

**MINUTES OF THE**  
**SANTA FE COUNTY**  
**HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING COMMISSION**

**May 2 2025**

**Santa Fe, New Mexico**

This regular meeting of the Santa Fe County Health Policy & Planning Commission (HPPC) was called to order by Chair Steven Berkshire at approximately 10:00 a.m. on the above-cited date at the Plaza Conference Room, 100 Catron Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The meeting was held in a hybrid manner with both in-person and virtual participation.

The following members were present:

**Members Present:**

Steven Berkshire, Chair  
Ronald Aldrich  
Arthur Culpepper  
Jane Hajovsky  
Mark Hayden  
Maria Jose Rodriguez Cadiz  
Craig Schermerhorn  
Deborah Weiss

**Member(s) Absent:**

None

**County Staff Present:**

Jennifer Romero, Deputy Community Services Director  
Coy Maienza, Health Services Manager  
Chanelle Delgado, CSD, Youth Services

**Others Present:**

Paige Marez, 4H Family and Consumer Science Agent  
Shelley Mann-Lev, Healthy Climate New Mexico  
Kyaolin Rajbhandary, DOH, Public Health Division [remotely]  
Christa Hernandez, City of Santa Fe, Youth & Family Services [remotely]  
Kristin Graziano, HCNM [remotely]  
Kathleen Tunney, CSV [remotely]  
Jasmine Meyer, Presbyterian [remotely]

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Phillip Fiuty, DOH [remotely]  
Christopher Novak, DOH [remotely]  
Stephanie Moraga-McHaley, Healthy Climate New Mexico

### **Introductions**

Those present introduced themselves.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Aldrich moved to approve and Ms. Weiss seconded. The motion to approve the agenda passed without opposition. [Mr. Culpepper was not present for this action.]

### **Approval of Minutes**

**February 7, 2025:** Mr. Aldrich moved approval. Mr. Schermerhorn seconded and the motion to approve the February minutes passed without opposition. [Mr. Culpepper was not present for this action and arrived directly thereafter.]

### **Action Item: Healthy Climate New Mexico** [*Exhibit 1: HCNM workshop proposals*]

Shelly Mann-Lev, Executive Director of Healthy Climate New Mexico (HCNM), noted that the Santa Fe Watershed Society is hosting a Climate Masters Program and HCNM is preparing a class for them. She said that one of the objectives within the HPPC's strategic plan specifically involves awareness around climate change and health impacts.

HCNM is a statewide organization made up of public health and healthcare professionals and volunteers. In response to the County's request for a menu of options of workshops to increase knowledge about the impacts of climate change on public health, and the potential local actions which could prevent these harms or improve response, HCNM has developed six proposals. She spoke to the inequity issues with climate change.

The classes/workshops varied in cost and length of course and all could provide potential impact in terms of policy and education in protecting the community. The costs for the different courses are negotiable and can include a diversity of staff, division leaders, public, elected officials, etc. Ms. Mann-Lev stated that climate warning systems could be improved to be impactful.

Stephanie Moraga-McHaley, board member of Healthy Climate New Mexico, has been instrumental in developing the heat-illness tracking system/heat fatalities.

Regarding proposal #6, Climate and Health Plan for CONNECT, Ms. Romero said there is a direct relationship between the vulnerable population and climate change.

Mr. Culpepper noted the unique cultures of Santa Fe, with different populations perceiving climate in different way. He asked whether best practices from other states could be included to obtain effective engagement results from the population.

Ms. Mann-Lev agreed that whatever the HPPC decides to do it needs to speak to Santa Fe. She said the first three proposals are education capacity building, and the next three offer different directions of strengthening systems.

Ms. Moraga-McHaley said that Phoenix had 680+ heat related deaths last year. It is difficult to pinpoint a death solely to heat. Ms. Mann-Lev noted that emergency room visits which are heat-related have continually doubled. The state tracks heat-related deaths and heat-related hospital visits.

Ms. Mann-Lev mentioned occupational heat standards proposed to protect workers in New Mexico. The rule will be voted on July 16<sup>th</sup> and she encouraged the attendees to sign a petition at Safework4all.org in support of the standards. The standards refer to temperatures and mandated breaks in the shade during those temperatures. No shut downs are included in the rule.

Mr. Culpepper advocated collaboration with other groups working on climate issues.

Ms. Romero said that the County is reimbursed through the Health Council, and that funding goes back to the health care assistance program and supports the CONNECT initiatives. The FY26 budget has not been officially approved and there may be \$10,000 set aside and could be earmarked for one or more of these proposals.

HPPC supported Proposal #1 with an expansion of the participants; proposal #2 for educating the BCC and proposal #6 also gained support.

It was mentioned that connecting #1 through #5 to #6/CONNECT which is up and running should be considered. Including the CONNECT navigators in #1 will build a stronger network.

Perhaps the BCC could participate in #1 and thus eliminate #2.

ACTION: Mr. Alrich moved to recommend to the County to move forward with proposals #1 and #6. Mr. Hayden seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### **Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM) Review**

Chair Berkshire attended a conference with Ms. Romero and Ms. Maienza which focused on the court system and how to manage/assist people with substance abuse issues that end up in the judicial system and are discharged. He referred the committee to appendices C and E.

Ms. Maienza provided a power point summary of SIM, a model supported by SAMHSA as well as the Policy Research Associates, which details how individuals with mental and substance use disorders come into contact with, and move through the criminal justice system. The SIM helps communities identify resources and gaps in services at each intercept and to develop local strategic action plans. The focus in reviewing the mapping process was to identify strategies to divert people with mental and substance use disorders away from the justice system into

treatment, and staying out of the loop. The first intercept is community services and it continues with law enforcement, the court hearings and detention, re-entry and community correction.

Santa Fe County's community services include but are not limited to La Sala, 988 crisis line, 911-dispatch, 211 which reaches CONNECT. The County's recovery center works well with emergency services.

Detention and different court hearings were identified with what happens at each stage. Once in the jails or courts, the detention center has been working to provide an intensive out-patient program for folks in jail desiring a program that helps with substance abuse and the physical and mental addiction. The jail has a re-entry pod where they are provided additional information on services available outside of jail. Probation and parole is an area that the County is working on.

List of intercept priorities for Santa Fe County included housing, community resources, and criminal justice which coordinate through a monthly meeting monthly made up of judges, district attorneys, public defenders and several community service providers. The committee will begin addressing each of the priorities identified in the criminal justice arena. She identified re-entry facilities and how to treat substance use and mental illness together by making connections and sharing lived experience to provide guidance and advice with peers and probation officers.

Mr. Fiuty said that there is a high turnover rate within the professionals cited in the SIM – law enforcement, behavioral health, peer support workers – and that turnover causes accessibility and continuity issues.

Mr. Culpepper said getting the information out is of the utmost importance. He concurred with an earlier comment that recidivism is high in New Mexico and that correlates with the lack of support services.

Ms. Maienza said there is an estimate that over 70 percent of incarcerated people have a behavioral health issue and "we cannot arrest our way out of this."

Ms. Romero said that the SIM mapping will help inform next year's HPPC's deliverables.

### **Fentanyl Awareness Campaign**

Ms. Delgado said that in 2021 Santa Fe County decided to focus efforts on fentanyl because of the significant rise in use among community youth. In 2021 there were six overdoses in Santa Fe County among high school students and three of those were fatal. Between 2019 and 2020 there were 136 fentanyl related overdose deaths in the state of New Mexico. In that same period, Santa Fe County had an overdose prevention team that included the Fire Department and Sheriff's Office. It was not effective in prevention and outreach so in 2022 behavioral health, substance abuse agencies and other advocates were added to a task force. Phase 1 was education to raise awareness of the dangers of fentanyl. There was a great deal of misinformation that Narcan was ineffective. On the screen she displayed an awareness campaign from phase 1, "if you're not getting medication from your doctor, you don't know what you're taking." In phase 2, the focus was to reach the users. With an overdose increase and risk of fatality the campaign

was “Never Use Alone.” This campaign was met with mixed response; however, it is a successful harm reduction approach in keeping people alive until ready for treatment. The “Never Use Alone” message was saturated across the community with Johnny boards, bus wraps and a billboard on 284/85. Currently, the campaign is in its third phase which reinforces harm reduction and connecting people to services.

Fentanyl is many times mixed with alcohol, benzodiazepine/meth which significantly increases the risk of overdose.

A QR code was added to the bottom of the campaign messages so people could access the resource guide that was provided in English and Spanish. Ms. Delgado said that the current mixture of Fentanyl on the market is the most unstable it has been and thus increases the risk. A focus group with Interfaith Shelter was shocked to learn what was in a pill.

A new line was added to the “Never Use Alone” campaign: “Overdose is Fatal When No One is There to Help.” This message will be posted with a QR code and CONNECT’s #211.

Narcan is a brand name and will be substituted with Naloxone in the future.

Ms. Delgado said currently they are in talks with the state to develop one universal message statewide. She acknowledged that the counties are all different and some are not ready for this harm reduction approach.

Mr. Fiuty, consultant, trainer and administrator, said most of the clients his organization works with had no idea what they were taking was not pure Fentanyl “blues” especially the youth. He mentioned that in the event one wants to take Fentanyl and is alone, there is an 800 number where someone stays on the line while the caller uses their drug. He mentioned that those using alone are the ones to die.

As far as the naysayers and those who believe the “Never Use Alone” campaign encourages use, Mr. Fiuty said this country is in one of the worst crises with substance use, and the “just say no” campaign failed. The current message is directed at those at risk.

Emphasizing that the problem is prevalent, Ms. Delgado said that over half the inmates at Santa Fe County jail in 2023 tested positive for Fentanyl. Over a three-month period in 2023, the jail administered Naloxone over 40 times.

Regarding test strips, Ms. Delgado said that the current users are not interested in the strips. Mr. Fiuty said the harm reduction program still provides the strips and other test strips. The strip can add awareness to what the user is taking but it will not prevent the usage.

### **Matters from the Commission**

Chair Berkshire provided the following information:

- May 7<sup>th</sup> is an all day session at Embassy Suites sponsored by the Health Council. One can participate by Zoom

- May 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. an hour site visit at La Sala/Santa Fe County crisis center – 2052 So. Galisteo

Ms. Weiss said that she and Chair Berkshire attended a meeting with Frantz Melio of Anchorum to explore program interests. She suggested inviting Jerry Jones, Anchorum CEO, to attend a HPPC meeting.

### Matters from Staff

Ms. Romero said she may reach out on the last of the deliverables..

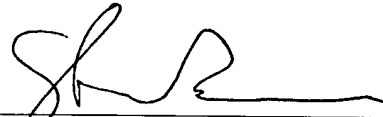
Public Comment – There was no input.

Next meeting: Friday, August 1, 2025

### Adjournment

This meeting was declared adjourned at approximately 12:01 a.m.

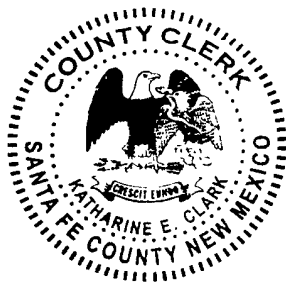
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Steven Berkshire Chair  
Health Policy & Planning Commission

Respectfully submitted by:

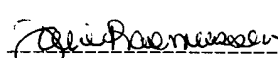
  
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**Santa Fe County Health Policy and Planning Council Proposal  
Healthy Climate New Mexico  
March 13, 2025**

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**Note: Costs are based on individual items and open to negotiation; selection of multiple items will likely lead to a reduction in cost per item**

**1. Climate Change and Public Health Workshop for the HPPC**

- a. Description: Increase knowledge about impacts of climate change on public health and potential local actions that could prevent these harms or improve response when they occur through participation in a workshop for HPPC members and staff
- b. Presenters: 2-3 experts from Healthy Climate New Mexico
- c. Deliverable: one 2 or 3 hour workshop
- d. Estimated hours and cost
  - i. 15-18 hours of planning (includes meeting with HPPC leadership and County staff and developing presentation and materials + delivery time
  - ii. 2 hour workshop: 17 hours = \$2,500
  - iii. 3 hour workshop: 20 hours = \$3,000

**2. Climate Change and Public Health Workshops for the BCCC, other county departments, and/or other stakeholders:**

- a. Description: Increase knowledge about impacts of climate change on public health and potential local actions that could prevent these harms or improve response when they occur by educating Santa Fe County decision-makers and staff
- b. Presenters: 1-2 experts from Healthy Climate New Mexico
- c. Deliverable: 1 or more workshops
- d. Estimate of hours and cost:
  - i. 1 hour workshop: 5 hours: \$750/workshop
  - ii. 1.5 hour workshop: 6 hours: \$900/workshop

**3. Santa Fe County Climate and Health Summit:**

- a. Description: Plan and facilitate a half-day gathering/summit of Santa Fe County community-based organizations that work with people at risk from extreme heat

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and cold and wildfire smoke to discuss existing resources and needs and prepare a report with asset mapping, needs, challenges and recommendations

- b. Deliverables: half-day event facilitation + report
- c. Logistics: managed by the county
- d. Estimate of hours and cost:: 50 hours, \$7,500
  - i. Planning, outreach
  - ii. Event facilitation
  - iii. Report

#### **4. Public education campaign on preparation and prevention of health impacts of heat and other extreme weather and climate related events**

- a. Description: With the HPPC, develop a public education campaign plan on health impacts of climate change with appropriate messaging and identification of highly vulnerable, priority audiences and ways to reach with cultural and linguistic appropriateness
- b. Deliverable: public education campaign plan
- c. Fact-finding work and developing and writing recommendations
- d. 25 hours + \$1,000 design
- e. Cost: \$5,000

#### **5. Extreme weather warning/alert systems plan**

- a. Description: Analyze current county warning and alert systems for climate-related events and develop recommendations for improvement, including messaging and communication on the county website and other channels
- b. Deliverable: Two thresholds for alerts, lower is targeted messaging for high risk groups and higher threshold for general public
  - i. Tailored messaging for high risk groups
  - ii. And for general public
  - iii. Research what is currently being done
  - iv. Meetings with county and city emergency manager and NWS
- c. Cost: \$6,500

#### **6. Climate and Health Plan for CONNECT:**

- a. Description: Analyze how CONNECT currently addresses climate related health risks, including cooling and heating needs, and recommendations for improvement, including cost
- b. Three meetings with navigators (individual interview or small groups) and meetings with CONNECT staff
- c. Deliverable: report with analysis of needs, recommendations and costs
- d. Cost: \$4,500

**For the future: Develop a Santa Fe County Heat Action Plan**

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