

**New Mexico Telehealth Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2008
CNM Workforce Development Center, Albuquerque, NM**

Commissioners Present: Leo Baca, Bill Dunbar, Arturo Gonzales, David Hildebrand, Lowell Gordon, Robert Mayer, Bill Dunbar, Lynne Anker-Unnever, Marlin Mackey, Liz Stefanics, Stephen Easely

Commissioners Excused Absent: Steve Adelsheim, Dale Alverson, Michael Belgarde, Maggie Gunter, Patricia Montoya

Commissioners Absent: Ben Ray Lujan, Jim Holloway, Pam Hyde, Richard Lueker, Mark Duran, Bert Garrett

Commission Staff Present: Margo Gomez, David Bixel

Stake holders Present: Paul Nelson, Jill Gatwood, David Douglas, Yolanda Herrera, Jill Gatwood, Tom Bowles, J Leonard Martinez, Joseph Scaletti, Reza Dhadimi, Patti Henderson, Lori Liebrock, Randall McDonald

Welcome- Commissioner Mayer
Roll Call and Audience recognition

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Business Items:

Topic	Discussion	Action/Person Responsible
Approval of Agenda	No Quorum	
Approval of Minutes	No Quorum	
Attendance Survey	<p>Hand out was given to the commissioners showing attendance records for the last 8 meetings.</p> <p>1 Challenge: legislation requires members to represent the different parts of the state. Gas prices, travel restrictions and distance limit members' ability to attend. Other commissioners have personal issues or choose not to come. UNM and state employees are the commissioners who are attending most regularly. How does the commission feel about the need for geographic distribution?</p> <p>Videoconferencing may help, but few locations have the functionality in rooms able to accommodate the Commission. For example, CNM doesn't have the capability for videoconferencing. Commissioner Gonzales and Paul Nelson will look into places in Santa Fe where audio/video conferencing can take place.</p> <p>Should the Commission be restructured? Should the technology piece move to ITC? Should the Commission just focus on health services?</p> <p>Especially now, the Commission needs to think creatively about how to deliver more health services given the budget issues. Should the Commission concentrate on policy issues, health services, reimbursement, and electronic records?</p> <p>If the Commission met every other month, would the meetings have more substance? Set specific goals for each meeting. Have suggested action items and schedule decisions on each action item.</p> <p>Send suggestions to Bob Mayer and he can have action items for next meeting.</p>	Mayer
Supercomputing Center	<p>Hand out given.</p> <p>Supercomputing, Science, Technology, and Health in New Mexico</p> <p>Discussion: looking for how we can improve access and provide more services</p>	Tom Bowles

	<p>around the state.</p> <p>Why is a supercomputer important in the health environment: Educational attainment and income are highly correlated. Better health leads to better performance of students, more who complete a college education.</p> <p>The computing center needs to understand health policy goals, understand the Commission's needs, and wants to partner together for an ongoing discussion.</p> <p>How does this initiative relate to CBTR? An effort to build an education and health services center in the Los Lunas area. Will use Telehealth technologies for training and economic development.</p>	
HSPL	<p>Brief history of the session regarding electronic medical records and health information exchange.</p> <p>Discussion of legislative strategies. Funding will be difficult. Need to show how the use of technology can save money. For example, eprescribing, estimates savings by having prescriptions transmitted electronically. Patient satisfaction goes up when they arrive at the pharmacy and find their prescription ready.</p>	Randy McDonald
Telehealth Measures	<p>Discussion of the revised DOH reporting format on telehealth activities. New measures: Number of telehealth sites used, number of encounters, number of specialty services and number of hours of training and consultation. The new template will be used in reporting to the state. REACH, Envision, Project ECHO, Department of Corrections, Rural Psychiatry program, and Sangre de Cristo Community Health Partnership to report.</p>	Gonzales
Updates on HHS hearing (11/11/08)	<p>Date is Novmeber 10, 2008. Agenda for the afternoon: Telehealth, national overview from Dale, Dr Arora hosting grand rounds via live video for the committee. REACH Envision, community based mental health, will all bring in participants via video. Mayer will wrap up at the end.</p>	Mayer
Recommendation Letter	<p>Two projects selected as new priorities: Support for FCC SWTAG grant and new program in stroke. Reality of the budget situation is that not a lot is going to be funded.</p>	Mayer
Winter Schedule of Meetings	<p>November 20, 2008– CNM half day. December 18, 2008 – CNM half day. January 15, 2008 – may be held in Santa Fe. February and March meetings need to be in SF or may suspend meetings during the session.</p>	Mayer

Meeting adjourned at: 12:27 pm