good pilot program and DOH was at one time interested in funding it.

Commissioner Abrams mentioned that south Santa Fe County and Torrance County could benefit from Las Cumbres. Ms. Moreno said they have not included the southern portion; however, gap areas could be considered. Commissioner Abrams said although many of the people in the south use Albuquerque there is a woeful lack of services in the entire south county into northern Torrance.

A DOH representative said pregnant women can participate in the WIC program, which may help with the low birth weight. She said WIC offers services to pregnant and post-partum women and kids up to age five.

Ms. Ochoa said when she worked in northern New Mexico, WIC would, on a regular schedule, come to a clinic in Peñasco. She suggested First Choice may be willing to host WIC

information session on a regular schedule. The DOH representative offered to check on WIC in Moriarty/Edgewood and contact Ms. Boies with further information.

Christus St. Vincent representative Kristin Carmichael asked about criteria for referring to each entity. Ms. Moreno said Las Cumbres communicates with La Familia and other programs and there is a great deal of cross-referring. Dr. Johnson said LFMC is a primary practice/primary care clinic and not a social support agency. She noted that LFMC does not do stand-alone addiction services; patients are treated holistically.

Commissioner Szczepanski recommended the three agencies have a conversation off line.

Commissioner Heye asked that the DOH provide data on WIC's ability to serve communities' needs and if the lack of services is because of staffing shortages that would be important to know. Commissioner Szczepanski concurred with that suggestion and added the legislature would also be interested in that information.

IV. Approval of Agenda

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

V. Approval of Minutes: June 5, 2015

Commissioner Abrams moved approval as published. Commissioner Roberts seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

VIII. Matters from the Commission and Staff

A. Update on Health Action Plan

Ms. Boies said the contract for the web-based report card of the Health Action Plan priorities is being reviewed by County Legal Department. The Santa Fe Community Foundation is the organization the County is working with.

B. Director's Report

Ms. Boies reported that Judy Williams and Carolyn Roberts were appointed by the BCC to serve on the City's Hospital and Health Care Study Group that was discussed at the last HPPC meeting. The City Council will also need to approve the appointees. Kate Noble is staff and at this point no meeting has been scheduled.

The Network of Care, an online resource funded by DOH Behavioral Health Division, will have a one-stop shop for veteran related affairs. It is expected the website will be up in the next few months and it will be important that the website be populated with the correct information. The City recently passed a resolution establishing a Veterans Advisory Board, and Ms. Boies participated in their first meeting in July.

Last fall, the HPPC recommended that the Food Policy Council object to the new SNAP work requirements. HSD is moving forward with the changes and hearings are scheduled. The Food Policy Council is preparing an op-ed in opposition to the expanded requirements.

The City grant funding to providers of food, shelter and social services and she recommended HPPC receive a report on that practice. Similarly, CSV recently awarded their community health benefit funds and she noted a lot of the same organizations are funded by both entities. She proposed inviting Terri Rodriguez from the City and a CSV representative to a meeting to provide a summary of the funding programs.

Rachel O'Connor, Director, Community Services Department, advised the Commission that the County issued an LOI (letter of interest) to hire someone to conduct research and look at how the Fire Department may assist Santa Fe County in reaching some of their health related goals. She expected that once awarded, the contractor would come to the HPPC for discussion.

Santa Fe County receives funding from the State through the Alcohol Excise Tax to fund the DWI and detox programs. An RFP will be released in the amount of \$300,000 to fund detox services in Santa Fe County.

Ms. O'Connor said the Sheriff's Department will be administering Narcan. She said the County has been really progressive on this issue. She understood the new numbers regarding drug overdose for 2014 are going to be disappointing news with the drug overdose numbers continuing to skyrocket since 2007. Reducing drug overdoses is one of the County's health priorities. She suggested a presentation to the HPPC on how Santa Fe County is using Narcan and she commended DOH for their partnership in this endeavor.

Commissioner Roberts remarked that a 3-minute video about NARCAN was shown at the Santa Fe Opiate Safe meeting.

Commissioner Szczepanski said the County is cutting edge for the country in this issue.

Ms. O'Connor said Christus Foundation paid for the Narcan and Community Services has offered money for kits beyond that. She was confident that there was funding available.

Commissioner Heye said she understood Española's Sheriff Department has also received Narcan training and Bernalillo was next.

In addition to populating the veteran's website, Ms. O'Connor said the County can be instrumental in advertising it.

C. Other Matters from the Commission

Commissioner Roberts reported that she attended a meeting at the Board of Nurses. The school nurses were present and talked about the rescue medication that nurses can provide to children which includes Albuterol and Epipens. The current rules allow anyone to receive the training for Epipens but only nurses can use Albuterol. Someone at the meeting asked about Narcan which apparently is needed at high and middle schools. She suggested this stay on HPPC's radar.

Commissioner Heye said although school-based health centers may not have Narcan they legally could as part of DOH.

Commissioner Szczepanski referred to an article about a crisis/suicide text hotline at 741741. She said school-based health centers, school nurses, etc. should know about this program. Commissioner Roberts recommended passing this on to the mobile crisis team.

IX. Future Agenda Items

Multi-faceted Narcan

Multi-faceted funding presentation – CSV and City

October - PMS to provide an update on the mobile crisis response

X. Announcements

The next HPPC meeting is on August 7th at the 2052 Galisteo Street location.

Ms. Carmichael said CSV has partnered with the City to host a Southside Block Party on Saturday, July 4th, at the Zona del Sol facility. The providers will be present in hopes of building relationships with the community.

Commissioner Szczepanski offered thanks to Mr. Jolly and his entire staff as well as those that were present for making this a great meeting,

This meeting was declared adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Approved by:

Health Policy & Planning Commission

Respectfully submitted by:

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