

MINUTES OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION
MEETING
April 24th 2009

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Members Present

Members Absent

Dawn Brooks Dr. Frank Hesse Karen Kotch Kim Maxwell Darlene Collins Representative for Dr. Albert Waxman	Seferino Montano Dr. Eric Kraska Dr. Miles Nelson
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Call to Order

Chairman Hesse called a meeting of the State of New Mexico Health Policy Commission (HPC) to order on Friday, April 24th, 2009, at 8:52 am at the New Mexico State Capitol, Room 317, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Staff members present: Kooch Jacobus, Peggy Schummers, Elisha Leyba -Tercero, Terry Reusser and Carlos Beserra

Approval of Agenda

Darlene Collins moved for approval of the agenda, Commissioner Maxwell seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice count.

Approval of Minutes from January 16, 2009 Meeting

Commissioner Kotch moved for the approval of the minutes from January 16th, 2009 meeting, Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous count.

Presentation & Approval of 2008 Audit Report

Acting Director Kristine ‘Kooch’ Jacobus presented the audit as completed by Macias, Gutierrez & Co. P.C. Peggy Schummers (CFO) addressed actual numbers. A motion to question a reversion on page 27 was recommended by commissioner Brooks; Peggy Schummers (CFO) clarified the question and provided the answer to the commission’s question. Commissioner Kotch who also attended the audit earlier in the year then moved for approval of the 2008 audit report, commissioner Maxwell seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous count.

Chairman Hesse briefed the commission on meetings he held with the Governor

Commissioner Hesse indicated to the commission he had two meetings with Governor Richardson. The first meeting was held during the legislative session in the Governors office. The second meeting was at the Governors open public forum held in Albuquerque after the legislature session. Commissioner Hesse indicated that he felt that the Governor did not hold the HPC in high regards. He further informed the commission that the Governor had indicated that the Governor would provide funding for the HPC and yet the agency was cut by \$400,000 for FY2010.

HPC 2009 Budget update

Acting Director Jacobus provided the commission with the updated, FY 2009 budget. Peggy Schummers further reviewed the details of the budget.

Presentations

Ruby Ann Esquibel, Health Policy Coordinator, Health and Human Services (HHS)-

Ruby Ann Esquibel presented the commission with an overview of the Governors Legislative Initiatives from 2009 legislative session, she discussed the financial cut the HPC took during this past session and expressed how we as state agency's need to all work together, and share resources. Chairman Hesse also asked Ruby to check on setting up a meeting with Secretary Hyde, and if it would be possible to get a copy of any minutes that take place at Secretary Meetings. She also went over the Executive Healthcare Legislation; specifically Senate Bill 278 (Electronic Medical Records Act) was presented and signed by the Governor, she also mentioned other bills that were related to healthcare that did not pass. She also discussed the Medicaid Colts Project (Coordination of Long Term Care) a new project the State of New Mexico is testing.

Elisha Leyba-Tercero, HPC Economist,
Terry Reusser, HPC IT Director,

Elisha and Terry presented to the commission a brief overview of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) they explained to the commission that we are continuing our research for some financial assistance from this Federal program and then opened it up for questions from the commission.

Elaine Lujan, Assistant Attorney General Civil Division,

Elaine was also present just in case any of the commissioners had any legal issues or questions, there were none.

Brent Moore, General Counsel, Public Regulations Commission (PRC), and
Kimberly Scott, Manage Health Care Supervisor, Public Regulations Commission (PRC)

Brent Moore and Kimberly Scott presented to the commission on the Insurance Division of the PRC, and gave a brief overview on that division, he then open it up for questions.

HPC Statutes Report

Acting Director Jacobus briefed the commission on House bill 293(Protection of Health Information) and House bill 2 (General Appropriations Act of 2009) and the HPC financial situation regarding the agency lease, personnel, and other items associated with daily operation costs that was reduced by a significant amount

HPC Commissioners Planning and Discussion

Chairman Hesse lead the discussion on what steps the commission and agency should take next. The Commissioners felt like they needed a day to retreat and brainstorm ideas and suggestions. Darlene Collins volunteered to be the facilitator for the retreat and the commission welcomed the offer. The dates discussed were May 29th or June 5th. The HPC staff will find the best date prior to June 30th the end of the fiscal year.

Final Comments

During the final discussion prior to adjournment Darlene Collins representation for Chairman Waxman remarked that she felt the HPC was being bled to the end.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kotch moved to adjourn at 3:45 p.m., Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion.

Approved by:

Dr. Frank Hesse, NMHPC Chair

Date

Submitted by:
Carlos Beserra

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