

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING COMMISSION

February 6, 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 Plaza 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
Sun Vega
Deborah Weiss
Ronald Aldrich
Maria Jose Rodriguez Cadiz
Arthur Culpepper
Michael Spanier

Member(s) Absent:

Mark Hayden (unexcused)

County Staff Present:

Jennifer Romero, Community Services Deputy Director
Coy Maienza, Health Services Division Manager

Community Members Present:

Kyaolin Rajbhandary, NE Region Health Promotion Specialist, DOH
Korena Lopez, La Familia, Healthcare for the Homeless
Jasmine Mills, La Familia
Kenneth Gallegos, NM Aging and Long Term Services Department [remote]
Christa Hernandez, City of Santa Fe Youth & Family Services Program Manager [remote]
Rosie Hudson, Nurse Manager, Santa Fe Public Health Office [remote]
Kim Horan, DOH, Health Promotion Program [remote]
Thom Chesney, Southwestern College [remote]
Lilia Lopez de Varela, Presbyterian Medical Services [remote]
Kathleen Tunney, Director Community Health, Christus St. Vincent [remote]
Jasmine Meyer, Mgr. Community Health Operations & Strategic Initiatives, PHS [remote]
Jeremy Espinoza, DOH, NE Region Community Epidemiologist [remote]
Joseph Hill, New Mexico Alliance of Health Councils [remote]

Introductions

Those present introduced themselves.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Aldrich moved to approve, seconded by Ms. Weiss. Motion to approve passed without opposition.

Approval of Minutes

December 5, 2025: Mr. Aldrich moved to approve. Ms. Vega seconded, and the motion to approve the December minutes passed without opposition.

Presentation: No presentations provided this meeting

Matters from the Commission

- Perinatal Collaboration
 - Maria Jose shared that Solace is collaborating with the Presbyterian Health Services' perinatal program. They are cross collaborating, offering training on how to respond to disclosures of sexual assault to the perinatal program staff, and how to make referrals by Solace staff.
- Health Council Update and Collaboration
 - Chair Berkshire shared that he had learned about possible legislation to go to Health Councils in HB104.
 - Joseph Hill with NMAHC added that HB2 does not currently include the \$8M in funding, and that the amount may likely be \$4M and may come via GRO funds. Kim Horan with DOH stated that the bill had passed the HHS committee unanimously but has since stalled.
- Santa Fe County Court Mapping Update (seeking volunteers for subcommittee)
 - After the Structured Intercept Model mapping event last year, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee has started subcommittee meetings addressing peer supports, reentry, and housing. Chair Berkshire requests that any available and interested HPPC members join one or more of the subcommittees. They take place on Wednesdays at 12noon. Web links for the meetings will be sent to HPPC members.
- Anchorum-What would Commissioners like to see in a collaboration?
 - Commissioners would like to know specifically what initiatives they are prioritizing, especially regarding housing
 - We should start with learning about their overarching goals. They are huge and are doing a lot and getting more information will be helpful.
 - Water/water treatment concerns may also be of interest in hearing if Anchorum is working on this
 - A suggestion was made to have a smaller contingency meet with Anchorum's President/CEO Jerry Jones to discuss where we align. The group can then report

- to the larger HPPC and determine any action items.
 - This could also be a follow up from an earlier meeting that Steven and Deborah had with Franz, VP of Health Care Strategies
 - It was decided that Steven, Maria Jose, Deborah, and Jennifer Romero/Coy will be the initial group to meet with Anchorum
- Climate Collaboration
 - The group would like to follow up with Healthy Climate NM. Coy will look back to see what the other selection for having Healthy Climate NM come back to the group and send that information to HPPC.
- Behavioral Health
 - Question was raised regarding Mark Hayden's absences from this meeting and the last, both were not excused. Coy will look into the Resolution and help determine any actions that can be taken. Steven will reach out to Mark.
 - Sun provided an update on what has happened with BHRIA, including the regional workshop, listening sessions, and results of initial submission of the regional submission for the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
- HB 104
 - Discussed this topic during Health Council updates
- Other Legislation
 - Ronald shared that the interstate compacts in SB1 are moving forward. At this time, both the social work and physicians' compacts are passed and signed by the governor
 - Some parts of the proposed legislation to alleviate the malpractice burden have moved forward

Public Comment

- N/A

Matters from staff

- BHRIA Updates
 - Shared during the Behavioral Health update in Matters from the Commission
- District 1 Vacancy
 - We have received one application for D-1 and have heard from another active community member that they may be interested in applying. Steven will coordinate with Deborah and Coy after next week to plan for interviews.
- Interstate Compacts
 - Update provided during Matters from the Commission
- Federal Government Impacts on County
 - We are not seeing major impacts yet, but many of the cuts that Congress has made have not yet taken effect. We are preparing as best we can.
- Updated resolution regarding HPPC to go to BCC
 - We are putting forth a resolution to officially establish the HPPC as the "Health Council" for Santa Fe County and to elect a Vice Chair. BCC will hear the

resolution on 2/10/26. Anyone interested in hearing may join the BCC meeting in person or online.

- Health Action Plan Review
 - Will need at least an hour, focusing solely on the plan. This should also include the full commission.
 - Jennifer Romero shared information about the water line break in the Valle Vista neighborhood. She suggested that the HAP also include how to get information out to communities.

Next Meeting & Adjourn

Meeting called for adjournment by Chair Steven Berkshire at 12:00pm. Michael moved for adjournment, seconded by Sun.

Next HPPC meeting April 3, 2026

Respectfully submitted by:
Coy Maienza, Santa Fe County

Approved by:

Steven Berkshire, HPPC Chair

Date