THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2020- 100

A RESOLUTION
ESTABLISHING THE HEALTH POLICY AND PLANNING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, a healthy community is a key goal for Santa Fe County ("County"); and

WHEREAS, since 1999 there has been a Health Policy and Planning Commission established by the Board of County Commissioners ("Board"), whose size, composition, and duties have gone through many iterations since it was first created; and

WHEREAS, since the creation of the County’s Community Services Department ("CSD"), CSD staff have served as the County’s liaison to the Health Policy and Planning Commission ("HPPC"), and have worked closely with the HPPC in identifying the health needs of the community through community outreach, engagement, research and analysis; and

WHEREAS, the HPPC, working jointly with CSD, was instrumental in producing the Santa Fe County Health Action Plan, which was adopted by the Board and which continues to be a guiding document for health priorities; and

WHEREAS, the HPPC, working jointly with CSD, has continued to be instrumental in recommending the Board’s support for policies and programs, including, for example, affirming the need for a behavioral health crisis center, and supporting an accountable health community, “CONNECT,” to address the social determinants of health, with the vision that that all County residents, regardless of income, have access to high-quality health care and are linked to resources they need for health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, due to vacancies and term expirations, there are currently five members of the HPPC whose terms are still active; and

WHEREAS, a reconstitution of the HPPC, including organizational and membership changes, will enhance its effectiveness and flexibility.


1. The BCC hereby establishes the Health Policy and Planning Commission, whose purpose is to engage the community regarding the healthcare needs of County residents and to assist the Board by researching health issues and related topics as directed by the Board.
2. The duties and responsibilities of the HPPC are:

   a. Research issues as assigned by the Board, providing recommendations if requested.

   b. Propose updates to the County Health Action Plan and assist the Community Services Department by providing input on health and programmatic issues as requested by CSD staff.

   c. Keep abreast of developments in health care on a local, state, and national level and provide information to the Board as requested.

   d. Perform other duties pertaining to community input regarding healthcare needs of County residents as assigned or communicated by the Board.

3. The HPPC shall consist of nine members appointed by the Board, taking into consideration the advice of CSD staff. Members of the Santa Fe County Health Policy Planning Commission that existed prior to the adoption of this resolution are appointed to serve on the HPPC for the duration of the terms for which they were originally appointed. Remaining members shall be appointed as soon as reasonably practicable. Members should be of diverse backgrounds and representative of varied health care services experiences. All members shall reside within Santa Fe County. Each of the five Commission Districts shall be represented by at least one member, and the remaining members shall be at-large and may reside in any area of the County. Members shall serve for three years and shall serve for no more than two consecutive terms. The chairperson shall be selected by a majority vote of the HPPC, and shall serve for two years. There shall be no limit on the number of terms a chairperson can serve.

4. The HPPC shall meet no less frequently than quarterly. The meetings shall be open to the public and subject to all laws and rules regarding notice and the conduct of meetings.

5. All matters requiring action shall be resolved by majority vote of the quorum.

6. The staff of the Health Services Division of the Community Services Department shall serve as liaison to the HPPC. Among its duties, the liaison shall be responsible for the administration and oversight of meetings.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 15TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020.

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By: [Signature]

Henry P. Roybal, Chair