



# Agenda

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## Immigration Committee

October 4, 2011 – 5:45 p.m.

City Councilors' Conference Room

City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of Agenda
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  - a. September 6, 2011
- IV. Announcements
- V. Community Comments
- VI. Old Business
  - a. Update on drivers licenses for immigrants / re-verification program / lawsuit
  - b. Legislative report
  - c. Representative from NMDIA
- VII. New Business
  - a. Southside Development Bond information
  - b. Presentation by
    - i. Susan Gonzales, Region II Director of Public Health
    - ii. Madelyn Krassner, CMS Program Manager
  - c. Representative from Police Department
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October 4, 2011**

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<b><u>New Business:</u></b> <i>(moved to this point in the agenda per motion)</i>  a. <b>Presentation by:</b> Susan Gonzales and Madelyn Krassner	Informational, thank you for the handouts and the valuable information.	3-4
<b><u>Old Business</u></b> a. <b>Update on Drivers Licenses for Immigrants/Re-verification Program / Lawsuit</b>	Informational. Staff Follow Up: Ms. Lopez to discuss with Mayor the friend of the court brief possibility.	4-5

b. <b>Legislation</b> c. <b>Representative from NMDIA</b>	Committee Member, Miguel Angel Acosta will follow up with NMDIA.	
<b><u>New Business: Continued</u></b> Southside Development Bond Information Representative from Police Department	Informational, no formal action taken	5
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<b>Adjournment and Signature page</b>	There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.	6

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## MINUTES

October 4, 2011 – 5:45 pm – 7:45 pm  
City Councilors' Conference Room  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

### Call to Order

A regular meeting of the City of Santa Fe Immigration Committee was called to order at 5:45 pm by the Chair, Maria Cristina Lopez. Roll Call constitutes a quorum.

#### I. Roll Call

##### Members Present

Maria Cristina Lopez, Chair  
Betty Jean Shinas, Vice Chair  
Elizabeth Hemmer  
Amparo Guerrero  
Marcela Diaz  
Miguel Angel Acosta  
Jewel Cabeza de Vaca

##### Absent

Chester Topple

##### Staff Present:

Carla Lopez, City of Santa Fe  
Aric Wheeler, City Police Department

##### Others Present:

Susan Gonzales, Department of Health  
Madelyn Krassner, CMS Program Manager  
Frances Lucero, Stenographer

#### II. Approval of Agenda

Representative from Police Department moved to Old Business-D.  
Presentations moved to first item after community comments.

***Ms. Shinas moved to approve the agenda as amended, second by Ms. Hemmer, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.***

#### III. Approval of Minutes from September 6, 2011

Correction: Elizabeth Hemmer was excused last meeting; it was reflected as an absence.

***Ms. Shinas moved to approve the minutes as amended, second by Ms. Guerrero, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.***

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## IV. Announcements

### **Audience: Members of the Parenting Class, Welcome**

Citizenship classes for 50 or older are being held at Catholic Charities. Ms. Hemmer extended an invitation to attend. The classes are Thursday from 2:00 - 4:30 pm.

Mayor's Ball on October 29<sup>th</sup> to support Solace Crisis Treatment Center known as the Santa Fe Rape Crisis Center. Invitations were available and encouragement to attend.

Colegio sin Fronteras opened up last week at 4008 Rodeo Road (across the street from Sam's Club). Phone number is 505-424-3368

### **New Business:** *(moved to this point in the agenda per motion)*

#### a. **Presentation by:**

##### i. **Susan Gonzales, Region II Director of Public Health, NE part of the State**

They have multiple programs that help families throughout New Mexico. Public health serves communities regardless of income or nationality. The SF County Health Office is behind the Salvador Perez pool. The goal is to grow the WICK program to the south side. WICK is a supplemental nutritional program serving women and their children up to age 5. That program is free, they have to be income eligible and meet a couple of other health requirements. There are many programs that are offered on a sliding scale. Immunizations are also offered for children going back to school. A lot of the work they do is investigating infectious diseases. There is a wide variety of services and educational training for women on how to take care of themselves.

##### ii. **Madelyn Krassner, CMS Program Manager**

Services explained on handout are for residents in Santa Fe County. CMS provides care coordination/case management, medical care and insurance assistance for children with chronic illness, diagnostic and healthcare payment with eligibility; specialty outreach clinics for asthma, cleft lip and palate, neurology, kidney, endocrine, genetic and metabolic conditions. Additional services provided are outlined in Exhibit a. Ms. Krassner said they also help families apply for the Medical Assistance pool. CMS will pay the premiums for those with chronic conditions until they are 21 years of age and help the family transition into payment after that age. Brochure: Cleft Lip and Palate Clinic. There is also a bi-lingual nutritionist on staff that works with the families and identifies quickly the need for obesity training and help with diabetes. Outreach is also done with the eight northern Indian pueblos. They also work closely with IHS and make visits once a month to work together. CMS does have staff that has been trained as medical interpreters for the Spanish speaking population.

Referral Process: Calls come in from families that heard about the services by word of mouth. As social workers, if they cannot help, they look for resources

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that can help them. Referrals come in from the community, nurses, doctors and other families. CMS has been in existence since the 80's. As a program they have had a cultural competence committee for approximately eleven years.

Q: With children having chronic conditions who might be migrating from Mexico; is there help for them? A: It is hard to get Medical Records from Mexico and in some cases when the medical records are received, the providers don't read Spanish.

It was stated that in some cases the young people get here to the US and they don't continue with health care because they don't know where to see the services. Ms. Shinas said that in most cases she tries to establish a family with primary care physicians.

The request was made regarding any plans to help with community health in the south side. Health department is working with partnerships to establish services in the south side.

Ms. Cabeza de Vaca said that after communications with Councilor Carmichael, their director has entered into discussion to offering to do limited service to start, for the south side. They would be very happy to help. Ms. Gonzales and Ms. Cabeza de Vaca will speak off line to enhance this opportunity.

Ms. Gonzales addressed the need for resources for drug abuse. Cabinet Secretary Torres is very interested in helping with this type of abuse. She would like to conduct community meetings to gain more information on the need. Ms. Gonzales said that they have a referral list and they provide this to the families.

The Chair offered to send information on interpreters and translation for Medical Records. CMS said that they have resources but not the professional translation for medical records.

Ms. Hemmer expressed her thanks for all the help that Ms. Shinas, CMS and the Department of Health have been in Espanola.

## **V. Old Business**

### **a. Update on Drivers Licenses for Immigrants/Re-verification Program / Lawsuit**

Ms. Diaz provided an update on the preliminary hearing which took place on September 12<sup>th</sup>. The program is at a complete halt until the case is heard some time next year.

Ms. Lopez, staff liaison will follow up with the Mayor to see if the city would file a friend of the court brief (AMICUS). The Mayor made mention that this was something he would like to support and would discuss with the City Councilors. It was suggested that if the council does not support, if Ms. Lopez could ask the Mayor if he would do this on his own.

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## b. **Legislative Report**

None of the driver's license proposals were heard. A lot of work was done on the outside to assure that it would not be heard. There was great support from the NAACP and 125 clergy who sponsored and signed on a letter regarding the driver's license concerns.

SOMOS commissioned a poll which provided great ideas on what type of messaging should take place in the very near future. This issue is one of the last issues that is important to New Mexico voters and far fewer Hispanics support repeal of the driver's licenses. The next legislative session will be a 30-day session and will be extremely hard as this is not only a driver's license issue.

## c. **Representative from NMDIA**

The Chair asked the committee to reach out to youth for a representative on the Immigration Committee. Captain Wheeler recommended that the representative could hold a dual role on the Mayor's Youth Advisory committee and the Immigration committee to obtain more information and participation.

Miguel Angel Acosta will share this information with Aracely and have her deliver the message to NMDIA to let them know they have not responded to the invitation to serve or send a representative to the Immigration Committee. The Chair would also like to get a follow up report from Mauricio regarding this endeavor.

## VI. **New Business**

### a. **Southside Development Bond Information**

The Public Works Committee will meet next Monday at 5:15 pm regarding bond funding. There is a great need to express the need for south side support. Mr. Acosta asked the committee members to attend in support of south side development. Another topic of discussion is a request to have the city invest in land purchase on the south side.

### b. **Representative from Police Department**

Captain Wheeler said that he will be consistent for the future meetings of the Immigration Committee. The Chair said that there is a great need for his representation and attendance at these meetings. Captain Wheeler said that although he has not been at every meeting he was very active and follows the needs of the immigration committee through the members and/or topics discussed at the recent legislature. Captain Wheeler complimented the SOMOS webpage which kept everyone apprised of the driver's license issue. The Chair expressed her thanks.

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## VII. Communications from Staff

Ms. Lopez distributed a sheet showing the meeting dates for 2012. Approval will be discussed at next month's meeting. It was also requested that time for the meetings be discussed with the upcoming winter season.

Mr. Erwin Rivera has resigned and Alejandra will be officially appointed on October 12<sup>th</sup> and will officially attend the November meeting.

## VIII. Communications from Committee

Mr. Acosta said that there is a new Editor at the New Mexican and it was suggested that Ms. Inez Russell be invited to the next meeting. Ms. Lopez will follow up on this request and extend an invitation.

The Chair will call Rev. Topple to get the date of his presentation.

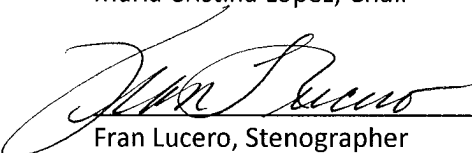
## IX. Adjourn

*Ms. Hemmer moved to adjourn at 7:45 pm, second by Ms. Shinas, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.*

Signature Page:

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Maria Cristina Lopez, Chair



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Fran Lucero, Stenographer