

**Regular Meeting of the Human Services Committee**  
**February 17, 2026 at 3:00 PM**  
**Meeting Virtually**  
**MINUTES**

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 PM, on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

2. Roll Call

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Karen Baldwin  
Emily Haozous  
Jennifer Romero  
Jeff Valdez

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Kathleen Tunney

**OTHER PARTICIPANTS ATTENDING**

Christa Hernandez, Program Manager & HSC Staff Liaison, City of Santa Fe  
Nikki Baker, Project Administrator, City of Santa Fe  
Natalie Aspen Skogerboe, Owner and Director, Aspen Solutions  
Ana Coghlan, PhD, Senior Program Evaluator, Aspen Solutions

3. Approval of Agenda

- a. Approval of 2/17 agenda

**MOTION** A motion was made by Member Romero, seconded by Member Haozous, to approve the agenda as presented.

**VOTE** The motion Passed on a voice vote.

4. Approval of Minutes

- a. Approval of 12/16 minutes

**MOTION** A motion was made by Member Haozous, seconded by Member Romero, to approve the minutes.

**VOTE** The motion Passed on a voice vote.

5. Presentations

- a. Senate Bill 3 update (Jennifer Romero, Santa Fe County Community Services Deputy Director)

Jennifer Romero discussed Senate Bill 3 and reviewed resources available in the [Behavioral Health Reform](#) section of the Santa Fe County website.

- b. Mid-year grantee updates (Natalie Skogerboe and Ana Coghlan, Aspen Solutions)

Natalie Skogerboe and Ana Coghlan of Aspen Solutions shared their mid-year report and discussed feedback from grantees with the committee.

- c. Grantee funding expenditure updates (Christa Hernandez, Youth and Family Services Program Manager)

Christa Hernandez, Program Manager for the City of Santa Fe and Staff Liaison to the Human Services Committee, presented current grantee expenditures. An invoicing reminder email will go out to grantees in March.

## 6. Action Items

- a. Human Services Committee new member recommendations

The committee reviewed interview feedback and recommended the two candidates be appointed as members.

**MOTION** A motion was made by Member Valdez, seconded by Member Haozous, to approve the committee's recommendations for membership.

**VOTE** The motion Passed on a voice vote.

- b. Human Services Committee chair appointment

**MOTION** A motion was made by Member Romero, seconded by Member Valdez, to approve the appointment of Emily Haozous as Vice-Chair and Karen Baldwin as Chair of the Human Services committee.

**VOTE** The motion Passed on a voice vote.

- c. Human Services Committee vice chair appointment

**MOTION** A motion was made by Member Romero, seconded by Member Valdez, to approve the appointment of Emily Haozous as Vice-Chair and Karen Baldwin as Chair of the Human Services committee.

**VOTE** The motion Passed on a voice vote.

## 7. Discussion Items

Member Emily Haozous requested to discuss what resources are available for emergency housing after hours. The committee identified this as a gap in local service offerings.

## 8. Matters from Staff

- a. Introduction of new Project Administrator

Christa Hernandez introduced Nikki Baker, Project Administrator, to the team. Nikki will be assisting Christa in her duties related to CONNECT and the Human Services Committee.

b. Esperanza Shelter update

The Human Services Committee will draft and send a certified letter through mail to Esperanza Shelter to request an operations update on the status of the contract, deliverables, and 501c3 status. Christa Hernandez will coordinate with members to determine a date and time for a follow up site visit to Esperanza Shelter this Spring.

9. Matters from the Committee

No matters of the committee were brought forward.

10. Matters from the Chair

No matters of the Chair were brought forward.

11. Next Meeting: April 21, 2026

12. Adjourn

**MOTION** A motion was made by Romero, seconded by Valdez, to Adjourn.

**VOTE** The motion Passed on a voice vote.

*Christa Hernandez*  
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Liaison

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Chair