

New Mexico Telehealth Commission
Friday, January 20, 2006
TVI Workforce Development Center, Albuquerque, NM
Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 9:14 a.m.

Roll call/quorum

Present: Commissioners: Steve Adelsheim, Dale Alverson, Mark Duran, Stephen Easley, Lowell Gordon (in attendance for Pam Hyde), Terry Maness, Kathleen Manygoats, Bob Mayer, Frank Pullara, Tomas Torres, Craig Wingate, Jeannette Velarde (after roll call), John Martinez (after roll call), Paul Ehrlich (after roll call).

Absent: Commissioners: Lynne Anker-Unnever, Tony Davis, Charlie Ferrell, Dwayne Jordan, Patricio Larragoite, Edward Lopez, Richard Lueker, Danice Picraux, Jane Breen Pierce, Danny Sandoval, Ferdi Serim, John Tiernan,

Staff Attendance:

Dorothy Danfelter
Deb Gallegos
Karen Gonzales
Camille Maes

Audience Attendance:

Anna Vigil - OCIO
Maggie Gunter – NM Information Commission
Jeff Blair-RHIO
Jacque Miller-GSD
Al Sandoval-ABBA Technologies
Crawford Spooner –CYFD
Don Shapiro - CYFD

• **Welcome and Introductions**

Chairman Duran welcomed the Telehealth Commission and members of the audience to the 7th meeting of the NM Telehealth Commission. Members of the audience and staff were invited to introduce themselves and the organizations that they represent. Terry Maness will serve as Sergeant at Arms for this Commission meeting. Since a quorum is not present, a motion was approved to operate as a subcommittee as a whole. A discussion ensued as to whether or not the legislation creating the Commission had an expiration date of 12/31/05, or any other expiration date. The Chair will review the language.

Status Report on Legislation

The one-year plan developed by the THC was approved and distributed. Governor Richardson's Executive Recommendation included \$3M for programmatic operating costs and \$4M for capital outlay. The recommendation went through a scrutiny phase by the Department of Finance Administration (DFA). DFA was responsible for providing the detail on how the \$3M and \$4M will be used. Chairman Duran and other Commissioners went before the House Appropriation and Finance Subcommittee to provide detail for the implementation of the plan. The \$3M general operating funds are assigned to the Department of Health. DOH will not serve as a fiscal agent, but will assume responsibility for administration of clinical health exchange and telehealth in NM to include how data will be analyzed and used to gain future support. Organizational meetings with DOH were held to discuss ways for DOH and THC to work together.

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Report from Morning LFC Meeting Q/A Session

The LFC requested more detail in the THC plan. THC has the opportunity for a \$7M appropriation. This will be the largest telehealth investment the state has made. THC will focus the funds on school based health centers. Specific sites have not been identified because in addition to the existing sites, there are 34 sites pending. THC will need to connect programmatic funds to capital outlay. Using CAPTN budget of \$1.8M will be able to service 50 SBHC at \$80K per site. The ideal method of running this legislation would be to include the request in HB2. This provides for sustainability for telehealth in NM. The LFC will move forward with the \$3M in programmatic funds and \$4M in capital outlay.

Commissioner Easley motioned to convene as a whole Telehealth Commission now that membership present increased to 13. Commissioner Torres seconded the motion. The minutes from the December meeting were approved without any changes.

Components of the Executive Recommendation include program development (\$1.8M), organizational development (\$275K), and technical development (\$925K).

Organizational development

The Office of Planning and Multicultural Health will work with THC to develop goals. There will be 3 FTE's within DOH to administer telehealth. THC has to evaluate data to determine how telehealth works, how viable is it, and how many encounters are created.

Technology Development

The proposal recommends \$500K for health information exchange. Proposals in 1yr plan set out to incorporate suggestions from the Health Information Network.

Within the language of the Executive Recommendation, the capital outlay budget and programmatic budget do not align. A capital outlay budget that would match the programmatic budget is about \$2M.

Programmatic money for CAPTN is \$1.8M. (\$1.8M divided by programmatic sites = number of sites.

	Original	Modified
Rural facilities	\$91K	\$30K
# of sites	8	52
Clinical service hubs	\$302,500	\$500K
# of sites	3	1 virtual hub (3-4 physical sites)
Total	\$1.8M	\$1.8M

Budgetary concerns raised by Commissioners, included the need to prioritize dollars in order to pay for providers (clinical support). Chairman Duran would like the Strategic Subcommittee to work on identifying the best way to utilize the allocation. The language of the legislation should remain as flexible as possible.

Chairman Duran will develop a proposal on how the Commission should move from a subcommittee to a discussion of items as a Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.