

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING COMMISSION

August 7, 2026

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 Grant Conference Room, 240 Grant Ave., 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
Deborah Weiss
Michael Spanier
Ronald Aldrich
Arthur Culpepper [remote]
Laura Elliman [remote]
Sun Vega [remote]

Member(s) Absent:

Maria Jose Rodriguez Cadiz (excused)

County Staff Present:

Jennifer Romero, Community Services Department Deputy Director
Coy Maienza, Health Services Division Manager
Anjelica Griego, Community Services Department Accountant
Heaven Gomez, Community Services Department Secretary

Community Members Present:

Kyaolin Rajbhandary, NE Region Health Promotion Specialist, DOH
Jasmine Meyer, Mgr. Community Health Operations & Strategic Initiatives, PHS[remote]
Crystal Archuleta, NE Region Health Promotion Specialist, DOH
Jeremy Espinoza, Public Health Promotion Team, DOH
Valentina White, NE Region Health Promotion Coordinator, DOH

Introductions

Those present introduced themselves.

Approval Of Agenda

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Ronald Aldrich moved to approve, seconded by Michael Spainer. Motion to approve passed without opposition.

Approval of Minutes

July 10,2026: Steven Berkshire moved to approve, Ronald Aldrich seconded, and the motion to approve the July minutes passed without opposition.

Follow up/Updates on Perinatal Equity, Jasmine Meyer, MPH, Presbyterian Health Services

- Jasmine Meyer, MPH, provided an update on Presbyterian Health Services' Community Health Perinatal Equity Initiative, which focuses on improving timely access to prenatal and postpartum care for individuals experiencing barriers to care.
- The initiative builds on the Northern Roots Produce Prescription Program and uses community health workers, community partnerships, and direct outreach to connect individuals with health care and other resources.
- Updates included expanded community partnerships, perinatal community events, Medicaid member outreach, and the addition of a perinatal community health worker at Presbyterian Española Hospital.
- From January through June, the initiative reached 835 individuals through community health worker outreach, with 95 accepting navigation services, and community partners reached nearly 10,000 individuals, with 206 directly engaged.
- The program has also verified 48 first-trimester prenatal visits and 8 postpartum visits among participants.
- Jasmine highlighted successes with community partners, including early pregnancy testing and referrals through harm reduction programs, Medicaid resource enrollment, and outreach to young people through schools and community events.
- Discussion focused on reaching younger and potentially hesitant individuals, reducing stigma, strengthening school-based partnerships, and expanding outreach to individuals who may not otherwise seek care.
- Members also discussed opportunities to connect the initiative with the County jail and re-entry efforts. Staff offered to connect Meyer with County jail health staff, and the upcoming October 10 re-entry fair was identified as a potential outreach opportunity.

Santa Fe County Support of HPPC and Planning for Year(s) Ahead

Action Plan

- The Commission discussed reviewing and updating the current Health Action Plan to ensure priorities reflect current community data, needs, and available capacity.
- Members discussed forming a subcommittee to review the existing plan and identify areas that may need to be updated.
- Members emphasized using data and community needs to guide priorities and avoiding duplication of efforts with other organizations.
- The Commission discussed the importance of identifying the HPPC's role as a central "hub" and how its work connects with other community partners and initiatives.\

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- Members expressed interest in participating in the review, with the possibility of the full Commission working together on the Action Plan.

Standards, Protocols & Commission Structure

- The discussion emphasized the need to establish structure and expectations for the Commission, including its role, member responsibilities, and how the Commission's priorities should guide future work. This structure will fall within the guidelines of the BCC Resolutions and will provide further details regarding operations and expectations of the HPPC and its respective membership.
- The Commission discussed the importance of reviewing its current structure and establishing processes that support continuity and effective participation.

Recruitment of New Members

- Staff discussed recruitment for the district 2 vacancy and whether recruitment should identify specific areas of expertise that would strengthen the Commission.
- Members recommended keeping the recruitment broad enough to allow qualified District 2 applicants to apply and using the interview process to identify candidates with skills and experience that meet the Commission's needs.

Matters from the Commission

1. Update on Anchorum Metting

- The Commission discussed identifying health priorities for Santa Fe County that could be shared with Anchorum.
- Members suggested using priorities from the Region 1 behavioral health planning process as a starting point, particularly workforce needs.
- The possibility of forming a subcommittee to identify and develop priorities was discussed.
- Members emphasized using community data and the Health Action Plan to guide priorities and identify potential funding and partnership opportunities.

2. Climate Initiative:

- Members discussed ongoing efforts to identify climate-related needs among vulnerable community members, particularly those needing assistance with cooling their homes.
- Potential resources discussed included cooling centers, home assessments, cooling equipment, utility programs, and existing County housing and home-improvement resources.
- Staff will continue working with Healthy Climate New Mexico to identify available resources and potential strategies.

3. Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

- An update was provided regarding efforts to connect individuals leaving the County jail with healthcare, behavioral health, housing, employment, and other community resources.
- Re-entry fairs and peer-support programs were highlighted as ways to help individuals successfully transition back into the community.

- Housing remains a significant challenge, and members were encouraged to participate in the housing and peer-support committees.

Public Comment

- N/A

Matters from staff

- BHRIA Updates
 - Jennifer discussed Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act, which is a regional model, Santa Fe County is the accountable entity for Region One in which the plan was approved by the Executive Committee with no notes.
- Follow-Up Discussion from Dr. Gordon's Presentation
 - Santa Fe County staff explained that any proposed actions going before the BCC as a formal recommendation must be supported by data and research. Data considerations for this proposal should include the demonstrated need, the costs and what the financial contribution expectation is from the County, as well as the sustainability plan for the initiative.
 - The Commission discussed how the proposed behavioral health system could complement existing community services and avoid duplicating efforts.
 - Members emphasized the importance of clearly defining the Commission's role and identifying how the proposed system could connect with existing organizations and resources.
- District 2 Vacancy
 - Staff discussed recruitment for the vacant District 2 position that was recently vacated by Mark Hayden.
 - Members recommended keeping recruitment open to qualified District 2 applicants while considering the skills and experience that would strengthen the Commission.
 - Staff will proceed with posting the vacancy and evaluate applicants through the interview process.
 - Since Mark Hayden had been representing the HPPC and the Santa Fe County Behavioral Health Leadership Council (BHLC), the BHLC rep from HPPC will fall to Sun Vega, as she has been working in behavioral health for over 30 years and has been actively participating in the regional BHRIA meetings.

Next Meeting & Adjourn

Meeting called for adjournment by Chair Berkshire at 12:00pm. Michael Spainer moved for adjournment, seconded by Deborah Weiss.

Next HPPC meeting October 2, 2026

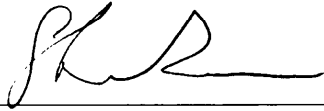
Respectfully submitted by:

Anjelica Griego, Santa Fe County

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Approved by:



Steven Berkshire, HPPC Chair

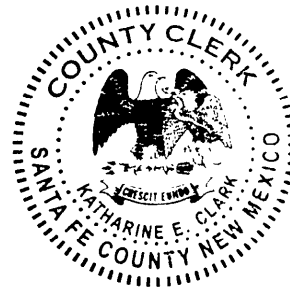
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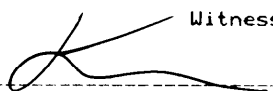
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