
WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) recognize that the manner in which healthcare and community services are being delivered is rapidly changing;

WHEREAS, the active public involvement of our residents helps ensure affordable, quality, accessible prevention-oriented health and community services that are responsive to our diverse demographics and geography;

WHEREAS, the BCC has determined that a Commission should be established to assist the BCC in accomplishing that goal; and

WHEREAS, the BCC recognizes the importance of clearly defining the purpose, duties, and responsibilities of the Commission.


1. The BCC hereby establishes the Santa Fe County Health Policy and Planning Commission. The Commission shall be organized as set forth herein and shall have the authority and purpose as set forth herein.

2. The express purpose of the Committee is to effectively engage and elicit community input regarding the healthcare needs of county residents, and to assist the BCC in studying and researching healthcare issues and related topics as directed by the BCC.

3. The duties and responsibilities of the Commission are:

   a) Assist the Santa Fe County Health & Human Services Division by providing input on programmatic and health issues as requested by Division staff.

   b) Study and/or perform research on issues as assigned to them by the BCC, rendering an opinion or recommendation if requested.

   c) Perform other tasks and duties pertaining to obtaining community input regarding healthcare needs of county residents as assigned or communicated by the BCC.

   d) Propose updates to the BCC pertaining to the County Health Plan at such time when funding is available to do so.
e) Keep abreast of developments in healthcare on a local, state, and national level and provide information to the BCC as requested regarding recent developments in healthcare.

4. Members will be selected by the Board of County Commissioners, taking into consideration letters of interest, qualifications, county-wide representation, and advice from the Santa Fe County Health & Human Services Division staff. Members should be of diverse backgrounds, representative of the varied experience with healthcare services, consumption of Healthcare services, and persons interested in health promotion, disease and behavioral risk prevention, and healthcare provision.

5. The Commission shall be made up of seven (7) members appointed by the BCC. Of the initial appointments, four (4) shall serve for a two year term, and three (3) shall serve for a three year term. Subsequent terms shall be for three years to maintain staggering of terms. Members shall serve for no more than two (2) consecutive terms, including those terms served on the Santa Fe County Health Policy and Planning Committee which existed prior to adoption of this resolution. Each chairperson shall serve for a two year term and shall be selected by majority vote of the members of the Commission. Vacancies shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term. Members may be removed by the BCC with, or without cause.

6. All Commission members shall reside in the unincorporated areas of Santa Fe County. One member shall reside in each of the Commission Districts in order to provide diversity of representation; the remaining members shall be at large and may reside in any area of the County and be nominated by any Commissioner. Notwithstanding the geographic distribution of the members, all members shall be charged with representing the best interests of the County as a whole.

7. The Commission shall meet as often as necessary to carry out their work, but not less than quarterly. The meetings of the Commission shall be held at the Santa Fe County Health & Human Services Building, located at 2052, South Galisteo Street, Santa Fe, NM, and such other locations within Santa Fe County as may be conducive to visible and publicly accessible meetings. Meetings shall be held in accordance with the Board of County Commissioner’s Resolution Determining Reasonable Notice for Public Meetings of the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County, and for Boards and Committees Appointed by or Acting Under the Authority of the Board of County Commissioners as well as the County’s Resolution Establishing Rules of Order for Meetings of the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County and for Certain Specified Committees.

8. The County should allocate a sufficient budget to ensure advertising in accordance with the County’s Open Meetings Act Resolution. However, the terms of this Resolution are contingent upon sufficient appropriations and authorizations being made. If sufficient appropriations and authorizations are not made or given by the County, the Commission
shall cease operation until such time as funding allows for compliance with publication and noticing requirements.

9. All matters coming before the Commission shall be resolved by majority vote of the quorum.

10. The County Manager shall appoint a member of the County staff to serve as liaison to the Committee. The liaison shall be responsible for stenographic services during meetings. The liaison shall ensure that packets are prepared for Committee members prior to each meeting, and that notices and agendas are created and posted in accordance with the County's Open Meetings Act Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, SIGNED AND ADOPTED THIS 14th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2010 BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY

Harry B. Mondoya, Chairman

Valerie Espinoza, County Clerk

Approved as to form:

Stephen C. Ross, County Attorney