



# Agenda

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## HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 16, 2011

Health and Human Services

2052 Galisteo Street

6:00pm – 8:00pm

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes – November 30, 2010  
Human Services Committee Hearings April 15 -16, 2011
5. New Business:
  - A. 2011-12 Contract Overview
    - Solace Crisis Treatment Center
    - Esperanza
  - B. Christus St. Vincent Update
  - C. FEMA funds
  - D. New Program
    - Palliative Care Santa Fe
    - Medicaid Redesign
6. Old Business:
  - A. Committee Membership
7. Discussion items for next meeting, December 13, 2011 and choose next meeting place.
8. Matters from the Committee
9. Matters from the Floor
10. Adjournment

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**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
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<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	<b>Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.</b>	<b>6</b>

**MINUTES OF THE**  
**CITY OF SANTA FE**  
**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Santa Fe, New Mexico**

**August 16, 2011**

A meeting of the City of Santa Fe Human Services Committee was called to order by Betty Ann Rose, Chair on this date at 6:00 p.m. at the Health and Human Services Conference Room, 2052 Galisteo Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Roll Call indicated the presence of a quorum for conducting official business as follows:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Betty Ann Rose, Chair  
Marissa Montoya-Ganzel  
Kathleen Rowe  
Steve Shepherd  
Dorothy Shepherd

**MEMBER(S) ABSENT:**

2 vacancies

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Terrie Rodriguez, Youth and Family Services Division Director

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Shirley Davidson, prospective candidate to fill Committee vacancy  
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Item 6a (*Old Business - Committee Membership*) was moved up on the agenda after Approval of the Minutes.

**Mr. Shepherd made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended. Ms. Rowe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**November 30, 2010**

**Mr. Shepherd moved to approve the Minutes of the November 30, 2010 meeting. Ms. Rowe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

## **Human Services Committee Hearings April 15-16, 2011**

The following change was made to the Minutes of April 15-16, 2011 Committee Hearings:

Page 3, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph, 1<sup>st</sup> sentence was changed to read: *"Farm to Table was represented by Pam Roy, Katherine Mortimer, and Rubina Cohen."*

**Ms. Rowe moved to approve the Minutes of the Committee Hearings of April 15-16, 2011 as amended. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **A. Committee Membership**

Ms. Rodriguez noted that there are two vacancies on the Committee. She introduced Ms. Davidson. Ms. Davidson is interested in filling one of the vacancies and provided a copy of her resume for the Committee to review.

Ms. Davidson gave a brief history of her background noting that she is a Psychiatric Nurse Specialist. She said she recently retired from teaching at the Santa Fe Community College, but not from her profession. She explained that she is interested in all aspects of public health and behavioral health and has done work in both areas.

The members were asked to think of prospective candidates to fill the other vacancy. Letters of interest and copies of resumes should be sent to Ms. Rodriguez who will forward them to the Mayor.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. 2011-2012 Contract Overview**

Ms. Rodriguez reported that the contracts for fiscal year 2011-2012 are all in place.

- **Solace Crisis Treatment Center**

Ms. Rodriguez reported that Solace Crisis Treatment Center has made some public announcements that they are having financial troubles. The Executive Director has left and they have an interim Director. The financial person also left.

Ms. Rodriguez said the Solace Crisis Treatment Center Board is going to meet tomorrow and she has been invited to attend the meeting.

Ms. Montoya-Ganzel said part of their problem is that they do not turn anyone away and some of these people do not pay; and there is not enough money to fund everybody.

Ms. Rodriguez said maybe she can request that they look at having some kind of fee scale.

- **Esperanza**

Ms. Rodriguez reported that Esperanza is facing the same kind of financial issues that the Solace Crisis Treatment Center is, because they have the same funding sources.

Ms. Rodriguez said she has spoken with the Executive Director of Esperanza and she has indicated that they have been working with a lot of volunteers to provide services; and several groups around town that are working on applying for grants.

## **B. CHRISTUS/St. Vincent Update**

The following handouts were distributed: *County Program Contributes \$200 Million to New Mexico's Sole Community Provider Hospitals; Sole Community Provider Program, which included spreadsheets on 2011 Sole Community Hospital Funding Projected Eligibility and Approved Base; Santa Fe County's 2012 Sole Community Hospital Funding Requests and Approved Base; and a list of privately owned and operated facilities.*

Mr. Shepherd reviewed the handouts as follows:

- The Sole Community Provider Program is a federal/state intergovernmental partnership under New Mexico's State Medicaid Plan for hospitals that are sole providers in a community.
- The Sole Community Fund was created in the state treasury in 1993 and was established under the Indigent Hospital and County Health Care Act. It is funded by counties to obtain federal matching funds from Medicaid, but is administered by the New Mexico Human Services Department. The amounts available for allocation were initially based on the amount of indigent expenditures by each participating county. Subsequent amounts available for allocation are based on the annual Under Payment Limit calculation by NM Medicaid and not based on indigent claims.
- The rationale for development of the program is that if a hospital is the only hospital in a community, then it will have un-reimbursed operating expenses and uncompensated care associated with its being the sole source

for some individuals for care. In the interest of promoting access to Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, the program was created to recognize that hospitals' emergency rooms were often the care provider of last resort and the costs associated with that situation would require additional reimbursement from the federal government. It also provided additional payments to sole community provider hospitals that had experienced a significant volume decrease, but whose access was critical to local residents.

- The criteria for Sole Community Provider Hospitals were developed in the late 1980's under the provisions of the federal Medicare guidelines that were established pursuant to Title 18 of the Social Security Act. A Sole Community Provider Hospital must be a rural hospital.
- The Sole Community Provider Program supplements hospitals with quarterly payments on an annual allocation schedule determined by the New Mexico Human Services Department. Counties pay into the state's Sole Community Provider Fund to cover the matching portion of the federal funds. In turn, the state sends these dollars to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). CMS matches the money at approximately 3 to 1. The Medicaid Program then pays out the money on a quarterly basis to hospitals under a formula approved by CMS.

Mr. Shepherd explained that the Sole Community Fund used to be a big part of the County's budget in the past; however, this was scaled back this year. The County Indigent and Sole Community Provider Programs provided over \$200 Million in support to hospitals in New Mexico in FY 2010.

Mr. Shepherd said that CHRISTUS/St. Vincent Regional Medical Center received \$1.5 Million of matching funds, which turned into \$7.7 million in Sole Community Provider funding for them last September, and this is expected to be the same for this September. \$1.1 million of this came from the University of New Mexico Hospital; the other \$400,000 came from Los Alamos County.

Mr. Shepherd also distributed copies of a letter from the New Mexico Human Services Department regarding responses to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) survey questions. The New Mexico Human Services Department, as the sole state agency authorized to administer the State's Medicaid Program, is required by law to complete the CMS Form 64 on a quarterly basis and to certify that the information contained therein is accurate. In connection with the CMS 64 form, CMS has asked that the State collect data from certain counties and privately owned and operated Sole Community Provider hospitals. The County was given 20 calendar days from receipt of the letter to certify that the information provided to the NM Human Services Department is complete and accurate. The Department has suspended payments to privately owned and operated Sole Community Provider hospitals pending receipt of the responses from all counties and the private hospitals and the Department's review of these responses.

### **C. FEMA Funds**

Ms. Rodriguez said the FEMA funds that come into the City of Santa Fe have been coming in for over 25 years. The FEMA funds are for used primarily for emergency food and shelter. The funds can also be used for homelessness prevention; paying utility bills and a portion of rent and mortgage.

Ms. Rodriguez serves on the FEMA Committee. She noted that the City of Santa Fe used to get approximately \$40,000 to \$70,000 in FEMA funding. Bernalillo County used to get approximately \$230,000 from FEMA funding. However, Bernalillo County and Santa Fe County did not get any FEMA funding this year. They indicate that Santa Fe County and Bernalillo County did not meet the criteria in terms of unemployment rates.

Chair Rose asked if they cut the funding, or did they give the funding to other places.

Ms. Rodriguez said they took the money that Bernalillo County and Santa Fe County used to get and gave the State Supplemental fund an additional \$80,000.

Ms. Rodriguez explained that the City is the recipient for the funds but they have a contract with United Way to handle the paperwork. She said a meeting has been arranged to meet with United Way, the City and the State Supplemental Administrators to work on the application for the \$80,000 in the Supplemental Fund. She offered to send the members an e-mail following the meeting tomorrow.

She noted that Santa Fe County Fe has received \$14,400 for distribution to food and shelter services. She mentioned that the Solace Treatment Center received \$80,000 in Human Services funding for this fiscal year.

### **D. NEW PROGRAM**

- **Palliative Care Santa Fe**

Ms. Rodriguez said palliative care is something that was brought to her attention by Ms. Rowe and she looked up the organizations that are providing palliative care services in Santa Fe. They work with individuals who have chronic medical conditions.

Ms. Rowe noted that she spoke with the Director after she saw an ad on this, and she indicated that they are planning to open a day center and having a facility soon. She said they are doing some new therapies that are focused on having the best quality of life possible; and pain management. Palliative care can go up to 2-3 years.

- **Medicaid Design**

Ms. Rowe noted that she has attended meetings where the Medicaid re-design was presented by the contractor/consultant (Alicia Smith and Associates). She explained that the re-design includes a proposal to do a single waiver that would cover all the special populations in one system - disabled, elderly at risk for institutional care, behavioral health, AIDS and others.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: December 13, 2011 and choose next meeting place**

- 1) Contract Overview
- 2) CHRISTUS/St. Vincent Regional Medical Center
- 3) Palliative Care Santa Fe

The next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Health and Human Services Conference Room, 2052 Galisteo Street, Santa Fe.

**MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

Ms. Rodriguez announced that Lynn Hathaway of the City Children and Youth Commission will be retiring. Ms. Rodriguez will be working with the Children and Youth Commission.

**MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

There were no matters from the floor.

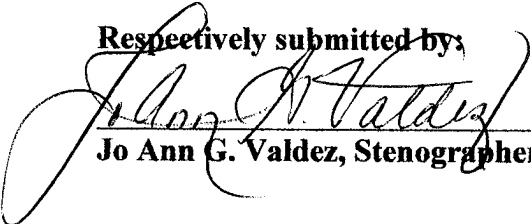
**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Approved by:

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Betty Ann Rose, Chair

Respectively submitted by:

  
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Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer