

Sandoval County Health Alliance Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday February 3, 2010

10:00am to 12:00pm

Sandoval County Health Commons, Bernalillo NM

Attendees: Kirsten Choubard, Maggie Greenburg,
Richard Kozoll, MD, Dick Mason
Angela Burbidge, Peggy Cote, Tim Lopez

1. Health Extension Rural Offices (HERO) Program

Ken Lucero was unable to attend the February 3, 2010 Executive Committee meeting to discuss the Health Extension Rural Offices (HEROs) program, but is interested in attending the March 3, 2010 Health Alliance meeting to make a presentation about the program. The HEROs program is intended to support rural health providers and connect rural community members to services. There was discussion about the importance of rural health providers being in attendance to hear the HEROs presentation as the information is most useful to those providers. Angela will broadcast invitation information to rural providers for the March 3, 2010 Health Alliance meeting as recommended by the Executive Committee. The HEROs presentation will be added to the agenda for the March Health Alliance meeting and Ken Lucero will be contacted to attend and make the presentation. It will also be requested that Dr. Kaufman be invited to participate and represent the program.

2. New Mexico Resource Inventory/MyCommunitynm.org Update

Informational materials describing partnership parameters for Mycommunitynm.org were distributed. A \$250 annual fee is required from Sandoval County to become a partner with the organization and utilize the online resource directory. Sandoval has participated with the inventory for many years. The County has approved the request for the annual fee and payment is in process. Partnership will provide access for the Alliance Coordinator to update Sandoval County entries and add new entries as needed. Another long-term goal associated with the directory is to work with the seven County Senior Centers to dedicate a computer with internet access and train center supervisors to utilize the website and enable them help community members browse the resources. There is indication that the optimal resource in Cuba for providing information about the resource guide is the public library rather than the Senior Center. The appropriate venue for training users will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Bernalillo County has requested any extra copies of the Salud Manuals that Sandoval County might have. The Executive Committee agreed to supply extra copies of the manuals as the current supply is assessed.

3. Four-Year Health Council Grant

The proposal for Alliance funding for the next four- year period was finished in January and submitted to the Department of Health Office of Health Promotion and Community Health Improvement on January 20th.

Award notifications are expected in May, but are very much subject to budget considerations currently under negotiation within the State Legislative Session. The submitted proposal will be evaluated during the month of February and contract negotiation is initially anticipated in mid March. The proposal reflects the information provided in the updated Community Health Improvement Plan.

The updated Sandoval County Community Health Improvement Plan was distributed for review. Changes primarily related to the priorities selected and metrics for the achievement of those priorities were formatted to comply with State guidelines. Changes were briefly reviewed. The updated plan will be provided to the Health Alliance prior to the March 3rd meeting and a vote to approve the plan will be conducted during that meeting. The County Commission approved the updated Health Improvement Plan at their January 21, 2010 meeting due to the requirements of the proposal process and timeframes for submission. The Health Improvement Plan will be revised as necessary as the work of the Alliance evolves. Any questions or concerns about the plan should be sent to Angela.

The Oral Health Priority is included in the updated Health Improvement Plan because of the strong relationship of the Alliance with the Sandoval County Community Health Program and the Oral Health Program. The Oral Health program has been very active in outreach activity across the County and oral health is a current priority for the Alliance. Consequently, the Community Health Improvement Plan will continue to identify oral health as a priority in order to give the Alliance an opportunity to develop joint programs more effectively. Recently, the Alliance requested a donation of supplies for an oral health outreach in February and was awarded supplies to accommodate 150 children. All Alliance members are invited to visit Dental Day at Peña Blanca on February 25.

There was discussion about funding for dental education available by Health Action NM (HANM) as well as a grant received by HANM related to addressing childhood obesity, which is another current priority of the Alliance. Dick Mason will contact Health Action NM to invite them to an Alliance meeting to discuss their programs.

The Alliance submitted a grant proposal to the Healthy Children, Healthy Smiles Foundation of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry for \$20,000 per year to expand the operations of the Sandoval County Oral Health Program. Notifications of award will be communicated in mid March. It was requested that the County Oral Health Program present at a future Alliance meeting to discuss the data regarding how many individuals are served through the program.

4. Indigent Fund Update

The new Indigent Fund Ordinance has passed, regulations have been updated and contracts for providers have been developed. The program will now be called the Health Care Assistance Program (HCAP). The services covered and planned provider partnerships were briefly presented. Angela will make the HCAP ordinance available for the March 3 Alliance Meeting. It was requested that review of processes for using the fund be provided at the next Alliance meeting. Peggy will present an overview of the HCAP ordinance and the HCAP Coordinator will review the processes for applying for the program at the next Alliance meeting. Funding issues for the HCAP program were discussed.

5. Alliance Membership/Recruitment and Meeting Schedule

Updates about contact with membership candidates was provided. Ideas for additional contacts were discussed. Angela will make the suggested contacts and update the Executive Committee as responses are received.

The active membership list was reviewed. Eleven Health alliance members remain current and active based on individual contact and response. The Alliance has the capacity to add a maximum of four new members.

In order to fulfill state requirements for timeliness of meetings, the Executive Committee will meet two months each quarter and minutes will be generated for submission to the Department of Health. The Health Alliance will continue to meet once each quarter per the meeting dates on the sandovalhealth.org website.

6. Sub-Committees Update

Hospitals Committee:

Dick Mason provided an update about his participation on the Board of Directors of the UNM Sandoval Regional Medical Center (SRMC). Dick will provide a brief handout update about the SRMC for the next Alliance meeting. The option to have the next Alliance meeting at the UNM West campus will be explored.

Clarification about the roles of the Advisory Boards for Presbyterian Hospital will be requested and contact will be made to request a representative from the Presbyterian Rio Rancho Medical Center serve on the Health Alliance.

7. Agenda items for next Health Alliance Meeting on March 3, 2010 were discussed.

8. The February 3, 2010 Sandoval County Community Health Alliance Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 11:44am.