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# Memorandum

To:

Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners

From:

Katherine Miller, County Manager, SFC

Rachel O'Connor, Director, Community Services Department, SFC

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Subject:

Community Services Monthly Report

#### **Health Services**

The Human Services Department has developed two rules on Crisis Centers; one for residential treatment and other for nonresidential. We are reviewing both rules and making a determination of how they might fit into our proposed scope of services. We are heartened that HSD is working with us to find some mechanism for reimbursement for the Behavioral Health Crisis Center that we are planning in Santa Fe County.

The evaluation team of the Crisis Center heard oral presentations of the proposals received. Based on the outcome we are moving forward with negotiations.

The Request for Proposals for an evaluation of the Accountable Health Community project is expected to go out early next week. We are in process with purchasing on the IT/software system, which should follow shortly after that. We met with Daniel Sanchez on how County IT might participate in the IT system implementation, which will require coordination among all our providers.

Our health care advocate served 15 new clients in the month of December, completing 10 applications for Medicaid and five for HCAP. Another client was moved off HCAP when the Advocate enrolled him in Medicaid Part D. Another client was successfully enrolled in the NM High Risk Insurance Pool.

The 2020 census was the subject of the last HPPC meeting. There are concerns about the population in New Mexico -- including Santa Fe County -- being hard to count, resulting in loss of federal funding. Robert Rhatigan of the UNM's population studies department presented. We would like to talk with you about this and the desire for BCC involvement/funding.



Patricia met with Santa Fe Community Foundation to have them add indicators for improving seniors health, including fall-related deaths and influenza immunizations.

## **Community Safety**

Community Services staff participated in overdose training this week. Bernie Lieving from the Santa Fe Prevention Alliance provided a training for CSD staff how to administer Narcan. The DWI program is seeing an increase in the number of DWI offenders abusing opiates. The training will ensure that the Community Services Department is be prepared should a situation arise in our work place.

This week we made revisions to the YERP Application and NOFA. This year we will be distributing \$240,000 to Youth Education and Recreation Programs in Santa Fe. Priority will be given to those programs that impact these indicators including but not limited to: reducing alcohol/drug abuse, reducing low birth weight babies, reducing suicide, increasing the consumption of healthy food, and increasing services for pregnant or parenting youth.

### **Community Operations**

The Stanley Cyclone Event Coordinator Don Reese is working with the National Bull rider Association and the Navajo Nation for events to be held at the Center. Currently a contract has been signed for four events beginning in late March. We are working with Public Safety to insure that the facility is ready for this sort of activity.

The deadline to submit proposals for the Stanley Kitchen RFP was on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Purchasing has reported that no proposals were submitted. The RFP was sent to those who had expressed interest in performing the work.

Volunteer Coordinator, Carol Branch met with staff from The Master's Program Charter High School to renew the partnership with the Santa Fe County Volunteer Program for the school year 2018. This is our 6th year of this partnership which gives us the opportunity to teach 13-16 students about our public lands and how to improve and maintain them. This semester, they will meet for 4 hours on Fridays to improve our Open Spaces, Trails and stretches of the river. Carol is busy planning 15 meaningful projects for the students and other adult crew leaders

On Wednesday, December 20, 2017 Carol Branch was a guest on KSWV. Objective was to promote the Santa Fe County Volunteer Program. We discussed the value and benefits of community service and in particular working with our youth. Our goal is to raise awareness and pass the baton to the next generation of care takers of our public lands. Keeping our public lands safe and sustainable not only makes a great place for us to live, but promotes tourism

# Senior Services

We received notification last week that the Agency on Aging and Long Term Services will no longer be contracting with AAA for services to seniors. We do not know at this point what impact this will have on federal funding, or how the funds will be routed from the State Agency to Counties and other providers. We are continuing to monitor this situation.

The new Department Administrator began this week. Her name is Helen Campion and she comes to us from AAA.

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