

SANTA FE COUNTY

Resolution No. 2008-57

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT CHRISTUS ST. VINCENT REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER AND ST. VINCENT HOSPITAL SUPPORTCO OPEN THEIR BOARD MEETINGS TO THE PUBLIC

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners ("Board") wishes to facilitate community participation and involvement in Santa Fe's sole community provider hospital;

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the recent merger of St. Vincent Regional Medical Center and CHRISTUS Health to form CHRISTUS St. Vincent Regional Medical Center ("St. Vincent");

WHEREAS, the Board is aware of the active involvement of St. Vincent Hospital SupportCo ("SupportCo");

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County and the federal government provide substantial funding for the operation and outreach of St. Vincent, including more than \$33,000,000 in public funds in 2007;

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County residents, who rely on St. Vincent, have expressed the need for more accurate information about St. Vincent's and SupportCo's policies, procedures and operations;

WHEREAS, opening the board meetings of St. Vincent and SupportCo would provide members of the public with the information they need, be a gesture of good faith, and would enhance communication within the community;

WHEREAS, St. Vincent has claimed that "hospitals have the ability to share best practices . . . to enhance and grow community services" and believes that the merger will allow "Northern New Mexico residents to take advantage of the immense opportunities this new relationship affords the Santa Fe community"; and

WHEREAS, the Board, for the public health, safety and welfare, wishes to encourage St. Vincent and SupportCo in the strongest terms possible to open their board meetings to the public;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HEREBY RESOLVES AND PROCLAIMS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Board of County Commissioners urges St. Vincent and SupportCo to open their board meetings to the public effective immediately.
2. A copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the boards of St. Vincent and SupportCo for their consideration and action.

**PASSED, APPROVED, SIGNED AND ADOPTED THIS 29th DAY OF
APRIL, 2008 BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.**

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SANTA FE COUNTY**


Jack Sullivan, Chairman

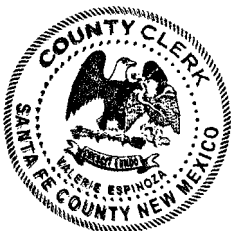
Attest:


Valerie Espinoza, County Clerk



Approved as to form:


Stephen C. Ross, County Attorney



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Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office
Valerie Espinoza
County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

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