

San Miguel Family & Community Health Council
Minutes of Meeting
January 27, 2008
San Miguel County Public Health Office

- I. **Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions:** Barbara Perea Casey, President, called the meeting to order at 9:05 am and introduced Juliana Anastasoff as the Health Education Rural Outreach (HERO) staffer for Northern NM Counties. Juliana will be providing feedback to UNM to align their resources with the needs of northern NM.
- II. **Sign in:** *Members present: Linda Durant, Patricia Leahan, Elaine V. Luna, Therese Melton, Adam Metcalf, Sigrid Olson, Barbara Perea Casey, Margaret Vazquez Geffroy*
Staff present: Marvella Gallegos, Yolanda Cruz
Guests present: Dorothy A Gonzales – District Attorney’s Office, Donna Romero – WLVHS & Family Partnership, Juliana Anastasoff – UNM Health Sciences HERO Office, Kristie Tapia – MSG/TCA, Dita Wexler – Diabetes Prevention & Control Program, Vonnell Bettencourt - Diabetes Prevention & Control Program, Naomi Swinton – Cold Weather Shelter, Arielle Hawney – Cold Weather Shelter
Members excused: JoAnn LaFerriere, Genevieve Marquez, Marino Rivera
Members absent: Michell Aragon, Yolanda Carrillo, Kathy Duran, Mathew P. Martinez, Ron Trujillo
- III. **Additions or changes to the Agenda:** There were no additions or changes to the Agenda
- IV. **Review and Approval of Minutes:** Barbara asked if there were changes or correction to the minutes as drafted and forwarded by email; hearing none, Sig moved the September Minutes be approved as drafted, Margaret seconded the Motion and it passed unanimously on voice vote. Barbara then asked if there were changes or corrections to the November minutes as drafted; Pat requested clarification in item IX to reflect that women do have their own pod at the Re-Integration Facility although conditions are not perfect. With that clarification noted, Sig moved the minutes be approved as clarified, Margaret seconded the motion and it passed unanimously on voice vote.
- V. **Subcommittee Reports:**
 - a. **Teen Pregnancy** – Yolanda reported that Tanya and Marcos are continuing with their presentations to excellent reception in the schools. She reported that a Grant to support a Teen Pregnancy Reduction Forum for \$1000 had been submitted and she hoped to hear in time to do the forum in the Spring. She also regretfully reported that Rhonda had left the Public Health Office to take a position in at the Ft. Sumner residential

program and that DOH would not be replacing her due to budget issues. Guadalupe Tafoya would be supervising Marcos for the balance of the school year. Finally, Yolanda reported that DOH public health nurse, Mary Anne Osuchowski-Sanchez' time at the West Las Vegas school based health center was cut by half and the students are not able to receive essential services.

- b. Diabetes** – Yolanda reported progress thru the UNM-DOH Agreement continues and that Victoria Sanchez (UNM) is working on applications, surveys and educational focus groups to begin in March. She also reported that there were 41 cooking class participants and that the local farmer's market is working to establish a community garden, they would like to work with schools.
- c. Interpersonal Violence** – Therese reported that the Safe Haven program is progressing with work also being done in the schools modeling the Santa Fe curriculum. They are also working with the Chamber of Commerce on a newsletter article and with the State Police on outreach techniques. The legislature is also considering a bill that would prohibit hiring a police officer with a DV conviction.
- d. MSG** – Kristie reported the group's focus continues on the TCA work and making sure they are connected with OptumHealth – NM when they take over from ValueOptions July 1 – funding will continue through 2010, additional funding depends on outcomes and the legislature. In addition, Marino is working on expanding TCA to Mora and Guadalupe Counties – Sig noted that some connectivity to Pecos would also be appreciated. Kristie announced a training focused on families with special needs kids to be held at Luna College on Feb 11, from 10:30 – 3pm that is free to participants, but they must RSVP in advance. A CRAFT Training was held in January (Community Reinforcement Approach Family Training) with about 20 providers attending. CRAFT is intended to provide support to family members of addicts/alcoholics. Evidence shows that 80% of consumers become engaged in treatment after family members attend CRAFT (vs 19% with Alanon).

VI. Coordinators Report – see handout attached

VII. Old Business – Yolanda announced that the CSAS self assessment survey results will be available for review at the February meeting

VIII. New Business – **a.** Yolanda announced that Rhonda Gutierrez and Cara Ortega had both resigned from the Board effective immediately due to changes in their availability to participate. The Council needs to replace them as soon as possible, so please get suggestions or have people get in touch with Barbara or Yolanda soon.

b. Yolanda distributed the Planning Framework guidelines from Ron Hale for the Council's 5 year planning. It was agreed to extend the February Council meeting to do that planning since Ron was already scheduled to be at the meeting. Elaine graciously offered Luna College space and it was agreed to meet from 8:30 – 2pm. Council members and others interested should be present for all or whatever portion of the day they can be. Draft plan is due March 30 to DOH.

IX. Public Input & Presentations – Barbara introduced Naomi Swinton from Samaritan House who is coordinating the volunteer winter shelters for Las Vegas homeless populations in conjunction with some of the area churches. She is a community organizer with experience in Las Vegas from undergraduate days. She reported that it is an all-volunteer group of about 50 Las Vegas and World College Students. They began with the shelter at 1st Presbyterian Church in late November. The shelter provides a dinner and light breakfast to resident between about 6:30pm and 7 am. They are providing shelter to about 3 – 12 people per night; single men and women as families or those with children of all ages have different needs. They are looking for a permanent location for a shelter as it is clear the hospital and police are discharging folks to the street at all hours of day and night. They hope to coordinate with the Tri County Justice Center to work on locations, funding and staffing. They are desperately in need of blankets, socks, coats and funding to sustain this effort through the winter. Those with donations or able to volunteer time can **call her at 454-4228**.

X. Announcements – Elaine shared that the Health Care for All legislation has been re-introduced in the Legislature this session. The Council had endorsed the plan two years ago as a means to achieve universal access in NM and get away from the fragmented insured/uninsured payment methods that are so costly today. She reminded folks about the “Leap for Literacy” campaign at the Rec Center January 31 and reported that Luna is working through transition issues with Dr. Campos and his new team.

Linda announced that Alzheimer Day (including dementias and Parkinson's disease) at the Legislature will be January 29 from 9 – 1pm and she would welcome any support to sustain funding and focus on these debilitating diseases.

Pat reminded everyone that she does a show Saturday mornings on KFUN radio from 10 – 11am with a focus on kids the 1st and 3d Saturdays and on adults the 2nd and 4th. She would welcome ideas and participants on health council issues.

Sig announced that the Supportive Housing Project – NM is within a month or so of breaking ground on the Vista Gallinas Project that will provide independent permanent supportive housing for 14 low income,

disability populations. They will sign on the HUD documents and a contract with the contractor in late February/early March – absent unforeseeable delays. They are hoping for some assistance from Samaritan House and others with the City government to reconsider requiring the Coalition to pay for 100% of the road and infrastructure costs that normally would be born by all in the area. Sig will let the Council know if and how they could be helpful. As construction progresses, the Coalition will also be looking for participants in the tenant recruiting and supportive services process to ensure success of this project.

- XI. Adjourn** – There being no other announcements or business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45am.